

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

Success Stories: Researching & Reconnecting Families Across Continents

Steve Denker & Alex Woodle

Sunday, December 7, 2008

1:30–4:30 PM

Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre

Two dramatic stories of digging into lost histories and reuniting long separated families will be featured. Experienced society researchers Stephen Denker of Brookline and Alexander Woodle of Groton will present their stories of successful family research.

Steve Denker reports on seven years of research, worldwide travel, and internet chats. By tracing his American family's manufacturing business and life in Cuba early in the 20th century, Denker unravels their genealogical history and reconnects cousins who were apart for over 70 years.

Alex Woodle reports on his research that also resulted in re-tying the genealogical thread, this time after 250 years. Woodle's quest started with discovering a familiar surname in Austria and Romania in a search of international telephone directories. JewishGen and FamilySearch database resources provided evidence of relationship. Then Woodle contacted a family in Romania, and, utilizing the latest tool of genea-technology, dispatched a DNA kit. Last May, Woodle traveled to Central Europe to visit his distant cousins.

Temple Emanuel is at 385 Ward St., Newton Centre. For maps and detailed directions, visit our web page at <http://emanuel.jgsgb.org>.

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

Upcoming program:

Jan. 4 Joel Ratner
"Lithuanian Vital Records Translation Project"

The JGSGB is dedicated to helping people research their Jewish family history. It offers monthly educational programs, maintains an extensive collection of research materials, and publishes a journal, *Mass-Pocha*.

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