

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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Searching the Ellis Island Database and 1930 Census with Fewer Tears

Dr. Stephen Morse

Sunday, December 8, 2002

1:30–4:30 PM

Temple Reyim, West Newton

In April 2001, the Ellis Island Ship Manifests and Passenger Records went on-line. One year later, on April Fools Day, the National Archives and Records Administration opened the doors to the 1930 US Census. But genealogists who had been eagerly awaiting both events were surprised to learn that neither of these resources was easy to use.

Stephen Morse, with the help of several colleagues, has developed One-Step search-tool websites that simplify access to both databases. These websites have attracted attention worldwide. In his talk, Dr. Morse describes the One-Step websites from both a historical and a practical perspective, and compares them to alternatives.

As an amateur genealogist, Stephen Morse has been researching his Russian-Jewish origins for the past few years. In his other life, Steve is a computer professional who has spent a career alternately doing research, development, teaching, consulting, and writing. He is best known as the designer of the Intel 8086 microprocessor (grandfather of today's Pentium processor), which sparked the PC revolution twenty years ago. He has a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and still enjoys tinkering with electronics as he continues his day jobs in computers.

Temple Reyim, 1860 Washington Street (Route 16), Newton, is near Newton-Wellesley Hospital and the Woodland stop on the Riverside Green Line, as well as a short ride from Route 128 at Exit 21.

Admission is free for members, \$5 for non-members.

Upcoming program: January 7, 2003: JGSGB's Night at the National Archive and Records Administration, 380 Trapelo Road, Waltham, 6:00-10:00 PM.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston is a nonprofit organization of individuals interested in genealogical research. It conducts monthly educational programs.