

# Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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## How to Read Hebrew Tombstones

Judith Langer-Surnamer Caplan

Sunday, May 21, 2006

1:30–4:30 PM

Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre

Gravestones can provide very valuable genealogical information. Judith Caplan will explain to us the meanings of the special symbols that are found on some Jewish tombstones and will teach even those who are not literate in Hebrew how to decipher and decode the Hebrew writing found there.

Caplan has lectured on Jewish tombstones at the annual international seminars on Jewish genealogy and has published articles in *Avotaynu*, the *Jewish Star*, *Lineage*, and the Association of Professional Genealogists *Quarterly* on genealogical research and on her Surnamer family, which she has traced back to 1650. She has created various databases, including a Holocaust database. She is the chair of the Litvak SIG Publications Committee and editor of the Litvak SIG Online Journal for Jewishgen.

After the talk, there will be opportunities to do research and meet with other genealogists. Informal discussion groups will be available for beginning genealogists and for those who are interested in writing their family history.

**Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward St., Newton Centre, is our new meeting place.** For maps and detailed directions, visit our web page at [emanuel.jgsgb.org](http://emanuel.jgsgb.org).

Admission is free for members, \$5 for non-members.

Refreshments will be served.

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Upcoming program:

Jun. 11 “The Jews of Greater Boston” by Ellen Smith and JGSGB’s annual meeting

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