JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND

Meeting of May 22, 2016

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Hadassah of Greater Baltimore

3723 Old Court Road, #205

Pikesville, MD 21208

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President Lara Diamond opened the meeting at 1:30 pm. She announced that the Jewish American Festival will again be held on Sunday, June 19, 11 am to 5 pm. JGSMD will be staffing a table with volunteers to assist with genealogy queries.

Lara also welcomed first time attendees to our meeting; there were 5 first timers for this meeting. Sue Steeble, who handles publicity, asked how people heard about our meetings.

Various announcements from board members included news that Dick Goldman will be traveling to Eastern Europe later this Year and Lara will be heading to L’viv.

Treasurer Fred Handelman reported that we have $4,170 in our treasury and our membership stands at 99.

Joe Nathanson, secretary, reported that, with our good membership number, we will be preparing name badges with family search information. We will be verifying the information before going to printing, courtesy of Stu Horwitz.

Lara then introduced our featured speaker, Jim Bartlett, an expert in genetic genealogy.

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Many of our JGSMD members have had their DNA analyzed and Jim Bartlett’s talk elicited many informed questions.

**Next Meeting**

The next program will take place on June 26, 2016 at 1:30PM at the Baltimore Hadassah office. Our speaker will be Mindie Kaplan, whose talk will be “Relatives, Cold Calls and Emails, & DNA Testing.” This program provides techniques for reaching out to relatives, including those who are reluctant to meet with a stranger, and provides examples that will expand your research.