

Genealogy workshop April 18

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado will present an introductory workshop on how to research Jewish family history at Emanuel Sunday, April 18, 1-4 p.m.

Direction will be given on where to start research, how to navigate the numerous online and available Jewish library resources, as well as how to organize the information once collected.

Researching Jewish ancestry can be a challenge, due to the many languages, countries and uniquely Jewish traditions to navigate.

The annual workshop is aimed at novice family historians interested in beginning this immensely popular and growing hobby.

Many Jewish families yearn to uncover explanations about a cousin, a child or a parent not seen for 60 years due to the Holocaust.

Others are interested in Jewish genetic diseases that may originate from a particular Jewish background. Many simply enjoy the search itself.

Online genealogical databases at JewishGen.org, professional journals such as Avotaynu, and international Jewish genealogy conferences have boomed in the last 10 years, offering amateur Jewish researchers many tools to work with both domestically and abroad.

Ellen Shindelman Kowitt will facilitate the local beginners workshop.

She is a board member of the International Assn. of Jewish Genealogical Societies, a past president of the Jewish Genealogical

Society of Washington, DC, and has led two group trips to *shtetls* in the Ukraine.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado meets on the second

Tuesday of each month, September-June, at Emanuel.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.