

GENEALOGY WITH EXPERTS!

SUNDAY 6 April 1 till 6 pm (tea break half way through)

Is your family descended from the Vilna Gaon? Or maybe Myer Lansky? Or maybe just someone who died in the Influenza epidemic after WWI?

That was what Marilyn's cousin thought. But no: She writes "It is a story for the movies!! Obsession, Jealousy, Murder, Death. His grandfather was electrocuted in Sing Sing prison after killing *his* lover, shooting his estranged wife and shooting himself in 1917." And there was more: his grand-father's whole family seemed to be gangsters of some sort.

Genealogy can't promise you illustrious or notorious ancestors. But you will find out a lot about the lives and deaths of your ancestors as well as history, geography, rabbis, genetics, language and general yiches ,and you will meet on-line family members you never knew about or knew about but didn't know how to find.

Jeanette Rosenberg and Mark Nicholls of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Great Britain will be presenting many aspects of this fascinating subject. Jeanette is a professional genealogist and member of the Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives. She holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical Studies from Strathclyde University. Mark is the Secretary of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical societies and was Chairman of the JGSGB from October 2010 to May 2013. He is an experienced genealogist with extensive knowledge of Jewish family history research.

The first part will be a talk covering general aspects of Jewish genealogy, including the truth about the "immigration officers changed my grandfather's name" myth, and a session on genetics with the possibility to buy testing kits.

For the second part of the afternoon Mark and Jeanette will help you with problems you've been having, so bring along as much of your research material as you can, or if you have none, as much basic information on your family as possible so they can help you get started. To get the most out of the session, before you come think about the specific things you need help with.