



Wednesday, 18 June 2025
In person at Shaarei Shomayim
and
on Zoom

7:30 p.m. **Annual General Meeting**
8:00 p.m. **BRICK WALLS AND BREAKTHROUGHS**

My AHA Moments

Speaker: Marilyn Hayes

As an only child, Marilyn Hayes has always been interested in family. She now continues her investigation using current tools, and her background in technology. Her presentation is about how AHA moments have come her way by just being out there, and through DNA testing.

Leave No Stone Unturned ... In Your Research.

Speaker: Miki Grosz

Years ago, in a tin box that he inherited from his father, Miki Grosz, discovered a photograph of his grandmother, Rachel Roza (Neuwirth) Grosz. After he retired in 2018, he delved into her fascinating history using a wide variety of sources. Among his discoveries were two uncles he never knew existed. Even more surprising was the uncovering of documentation detailing his father's wartime experiences in a Hungarian forced-labour camp and the unusually compassionate actions of the commandant of his 140-member unit.

A dedicated family man to his three grown children and his grandchildren, Miki now uses his time to stay connected with his widely dispersed cousins. He enjoys volunteering, reading, and attending synagogue services,

Sometimes a Family Reunion Is the Medicine Needed

Speaker: David Price

In September 2024, David Price attended the annual Price cousins' reunion. Sadly, four of his cousins and his sister-in-law had passed away over the previous five years. He then had the idea of creating a Price family binder with pictures of ancestors and documents. His goal was to preserve the family's legacy. David will present a summary of the binder including ongoing controversies.

David Price has been a member of JGS Toronto since 1998. He currently volunteers in the Mentors and Mavens program and is a volunteer Russian translator for JRI-Poland.

The Legacy of Levi Simcha

Speaker: Hartley Garshowitz

As a boy, Hartley Garshowitz never imagined that a box of old letters from his uncle, killed during WWII, would lead him on a journey of discovery to find dozens of members of his extended family. In May 2024, while doing his own research he met two long-lost cousins, who were able to steer him to their mutual great grandfather Levi Simcha Balinsky and to another 140 Balinsky-related people.

Hartley Garshowitz has been actively involved in genealogy since 1988 and has been a member of JGS Toronto since the late 1990s. A full-time insurance broker, he is also the owner of a pharmacy.

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