

# Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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## Splitting & Reconnecting— Finding Our Jewish Relatives in South America

*Marc Cutler*

Sunday, March 13, 2011, 1:30 pm

Temple Emanuel (Reisman Hall), Newton Centre

Marc Cutler weaves a tale that began in 1956, when his grandfather's two Yiddish-speaking sisters from Argentina visited Boston. He was never to meet them again; but forty years later, an old letter written in English to his mother by young Mirta—the grand-daughter of one of the sisters—started him on a search to find and reconnect with this lost part of his family. Cutler recounts his successful efforts to find Mirta and the discovery of a vibrant Jewish family in Argentina descended from the two sisters, and he relates how the immigration history of the family intertwined with historical events in Poland, the US, and Argentina.

Cutler explores the history of Jewish immigration to Latin America and of Jewish life in Argentina through the experiences of this family. They lived through the Peronista years, when Nazi war criminals were actively recruited to come to Argentina; the brutal fascist military dictatorship of the 1970s when 30,000 people (including 3000 Jews, one of whom was his cousin) were “disappeared”; the bombings of AMIA and the Israeli embassy in the 1990s; and the economic collapse of 2000.

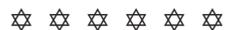
**Marc Cutler** is a Senior Vice President of Cambridge Systematics, Inc. (CS), a leading national transportation planning firm. He has managed or played key roles in many high profile transportation planning studies across the country—including the Central Artery/Tunnel project in Boston—and speaks widely on transportation topics. He has a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in Urban Planning from Tufts University and an M.A. in Education from Harvard University.

*Temple Emanuel is at 385 Ward St, Newton Centre, MA.*

*For detailed directions and maps, visit our web page at <http://emanuel.jgsgb.org>.*

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

*Refreshments will be served.*



Upcoming programs:

Apr. 24     **Stephen Morse**, *A Potpourri of Genealogy Search Tools*

May 15     *The Genealogical Riches of Massachusetts' Archives*, featuring a panel of local archivists

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