



Come to the Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County*

(* and surrounding areas)

Come celebrate our 5th anniversary
Monday, October 4, 2010 7:00-9:00 p.m.

at Temple Adat Elohim

2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks

Note: Different day of week and time!

Ost Meets West: Immigrant Film Moguls, Émigré Directors, and the Rise of Film Noir

A group of Eastern European Jews, who headed most major American film studios, founded the Hollywood film industry. Another influx of German/Austrian Jewish Film directors were driven to the US by the Nazis in the 1930s. A number of them, such as Fritz Lang, Billy Wilder, Otto Preminger, and Edward G. Ulmer would play a determining role in the rise of what was later called "film noir". * The speaker will examine the ethnic origins of the two groups and how their different backgrounds enabled their considerable contributions to the cinema, and in particular "film noir".

Speaker: Vincent Brook has a Ph.D. in film and television from UCLA and teaches media studies at UCLA, USC, Cal-State LA, and Pierce College. He is the author of *Something Ain't Kosher Here: The Rise of the "Jewish" Sitcom* and dozens of journal articles, essays, and reviews. Brook's book, *Driven to Darkness: Jewish Émigré Directors and the Rise of Film Noir* will be available for purchase for \$20. Please bring cash or check to purchase the book.

* **Film noir** is a cinematic term used primarily to describe stylish Hollywood crime dramas, particularly those that emphasize cynical attitudes and sexual motivations. Hollywood's classic film noir period is generally regarded as stretching from the early 1940s to the late 1950s. Film noir of this era is associated with a low-key black-and-white visual style that has roots in German Expressionist cinematography.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County is dedicated to sharing genealogical information, techniques and research tools with anyone interested in Jewish genealogy and family history.

Meeting co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim. There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV.

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