

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

Belarus: Jewish History and Cemetery Restoration

Michael Lozman & Rochelle Goldberg Ruthchild

Sunday, November 7, 2010, 1:30 pm
Gann Academy, Waltham

Two experts on Belarus will join forces to give us an inside look at the history of Jews in Belarus and the work being done on Jewish cemeteries.

Rochelle Goldberg Ruthchild, a Research Associate at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University, will talk about the history of Belarus' Jewish community, noting that there was always a large Jewish population in that area of the world but that Belarus did not come into existence as a separate country until 1991.

Dr. Michael Lozman will then talk about his work in protecting, preserving and restoring Jewish cemeteries that have been destroyed by the invading Nazis and further deteriorated by neglect due to the absence of returning Jews as a result of the Holocaust. He and his team have to date restored ten Jewish cemeteries in Belarus, and have more planned for the future years as well.

Gann Academy is at 333 Forest St, Waltham, MA. For detailed directions and maps, visit www.gannacademy.org.

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



Upcoming programs:

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| Dec. 12 | Aaron Ginsburg and a panel
"Finding Relatives from the Former Soviet Union" |
| Jan. 16 | Robert Weinberg
"DNA of the Jewish People, Similarities and Differences" |

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