

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

Presents ~ Steve Danko

You Are Invited

WHEN: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 ~

7:30 PM

WHERE: Congregation Beth Emek

3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

COST: No Charge (Visitors Are

Welcome)



The ABC's of DNA

Genetic Genealogy uses DNA to help answer genealogical questions. DNA is the chemical blueprint for life that is found in all of our cells. We inherit our DNA from our ancestors and, because of that fact, DNA can be used to identify individuals who are related to each other. The most common DNA tests are the Y-DNA test that traces paternal ancestors, the mitochondrial-DNA test that traces maternal ancestors, and the autosomal DNA test that traces all ancestors. In this talk, you will learn the basics of what DNA is and how it can be used in genealogy. You will learn what your DNA can tell you about both your ancient ancestors and your close cousins. You will learn what companies offer DNA tests for genealogists and how to choose the DNA tests that are right for you. Finally, you will hear true-life stories about the discoveries that genealogists have made using DNA testing: how DNA has helped to prove relationships, discover lost cousins, and identify the birth parents of adoptees.