



JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
of Greater Boston

THE ELLIS ISLAND EXPERIENCE

September 13, 2009 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Gann Academy, 333 Forest Street, Waltham

Free for members | \$5 for non-members



Were immigrants' names changed at Ellis Island? Professor Vincent J. Cannato of U.Mass-Boston will discuss whether this is fact or fiction at the kick-off meeting for this season's programs of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston (JGSGB). Professor Cannato's presentation on the Ellis Island immigration experience will pay special attention to the experiences of Jewish immigrants.

Professor Cannato will discuss why such an inspection station was created in 1892 on a small island in New York Harbor and how America's immigration law evolved during this period. He will explain the inspection process and the reasons that some immigrants were excluded. Copies of Professor Cannato's new book, *American Passage: The History of Ellis Island*, will be available for sale and signing following his talk.

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The JGSGB is dedicated to helping people research their Jewish family history. It offers monthly educational programs, maintains an extensive collection of research materials, and publishes a journal, *Mass-Pocha*.

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