

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

The History of the Jewish Community in the Merrimack Valley

Louise Sandberg

and

How Strange It Seems: An Oral History of Jewish Cultural Life in Small Town New England

Michael Hoberman

Sunday, December 3, 2006

1:30–4:30 PM

Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre

Our December program will feature two speakers on early Jewish communities in New England. Louise Sandberg will talk about Jewish Communities in the Merrimack Valley. Michael Hoberman's presentation will highlight findings of his research about how the Jewish heritage in rural New England has been both unique and similar to Jewish experience in other regions of the United States. He will illustrate these findings with examples drawn from 60 oral history interviews he conducted in Jewish communities in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and western Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Hoberman is an assistant professor of English and folklore at Fitchburg State College. He also is the author of *Yankee Moderns: Folk Regional Identity in the Sawmill Valley of Western Massachusetts, 1890-1920*. Sandberg, who is in charge of the Special Collections at the Lawrence Public Library, wrote *Lawrence in the Gilded Age*, part of the *Image of America* series.

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:

- Jan. 7 Film *My Grandfather's House* at the Needham library
- Feb. 4 Antony Polonsky, "The History of Relations Among Jews, Poles, and Ukrainians"

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