

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

Polish-Jewish Genealogical Research

Warren Blatt

Sunday, September 14, 2003

1:30–4:30 PM

Temple Reyim, Newton

Geared towards beginning and intermediate genealogists, this lecture will provide an introduction to and overview of Polish-Jewish ancestral research in the form of an interactive slide presentation. The wide range of subjects covered will include: the history of Polish border and place-name changes; the geography of Poland; techniques for locating your ancestral shtetl and discovering its history; the types of vital records kept at various times in Poland; finding and translating birth, marriage, and death records; Polish-Jewish surnames and given names; language, spelling and grammar issues; using yizkor books, landsmanschaften records, and business directories; obtaining information from the Polish Archives, Civil Registration Offices, Mormon microfilms, Internet sources, and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for Jewish genealogical research in Poland.

Warren Blatt, a board member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston and one of our most popular speakers, is the Editor-in-Chief of JewishGen, the primary Internet site for Jewish genealogy, an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish History—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City. He is the author of *Resources for Jewish Genealogy in the Boston Area*, co-author (with Gary Mokotoff) of *Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy*, and editor of the *Kielce-Radom Special Interest Group Journal*. Mr. Blatt was the Chair of the 1996 International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy and has over 25 years of research experience with Russian and Polish records.

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:

October 13, 2003: Ron Arons, “Using the Internet to Find Anything and Anyone”

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