

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

The Lives of Our Galician Ancestors

Suzan Wynne

Sunday, April 6, 2008

1:30–4:30 PM

Reisman Hall

Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre

The presentation will begin with a geographical orientation to Galicia, which no longer exists as a political entity. Western Galicia is now in Poland, and Eastern Galicia is now in Ukraine. Wynne will give an overview of the government-mandated self-governing system, the Jüdische Kultus Gemeinden (Jewish Religious Communities), a uniquely Austrian construct that governed virtually all of Jewish life. She also will discuss the impact of the rigid class structure of Polish society on the Jews of Galicia, daily life and Jewish observance, the enormous role of the Hasidic movement, conditions before and after the 1869 Emancipation of the Jews, education, marriage, and the tricky issue of surnames for genealogical research.

Wynne has been involved with Jewish genealogy since 1977 as a teacher, lecturer, author, and former professional. A founding member of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington, she was the founder of Gesher Galicia in 1993. She has written two books about Jewish genealogical research for Galitzianers and has contributed to or written numerous articles for *Avotaynu* and books about genealogy. A clinical social worker, she works as a geriatric and mental health care manager and consultant in the Washington, DC, area.

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:

- May 5 Monday, 6:30-9:00 PM, at the Boston Public Library
Ronald Grim
“How to Use Maps to Further One’s Genealogical Research”
- Jun. 8 Sunday, 1:30-4:30 PM, at the Vilna Shul
Norman H. Finkelstein
“American Jewish History for Genealogists”

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