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Jewish life is expressed in many ways—in the distinctive methods in which the Jewish community survives in the Diaspora, through the evolving customs of synagogue worship, and by passing our values on to the next generation. This spring, Historic Congregation B'nai Abraham is proud

to offer a series of lectures, hands-on workshops, and a walking tour exploring some of the paths in which we Jews learn about our family histories and create a distinctive and vibrant culture.

Our guides include some of Philadelphia's leading scholars in Jewish genealogy, history, and culture. Please join us in one or more of our rich offerings.



## GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

☼ MARCH 17TH @ 11:00AM AND APRIL 21ST @ 11:00AM  
— Steve Schecter, Ed.D

### Explore your family's story:

Two hands-on workshops that will get you started building your family tree. Session One lays the groundwork and helps you develop the necessary tools. Session Two will take you on to the next level. (This is a great opportunity for family members of different generations to work together.) Bring a laptop. The shul is wifi enabled.

**FEE FOR THE PAIR OF GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS: \$40.**

(\$35 before March 8th or for members of Historic Congregation B'nai Abraham)

Space is limited. You must attend the 1st session in order to attend the 2nd session.



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## LECTURE SERIES

☼ APRIL 29TH @ 7:00PM — Michael Steinlauf, Ph.D  
*Journey...* from the late 1700s to the great migration, a century later, to the “goldene medine” of America. We will touch on the rise of Hassidism, the Jewish Enlightenment, socialism, and Zionism.

☼ MAY 8TH @ 7:00PM — Beth Wenger, Ph.D  
*Experience...* the dynamic cultures created by our grandparents and great grandparents—meeting America's challenges with a Jewish state of mind. We will hear how they built the labor movement, created a flourishing Yiddish culture, produced a vibrant Jewish press, and formed strong networks of social and economic support. The dynamic culture of Eastern European immigrants permanently altered the landscape of American Jewish culture.

☼ MAY 22ND @ 7:00PM — Ethel G. Hofman, D. Univ  
*Learn...* about growing up Jewish in the Shetland Islands. A family creates a Jewish Haven in a gentile world using Ashkenazi foods to bring solace and instill a lasting Jewish identity to the family. A tasting from her latest book, *Mackerel at Midnight*—growing up Jewish on a remote Scottish island will be served.

☼ JUNE 2ND @ 11:00AM — Harry Boonin  
*Discover...* the remaining traces of the wave of Eastern European Jewish migration to Philadelphia; from the bath houses to sweat shops, to synagogues. Join us for a walking tour of the Jewish Quarter led by Harry Boonin. Join us at Historic Congregation at 11:00am to begin the tour.

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