

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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The Role of HIAS in the Rescue of Jews During World War II

Valery Bazarov

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1:30 PM

Temple Reyim, Newton

Following the German invasion of France in 1940, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS, part of the former HICEM) moved its European headquarters to Lisbon, Portugal. The unique geographical and political position of neutral Portugal made Lisbon the only European port of departure for North and South America. Records concerning refugees given assistance are in 171 microfilm reels preserved at YIVO in New York. Arranged alphabetically by surname, the records include passenger lists, travel document requests, departure cards, family search request, and camp survivor lists. At the end of his talk, Valery will also answer all HIAS-related questions.

Valery Bazarov was born in Russia and immigrated to the United States in 1988. He joined HIAS that year and over the next decade aided the arrival of more than 200,000 Jewish refugees. Valery is currently responsible for the HIAS "Location and Family History Service," helping immigrants find family members and friends with whom they lost contact. He is especially committed to finding and honoring the heroes who rescued European Jews during the Holocaust. Valery also researches the history of HIAS.

Temple Reyim, 1860 Washington Street (Route 16), Newton, is near Newton-Wellesley Hospital and the Woodland stop on the Riverside Green Line, as well as a short ride from Route 128 at Exit 21.

Admission is free for members, \$5 for non-members.
Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming Program:

Oct 17: Robert Friedman, "Genealogical Research at the Center for Jewish History"

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