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Jewish Settlement Patterns in the US: Why Jews Ended Up Where They Did

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1:30–4:30 PM
Wellesley Free Library, Wellesley, MA

Jews are by no means evenly distributed across the United States; in fact, they are among America's most densely concentrated faiths. Today, some 85 percent of America's Jews live in just twenty metropolitan areas. How and why did this happen? What determined where Jewish immigrants settled and where their descendants moved? We will look at some examples from the colonial era to the present.

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NOTE: This meeting is being held at the Wellesley Free Library, 530 Washington St. (Rt. 16), Wellesley. It can be reached from Rt. 16 at Exit 21 and from Rt. 9 at the Wellesley Hills exit.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming program:

Mar. 13 "The Genealogical Treasure Troves of Israel: How to Use Them There and Here"
by Martha Lev-Zion

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