

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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Jews in the News: Historical Newspaper Research

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1:30–4:30 PM

Gann Academy, Waltham, MA

Some of the most exciting resources for genealogists are the online databases and microfilms of old newspapers and journals. From the scanned and digitized *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Washington Post*, and *Times of London*—to regional newspapers and Jewish community journals, following this oft-neglected “paper trail” will enhance your genealogical knowledge. From obituaries, birth, engagement, and marriage announcements, to curiosities such as “Yesterday’s Fires,” “news of the Courts,” and articles covering Eastern European towns and businesses, you will be astonished by the unexpected appearances immigrant ancestors make in the pages of these tabloids and broadsheets. Learn techniques for locating people and events meaningful to you, with examples of unexpected insights gained into your relatives’ lives by exploring this under-utilized research tool.

Pamela Weisberger is the program chair for the Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles, Research Coordinator for Geshet Galicia, and is active in the Hungarian and Sub-Carpathian JewishGen SIGs. Documenting her family’s history for over twenty years, she has traveled throughout Eastern Europe visiting ancestral towns and villages and conducting research in Polish, Ukrainian, and Hungarian archives. A special area of interest has been late 19th to early 20th century city directories, newspapers, and court records. She has also produced the documentaries “I Remember Jewish Drohobycz” and “Genealogy Anyone? Twenty-Five Years in the Life of the JGSLA,” and coordinated the IAJGS Conference’s 2006-2008 film festivals.

Gann Academy is located at 333 Forest Street, Waltham. For maps and detailed directions, visit our web page at gann.jgsjb.org.

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

Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming program:

Nov. 16 Carol Clingan & Paul Auerbach

“Using Ancestry.com and Other Resources for New York Research”

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