

# Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents the

## BBC Film

# “Who Do You Think You Are, Zoë Wanamaker”

Sunday, February 7, 2010

1:30 PM

Needham Public Library

1139 Highland Avenue, Needham

The first of two February programs will be a screening of the film “Who Do You Think You Are, Zoë Wanamaker” from the BBC family history documentary series that followed various celebrities as they traced their roots. The subject of this episode is Zoë Wanamaker, daughter of the American actor Sam Wanamaker.

Hoping to better understand her father’s beliefs that led him to be a victim of the McCarthy witch-hunts, Zoë looks into the life of her father’s father Maurice Wanamaker, an émigré Russian Jew. Zoë is moved to discover that, soon after his arrival in Chicago, Maurice suffered a series of personal tragedies and hardships that almost destroyed his American dream. Finally, Zoë travels to Nikolaev in Ukraine where she discovers the original form of her unusual surname and the reason why her family left for America.

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.jsgsb.org>.

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

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### Upcoming programs:

- Feb. 21 Problem Solving With Experts: A Research Session (Temple Emanuel, Newton)
- Mar. 14 “Mapping Madness: Historical Maps” (Ron Arons) and “Google Earth” (Jay Sage)

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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