

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents the

BBC Film

“Who Do You Think You Are, Natasha Kaplinsky”

Sunday, March 1, 2009

1:30 PM

Needham Public Library
1139 Highland Avenue, Needham

The March program will be a screening of the film “Who Do You Think You Are, Natasha Kaplinsky” from the BBC family history documentary series that followed various celebrities as they traced their roots. The subject of this episode is Natasha Kaplinsky, a BBC anchorwoman, whose paternal line descends from Slonim, Poland (now Belarus), by way of South Africa.

The film portrays the ups and downs of a genealogical search from an initial curiosity about why her family never spoke of this Eastern European background through the process of interviewing family, going to archives, and visiting people and places in Poland. As is not atypical in family history research, surprises pop up, and there is an appreciation of the impact world events have on individuals and how they reverberate through the generations. In Kaplinsky’s case, one example is that she learns that her great-uncle survived the Holocaust as a member of the Bielsky Brothers resistance in the forests of Poland (the subject of the newly-released movie *Defiance!*).

After the showing of the film, experienced researchers will field questions from the audience about research methods.

For maps and detailed directions to the **Needham Public Library**, visit our web page at <http://needham.jgsgb.org>.

Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming programs:

Apr. 19 Michael Goldstein, “Research in Israel”

May 3 ChaeRan Freeze, “Everyday Jewish Life in the Russian Empire”

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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