



# **DNA CAN SHOW IF YOU ARE OF JEWISH ANCESTRY 2011-10-24**

## **Family names are not the only indicator for determining possible Jewish ancestry**

In the last decade or so, modern science has taken giant steps towards identifying other clues, those that our ancestors left within our DNA . Each and every one of us contains genetic material with historic information which experts can now decipher to gain evidence about past ancestors.

Genetic genealogy is thus a very important tool that is having a growing impact on the way genealogical research is conducted in general. A simple saliva swab taken within the comfort of the home is all it takes. After mailing in the kit with the DNA sample, the genetic sample is analyzed in the lab and compared against existing Jewish comparative databases that contain records for both Ashkenazim and Sephardim, searching for DNA matches against others who are Jewish.

When considering DNA testing for Jewish ancestry, it is important to work with a reliable and qualified laboratory with a large, global comparative database. And since DNA testing is only one indicator in determining Jewish roots, the results need to be interpreted with caution.

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