

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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Preserving Cemetery Information in Eastern Europe

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1:30 PM

Temple Reyim, Newton

The Jewish cemeteries of Eastern Europe were ravaged during World War II and have been neglected ever since with the absence of Jewish communities to maintain them. Tom Weiss and family members traveled to Eastern Galicia, now located in Western Ukraine, in 2000 and 2001. He visited a number of cemeteries and will describe their conditions and the factors that continue to degrade their genealogically important content. He will also describe the methods used to photograph all the remaining and legible gravestones in the cemeteries of two towns (Buchach and Rozhnyatov) and to make maps of the cemeteries. The photographs of the gravestones and the translations of the inscriptions are being placed on the JewishGen website to make their content widely available. The talk will include numerous photographs and video clips.

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.

Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming Programs:

May 23: Research Workshop at Grove Street Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA

June 13: *Revolutionary War Jews: Their Genealogy and Contributions to Colonial and Revolutionary America* (evening meeting with the American Jewish Historical Society). This will also be our Annual Meeting with elections.

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

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