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# ONE-DAY GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

*Presented by*

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois

# DNA: TESTS, TOOLS AND TALES

SUNDAY

JUNE 2, 2019



Conference Location: Temple Beth El  
3610 Dundee Road - Northbrook, IL

## GUEST SPEAKERS

LARA DIAMOND has been researching her family for 25 years, starting as a middle school student. She has traced all branches of her family multiple generations back in Europe using Russian Empire-era and Austria-Hungarian Empire records. Most of her research is in modern-day Ukraine, with a smattering of Belarus and Poland. As she is an Ashkenazic Jew, she gets to have particular fun with her completely endogamous genome.



Lara is President of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland, leads JewishGen's Subcarpathian SIG, and is on JewishGen's Ukraine SIG's Board of Directors. She also runs multiple district and town-focused projects to collect documentation to assist all those researching ancestors from common towns. She blogs about DNA and her Eastern European research at <http://larasgenealogy.blogspot.com>.

GIL BARDIGE has been working on his genealogy since 1979 and now has nearly 1,400 people on his family tree including three branches traced back to his 5th-great-grandfathers born about 1740. His families arrived in Chicago in the early 20th century and were involved in founding Knesses Israel Nusach Sfarad (K.I.N.S.), one of the oldest synagogues on the West Side of Chicago.



A member of the Columbus Jewish Historical Society in Ohio, Gil has spoken at a number of local events and international conferences and is a firm believer DNA results can be a valuable tool in genealogical research as it generates clues to help people confirm relationships. Most recently he has managed the mentoring program for IAJGS at its international Jewish genealogy conferences, allowing people to get one-on-one tutoring to help break through brick walls.

For the last 10+ years he has expanded his knowledge of genetic genealogy, testing at each of the major DNA companies. Gil currently manages three Y-DNA projects at FamilyTreeDNA as a volunteer administrator.

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# DNA: TESTS, TOOLS AND TALES

8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Registration and light refreshments.

Work with volunteers at a computer help desk. Explore and check out books in the JGSI library.

10:00 - 11:45 A.M.

## INTRODUCTION TO GENETIC GENEALOGY: Y-DNA, mtDNA AND AUTOSOMAL DNA, THE BASICS AND NEXT STEPS

*Presented by Gil Bardige*

Have you wanted to do DNA testing but are not sure where to test, or what you are going to get out of it? Have you already tested, looked at your thousands of matches and said to yourself, "Now what do I do? Are they really my cousins? I don't recognize the surname or shtetl!" Gil Bardige will introduce beginners to DNA for genealogy including the types of tests (autosomal, mtDNA and Y-DNA), the testing companies, the lingo and the terminology. He will help you manage your expectations regarding your results. Gil will talk about the "pie charts" or ethnicity estimates you will receive and help to answer your questions about the matches.

## LEVERAGING THE POWER OF GEDMATCH \*\*

*Presented by Lara Diamond*

GedMatch provides a variety of tools to analyze autosomal DNA. This lecture will demonstrate how to use many of these tools and how they can help genealogists to leverage their autosomal DNA to gain additional understanding of their family history. Both free and for-pay ("Tier 1") GedMatch tools will be discussed, with examples of genealogy successes using each.

12:00 NOON - 1:15 P.M.

Lunch in the Upper Social Hall — Kvell and Tell Program

1:15 - 2:30 P.M.

## INTRODUCTION TO GENETIC GENEALOGY: WORKING WITH YOUR DNA RESULTS

*Presented by Lara Diamond*

Recent scientific advances in genetic sequencing allow consumers to test their own DNA in a quick and non-invasive process. In this lecture, Lara Diamond explains how you can leverage such tests to assist in your genealogical research. She discusses the types of tests available (including autosomal, Y-DNA and mtDNA) and explains the types of genealogical questions each one can help to answer. You will learn how each company presents results, the strategies for transferring results from one company to others, and how to use them to assist in your genealogical research.

## USING Y-DNA AND mtDNA: GENETIC GENEALOGY AS AN INNOVATIVE TOOL IN YOUR RESEARCH \*\*

*Presented by Gil Bardige*

In utilizing DNA as an innovative tool in your genealogy research, Gil Bardige will talk about mtDNA and Y-DNA. He will also touch on autosomal as it applies to further match confirmations. Discussion will focus on Family Tree DNA-based testing since its database and testing is the most advanced for these topics. This will include matches, STR genetic distances, extended marker testing and Next Generation SNP testing like the Big Y test. He will also talk about the Haplotrees and Haplogroups as they relate to the Jewish people. He will review a case study of the step by step process he used successfully in his own research that you can apply to your research.

2:40 - 3:45 P.M.

## MENTORING SESSION

*Presented by Gil Bardige*

To help you with questions about your genealogical research, Gil will host one-on-one or small group sessions. He will provide mentoring guidance to help you break through your brick wall, ascertain whether you should pursue certain matches or help to identify what type of additional testing you should initiate if any. One-on-one sessions will be limited to 5 minutes or less. Bring your laptop/tablet or screenshots of your matches to share. Remember please only share your own information or data that you are authorized to share.

## AUTOSOMAL DNA TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES: BEYOND GEDMATCH \*\*

*Presented by Lara Diamond*

There are a variety of tools that can be used to analyze your DNA matches both within the major testing platforms and others developed by third parties. This lecture will demonstrate the power of some of these tools and discuss how each can be used to further your genealogy research.

3:50 - 4:00 P.M. WRAP UP

\*\* Intermediate/Advanced Level programs.

## REGISTRATION

Member ..... \$45.00\*

*Member rates extended to all IAJGS member societies.*

Non-Member ..... \$50.00\*

Student ..... \$25.00\*

*\*Early registration fees (before May 20<sup>th</sup>).*

*Add \$10.00 to individual registration after May 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please note the session level you plan to attend:*

Beginner  Intermediate/Advanced

Please select your Kosher sandwich:

Turkey  Tuna  Grilled veggie wrap

*(Lunch may not be available to individuals registering after May 30<sup>th</sup>.)*

## REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED

Register and pay online at [www.jgsi.org](http://www.jgsi.org)

OR mail completed registration form with check made payable to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois

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## CONSTRUCTION NOTICE:

Dundee Road between Skokie (IL Route 41) and Waukegan Road (IL Route 43) will be closed to through traffic this summer.

If traveling to Temple Beth El via I-94, the recommended route is to exit at Willow Road - west bound, drive west on Willow Road to Waukegan Road and turn right (north).

At Dundee Road (IL Route 68) turn left (west). Temple Beth El will be on the right, after Landwehr Road. It is across from the Sportsman's Country Club.

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