

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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Unexpected Genealogical Resources in Israel

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1:30–4:30 PM

Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre

Jewish genealogists around the globe seek information about their ancestors, yet few realize that some of the greatest sources for research lies in Israel. Israeli archives and Internet sites have amassed collections of historical and contemporary information about Jews from around the world, including Poland, Russia, Spain, and China. Furthermore, recent advances have been made in facilitating access to this data and finding Israeli family.

This program will offer general guidelines about contacting and accessing Israeli archives. Interesting case studies will be shared on how family mysteries were solved with information from some lesser-known Israeli archives. Archives to be discussed include shtetl tax rolls, migration records from Galicia to New York, *ketubot* from the world over, Polish vital records, Yad Vashem resources, and even data on assets owned by ancestors who never left Russia.

Michael Goldstein is a Jerusalem-based genealogist who carries out worldwide Jewish research and guides North Americans in locating and connecting with their Israeli family. He is the current president of the Israel Genealogical Society and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

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 programs:

- May 3 ChaeRan Freeze
“Everyday Jewish Life in the Russian Empire”
- June 14 Michael Marx
“Advanced Googling for Genealogists: The Many Features of Google Beyond Search”

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*.