



Senior Adult Group Extraordinaire

Temple Isaiah SAGE

Does "Our" History Really Matter? The Individual in Local History. Is All History Local?

John Ott

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Coffee and Conversation 7 p.m. at Temple Isaiah

Program 7:30 p.m.

John Ott, former Executive Director of the National Heritage Museum will explore the issues connected with the collecting, interpreting and preservation of historical collections and the stories they tell. What is American history? Does the average individual have a role to play in this story? What can we learn from the stories and lives of everyday people, their cultural materials? Is OUR history, their history? Through the use of objects, letters and photographs John will explore the role of history in our national life today.

John will bring some things from his own collection for discussion. He invites anyone who has some personal items of importance or sentimental value to bring them to the lecture. In examining a few of these items, John will talk about the issues of what is "ours" and "local" in preserving the objects of the past. For more information contact Gary Fallick at gary_fallick@alum.mit.edu.

May Program

On Wednesday, May 7, Father Walter Cuenin, Catholic Chaplain at Brandeis University will be our guest. His topic is "Forty Years After the Second vatican Council- Implications for Christian - Jewish Relationships." This promises to be a lively discussion.