

# Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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## Reconnecting Lost Families: Finding Relatives from the Former Soviet Union

*Aaron Ginsburg & panel*

Sunday, December 12, 2010, 1:30 pm  
Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre

Many Jewish-Americans have roots in the Russian Empire, from past waves of emigration. And Boston has a large Russian-American population who arrived in the more recent waves of emigration from the Former Soviet Union (FSU). The disconnect in communication between the US and the FSU for a large part of the twentieth century because of the Cold War played an important role in families losing track of one another.

In this panel discussion, US descendants of immigrants from the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union report on finding relatives in the FSU, and a recent Soviet emigre reports on finding descendants of his family who came to the US in the earlier waves of immigration.

**Aaron Ginsburg** is a first-generation American and founder and president of The Friends of Jewish Dokshitsy. He spearheaded an international effort to help the local government of Dokshitsy, Belarus, restore and re-dedicate the town's Jewish cemetery and recently organized a Dokshitsy shtetl reunion in Rhode Island. He has been involved with cemetery restoration, shtetl and family history since 1995.

**Yefim Kogan** immigrated from Kishinev, Moldova, in 1989. Since then, his extensive genealogical research has enabled him to trace part of his family to the mid-eighteenth century and to find relatives in the US who left Russia in 1906. Currently a graduate student at Hebrew College with a focus in Jewish Cultural History in Eastern Europe, he has presented papers on Russian Jewish history and genealogy at IAJGS conferences and is a volunteer JewishGen Coordinator.

**Carol Clingan** is a third-generation American whose grandparents came from Belarus and Ukraine. During her nearly twenty years of research, she has traced family back to the early nineteenth century and has discovered family still living in the FSU. She is vice-president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston and co-chair of the JGSGB Program Committee.

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

*Free admission. Refreshments will be served.*



Upcoming programs:

- Jan. 9 Adam Teller, "No Way In, No Way Out: The Jews of Interwar Poland," at Hebrew College
- Jan. 16 Robert Weinberg, "DNA of the Jewish People, Similarities and Differences"
- Feb. 13 One-on-One Research Roundtables with Genealogy Mentors

The JGSGB is dedicated to helping people discover and research their Jewish family history. We offer monthly education programs and a comprehensive beginners' course, maintain an extensive collection of research materials, and publish the award-winning journal *Mass-Pocha*.

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