

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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The International Tracing Service: A Major New Resource for Holocaust Research

Sallyann Sack

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1:30–4:30 PM

Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre

For 60 years the vast store of Holocaust documents housed in the International Tracing Service (ITS) were not available to the public. That changed in November 2007. The first group to take advantage of the new open-door policy were 40 Jewish genealogists who visited the ITS at Bad Arolsen, Germany, in May 2008 and were given full access to vast numbers of records relating to Holocaust victims and survivors. All of these records will ultimately be shared with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C., Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, and the National Institute of Remembrance (IPN) in Warsaw. Learn more about the kinds of records that exist and how they may be accessed from three members of the research group that visited Bad Arolsen.

Sallyann Sack, our guest speaker, has made three trips to the ITS and organized the group that visited in May. She is the editor of *Avotaynu* (the leading journal for Jewish Genealogy), a past president of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, author or editor of seven major reference books on Jewish genealogy, and a recognized pioneer and leader in the world of Jewish genealogy. She will be joined by JGSGB members Tom Weiss and Heidi Urich, who researched the fates of family members during their week at the ITS archive.

Temple Emanuel is at 385 Ward St., Newton Centre. For maps and detailed directions, visit our web page at <http://emanuel.jgs.gb.org>.

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

Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming programs:

Sep. 24 Research Evening at NARA (6–9 pm)

Oct. 26 Pamela Weisberger

“Jews in the News: Historical Newspaper Research”

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