

# Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

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## Clued-In: Case Studies from the Photo Genealogist

*Ava (Sherlock) Cohn*

Sunday, June 7, 2015, 1:30 pm

Gann Academy, Waltham



What can we learn from our ancestors' photos? Ava (Sherlock) Cohn, the Jewish genealogy sleuth, explores how and why it is important to find the clues our ancestors left us in their photographic portraits. Sherlock defines photo genealogy and explodes common myths about dating Jewish photos. Learn what clues an expert looks for, how to organize an approach to dating and interpreting photos, and how to match photo information with vital records.

Sherlock presents two of her challenging cases to show how accurate dating, photo identification, knowledge of fashion, and matching records can shed light on our relatives' lives and the social context in which their photos were taken.

**Ava Cohn aka Sherlock Cohn, The Photo Genealogist**, is an internationally known genealogist and expert on Jewish family photographs, concentrating on accurate dating combined with specialized knowledge of immigrant and Eastern European culture and traditions. She has a degree from Brandeis University and studied decorative arts, art history, and costume history at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

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

*For detailed directions and maps, visit our web page at [jgsgb.org/venue/gann-academy/](http://jgsgb.org/venue/gann-academy/).*

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

**Refreshments will be served.**

A brief Annual Meeting of the Society with elections for the governing board will precede our speaker.

✦ ✦ 12:30 pm Ask the Experts! ✦ ✦  
👤 12:30 pm SIG meetings—Bessarabia, Poland. 👤  
Belarus SIG will meet after the lecture, around 3:00 pm

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