

# *Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston*

presents

## **Archives of the Joint Distribution Committee: A Resource for Genealogists**

**Preceded by a brief Annual Meeting and Society elections**

*Linda Levi*

Sunday, June 10, 2012, 1:30 pm

Temple Emanuel, Newton

Since its inception in 1914, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC, popularly known as “the Joint”) has borne witness to the most pivotal events of 20th-century Jewish history. The holdings of the JDC Archives document the organization’s operations and serve as a record of life in Jewish communities around the world—including eyewitness accounts, correspondence, logs, passenger lists, emigration cards, photographs, and much more. Linda Levi will present examples of rich genealogical records, show how to conduct research at the Archives, and illustrate the new Archives website and the treasures that await researchers as the records become more widely available.

**Linda Levi** is Assistant Executive Vice President of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, where she directs the JDC Global Archives. Ms. Levi is a graduate of New York University and received her MA in Contemporary Jewish Studies from Brandeis University. She lectures extensively about the JDC Archives for Jewish groups around the world.

**Spotlight:** The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, known as HIAS, has extensive files from its long history of helping Jewish refugees immigrate to and settle in the U.S. Heidi Urich, who was once a beneficiary of HIAS services, will describe the records that are available and how to gain access to them.

**Heidi Urich** has been the president of the JGSGB since 2007 and served as a co-president from 2003 to 2007.

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

*For detailed directions and maps, 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:**



May 20 1:30 pm at Coolidge Corner Branch Library, Brookline, a special JGSGB Workshop with Stephen Denker, *Organizing & Preparing Manuscripts for Self-publishing: What to Include & How to Do It*

*The 32d IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy is in Paris, France, this summer, 15–18 July 2012. You can find details and register at [www.paris2012.eu](http://www.paris2012.eu).*

**☞ VOLUNTEERS WANTED ☞ JGSGB is the proud co-sponsor of the 33rd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, coming to Boston 4–9 August 2013.**

**We are now seeking volunteers to help with putting on the conference.**

**You can find more information and the volunteer form at [www.jgs.gb.org/conf2013](http://www.jgs.gb.org/conf2013).**

The JGSGB is dedicated to helping people discover and research their Jewish family history. We offer monthly education programs and a comprehensive beginners’ course, maintain an extensive collection of research materials, and publish the award-winning journal *Mass-Pocha*.

**866-611-5698**

**[info@jgs.gb.org](mailto:info@jgs.gb.org)**

**[www.jgs.gb.org](http://www.jgs.gb.org)**