

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

Summer Evening Special

Jewish Migration within and out of The Russian Empire: 1850-1914

Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern

Wednesday, August 20, 2003

7:00–9:30 PM

The Wellesley Public Library

Wakelin Room 1

From the late 18th century until the Russian Revolution, the Russian Empire included large areas of the former Kingdom of Poland: Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, eastern Poland, and the Ukraine. Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern will present the migration patterns that took place within the Russian Empire during the mid-19th century. He will also discuss the reasons and the logistics for the vast emigration from the Russian Empire to the United States and the role played by the German Jewish community.

Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern was born in 1962 in Kiev, Ukraine, into a profoundly assimilated family of Jewish intellectuals. He received a PhD in Comparative Literature in 1988 from Moscow University. In 1996, he came to Brandeis University as a graduate student and was awarded a PhD in Jewish History in 2001. He has taught Judaism and Jewish history in Russia, Ukraine, Canada, and the USA and has published extensively on European and South American Literature and on Modern Jewish History. He is currently completing a book on the encounter between Russian Jews and the Russian army entitled *Drafted into Modernity: Jews in the Russian Empire 1827-1914*.

NOTE: Temple Reyim is being renovated this summer, and this meeting is being held at the Wellesley Public Library, located at 530 Washington Street (Route 16), Wellesley. It can be reached from Route 128 at Exit 21 and from Route 9 at the Wellesley Hills exit.

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

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