

# SUNDAY'S AT MILL HOUSE

## Join us for Upcoming Programs



**August 14, 2011**

### **GOMEZ FAMILY GENEALOGY AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES**

Genealogist, **David Kleiman** will offer a multi-media lecture/discussion that will trace the lives of Luis Moses Gomez and his family from their origins in Spain to their presence in America from 1703 to 1840 through genealogical connections to major families of Early America.

David M. Kleiman is a publisher, researcher, folklorist, and popular educator. His work with family histories extends for over 35 years. He is president of Heritage Muse, Inc. and co-founder of the NY Computers and Genealogy Special Interest Group. David is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and serves on the Executive Council of the Jewish Genealogical Society-NY. In 2009 he took on the duties of curator for the new Loeb Visitors Center at Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, overseeing an extensive exhibit on the history of the synagogue, the Jewish role in Colonial America, and the underpinnings of our First Amendment rights on Religious Freedom. Heritage Muse, Inc. publish digital editions of classic humanities reference works in literature and history targeted to 21st century students in university environments.



**September 18, 2011**

### **HISTORY AND CONNECTIONS ON THE LIFE OF LUIS GOMEZ**

**Shelomo Alfassa** will discuss inter-connections of history which led to the unique experience, life and times of Luis Gomez. He will demonstrate, through historic narrative, maps and images, how ancient Roman laws, the Dark Age 'Visigoth Code,' canons of the Catholic Church, and how religious freedom as the primary factor for American Colonialism—all contributed individual attributes which led to the unique opportunity and experience of Luis Gomez.

Mr. Alfassa is a historian and author that concentrates on the Jews from Iberia and the Ottoman Empire. He is former Director of Special Projects for the American Sephardi Federation at the Center for Jewish History in NYC. Previously he was the U.S. Director of Justice for Jews from Arab Countries (JJAC). He is a member of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East. His books include *Ethnic Sephardic Jews in the Medical Literature*, *Reference Guide to the Nazis and Arabs During the Holocaust*, *A Window Into Old Jerusalem*, *The Sephardic Anousim*, and others. He is a member of *Scholars for Peace in the Middle East*.