

JGS Miami Event
Sunday , March 2 , 10.00 At the Jewish Federation of Greater Miami



Clued-In: Case Studies from Sherlock Cohn, The Photo Genealogist

Speaker: Ava Cohn aka Sherlock Cohn, The Photo Genealogist

Step aside NCIS and CSI! There are no greater detectives than Jewish genealogists when it comes to loving the hunt for information about our ancestors, and no greater tool to find out about the people and the personalities than our family photographs.

In this fun and informative talk, Sherlock Cohn, the Jewish genealogy sleuth, will explore how and why it is important to find the clues our ancestors left for us in their photographic portraits. The program leads off with a definition of photo genealogy and explodes commonly-held myths about dating Jewish photos. Participants will learn what clues an expert looks for in photos, how to organize your approach to dating and interpreting photos and how to match photo information with vital records.

In the second half of the program, Sherlock will present two of her challenging cases, “The Case of the Mistaken Date” and “The Case of the Immigration Snafu.” In the true cerebral style of a Basil Rathbone character, she’ll show how accurate dating, photo identification, knowledge of fashion, and records matching illuminates our relatives’ lives and the social context in which their photos were taken. Attendance is Elementary, my dears (though all levels are welcome).

About the Speaker

Ava Cohn aka Sherlock Cohn, The Photo Genealogist, is a professional genealogist who brings a lifelong fascination with heirloom photographs and a multidisciplinary approach to photo dating and interpretation. A native of upstate New York, currently residing in the Chicago area, she has a degree from Brandeis University with coursework in decorative arts, art history, and costume history at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

Recognizing the need for accurate dating of Jewish family photographs combined with specialized knowledge of immigrant and Eastern European culture and traditions, she is the only professional genealogist to devote her work to Jewish family photographs. A member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Professional Jewish Genealogists’ Group, Genealogical Speaker’s Guild, and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois, Ms. Cohn is a popular speaker and writer whose articles have appeared in *Avotaynu*, *The International Review of Jewish Genealogy*, *The Galitzianer*, *Morasha*, and many other Jewish genealogy publications.

Ava is proud to be the leader in the discipline of Jewish Photo Genealogy.