



Jewish Genealogy in Howard County

COMING EVENTS

**Are you interested in being part of a steering committee for JGSGW HoCo?
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Monday, October 2, 2017, at 8 pm

“Genetic Genealogy: The Basics”

Speaker: Andrew Hochreiter, MEd, MIS

Genetic genealogy has emerged as an important tool for genealogists and family historians. Andrew Hochreiter instructs continuing education courses in basic and advanced genetic genealogy at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland. He is also a facilitator for the on-line Genealogical Research Course at Boston University. Mr. Hochreiter’s presentations will include two one-hour lectures on Genetic Genealogy. This first presentation will cover the basics of DNA and how direct-to-consumer test kits have impacted genealogical research. DNA testing has opened the doors to discovering one’s genetic makeup, understanding ancient origins, and revealing potential family relationships. This class will teach you about the structure of DNA and what tests are available.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 2 pm

“Genetic Genealogy: “Understanding and Applying Your Test Results”

Speaker: Andrew Hochreiter, MEd, MIS

Genetic genealogy has emerged as an important tool for genealogists and family historians. Andrew Hochreiter is an experienced genetic genealogist who manages DNA surname projects, frequently attends professional genetic genealogy courses and conferences, and has successfully applied DNA in tracing several related family branches overseas. During this

session, Mr. Hochreiter will discuss how to understand and analyze results from DNA tests and how to use the results to find family and apply the findings to genealogical research.

Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 2 pm

"FamilySearch: Using the World's Largest Free Website to Find Your Jewish Ancestors"

Speaker: Carol Kostakos Petranek, Co-Director of the Washington, D.C. Family History Center

FamilySearch.org is the world's largest free family history website. It is the repository of millions of records, both U.S. and foreign countries. It also has a research wiki, a robust family tree, free online classes, and social media connections. This presentation will give an overview of the FamilySearch website, how to search its contents, and how to access its many genealogical resources. Among the resources to be discussed is the Knowles Collection, a quickly growing, free online Jewish genealogy database linking generations of Jewish families from all over the world.

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Columbia, Maryland

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