

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

Jews “Down Under”: Tracing My Australian Forebears

Judith Romney Wegner

Sunday, December 2, 2007

1:30–4:30 PM

Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre

Judith Romney Wegner has researched her family in Australia. Her great-grandparents sailed to New Zealand as British colonists in the mid-19th century where her grandfather was born in 1867. He later returned to England. However, other members of his family moved to Australia. Judith will share the process of her research and her findings. She has used information on tombstones; newspapers; Australian Jewish Historical Society Journal articles; Australian and New Zealand birth, marriage, and death records; military service records; and in one case the entire proceedings of a coroner’s inquest to discover information about her relatives.

Professor Judith Romney Wegner holds law degrees from Cambridge and Harvard Universities and a PhD in Judaic Studies from Brown. She is a life-time member of the English Bar and a retired member of the Rhode Island and American Bar Associations. Dr. Wegner has pursued two careers, first as a lawyer and later as a professor of Judaic Studies and comparative religious studies at several New England colleges. Now retired, she continues to pursue research into various aspects of Judaism and Islam. Her other passion is researching the genealogy of her ancestors, especially the Anglo-Jewish branch, who came to England from Holland before 1800.

Temple Emanuel is at 385 Ward St., Newton Centre. For maps and detailed directions, visit our web page at <http://emanuel.jgsgb.org>.

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

Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming programs:

- Dec. 9 Daniel Mendelsohn (cosponsored by Hebrew College, at Hebrew College)
“Finding *The Lost*: Family History, Memory, and Writing the Holocaust”
- Jan. 6 Michael Marx
“Advanced Googling”

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