

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

presents

A Blockbuster Opening Program — Ancestry.com and Jewish Records

Crista Cowan

Sunday, September 9, 2012, 11:00 am & 1:30 pm

Gann Academy, Waltham

The opening program of the 2012-2013 JGSGB season features Crista Cowan, professional genealogist from Ancestry.com, who will present three sessions on Ancestry.com and its Jewish Records. Ancestry.com is a leading resource for online family history research and a valuable tool in any Jewish genealogist's toolbox.

An optional kosher lunch will be available following the morning session, for those who sign up in advance. Lunch will cost \$15. Reservations must be made by Monday, September 3; send your lunch reservation request to signup@jgs.gb.org.

Morning session

11:00 am *Getting Started With Ancestry.com* Whether you're brand new to genealogy or a long-time subscriber to Ancestry.com, there's much to learn about this powerful website and what it can help you accomplish in your family history research. Cowan will provide an overview of the site, explain privacy settings for online trees, demonstrate the power of member profiles, and reveal a multitude of free content and tools.

Afternoon sessions

1:30 pm *Jewish Records at Ancestry.com* Ancestry.com has many resources and unique tools available for Jewish genealogy research. Cowan will survey Ancestry.com's Jewish record collections, show you how to search them efficiently, and demonstrate effective strategies for finding records from a specific location and time period.

2:45 pm *Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com* Cowan will demonstrate tips and tricks to help you realize the full potential of your Ancestry.com experience, show you how to search more effectively, and introduce you to Ancestry.com's content and collaboration tools. She'll also be available to answer questions.

Crista Cowan has been interested in family history since childhood. She is a professional genealogist who specializes in descendency research and Jewish immigration. She has been employed at Ancestry.com since 2004, as European Content Acquisition Manager, Indexing Manager, and currently as Community Alliance Manager. As *The Barefoot Genealogist*, she broadcasts live on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 pm (Eastern) on <http://livestream.com/ancestry>.

Gann Academy is at 333 Forest Street, Waltham, MA.

For detailed directions and maps, visit our web page at <http://www.jgs.gb.org/gann.html>.

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

Refreshments will be served.

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Next program:

Oct 14 3:00 pm, 6th Annual Lecture on Jewish Genealogy, Hebrew College
Jonathan D. Sarna, *When Grant Expelled the Jews*

*The 33rd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy is in Boston next summer, 4-9 Aug 2013.
You can find more information and a volunteer form at 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*.

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