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### Discovering Your Japanese American Roots with Chester Hashizume



*SAN FRANCISCO (August 9, 2011)* – If you have ever watched the TV program on NBC “Who Do You Think You Are” you understand the excitement of discovering lost stories, unlocking the mystery behind a family member, and the importance of teaching future generations that where they came from is important.

Come take advantage of this rare opportunity to learn from Chester Hashizume about unearthing your Japanese ancestry on Saturday, August 27, 2011, from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC). Cost is \$5 for JCCCNC members, \$7 for non-members, and free for Nikkei Family Legacy Project participants. Space is limited so please register ahead of time.

This workshop is the first of three in a series related to the Nikkei Family Legacy Project. The workshop will teach you how to explore your roots and family tree including how to identify your Japanese ancestral home town. You will also learn about obtaining and utilizing family documents and how to determine the meaning behind surnames and family crests. Now is the time to start researching your ancestry and preserve memories for generations.

## About Chester Hashizume



Chester Hashizume is a Sansei who has been exploring his family tree for over 20 years. Growing up in a small town in New Jersey he had little knowledge about his Issei grandparents. While working at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, he began discovering his roots. Realizing there were few resources to help Japanese Americans research their family trees, he decided to share what he learned from his own exploration by giving classes on this topic at the Museum. Helping Japanese Americans discover their roots has become a life passion that he looks forward to sharing with you.

For more information or to sign-up please contact the JCCCNC at (415) 567-5505 or e-mail [NFLP@jcccnc.org](mailto:NFLP@jcccnc.org). To learn more about the Nikkei Family Legacy Project, visit [www.jcccnc.org](http://www.jcccnc.org).

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## About JCCCNC

Envisioned by the Japanese American community, JCCCNC will be an everlasting foundation of our Japanese American ancestry, cultural heritage, histories and traditions. The JCCCNC strives to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community through programs, affordable services and facility usage. The JCCCNC is a non-profit community center based in San Francisco.