

Press Release

Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County* (JGSCV) (*and surrounding areas)

The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim, on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 1:30-3:30 p.m.



Annual Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Hashoah) Commemoration



The Topic: Remembering the Holocaust through Family History Using the Resources of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Holocaust remembrance and Jewish genealogy closely intertwine. Arthur Kurzweil wrote, "When the Nazis rounded up our relatives, they took away their names and gave them numbers. What we genealogists are doing is taking away the numbers and giving them back their names." By "giving back their names" family historians humanize the history of the Holocaust in ways historians do not, often capturing the interest of the general public and thus furthering Holocaust remembrance. Megan Lewis will look at ways genealogists can use the resources at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum such as oral histories to find the details of their ancestor's lives that show the history on the human level. She will demonstrate how to use the Museum's online resources to do research from home and give tips on how to plan a research trip to Washington.

Speaker: Megan Lewis started working at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1998. She spent 12 years conducting research on individuals working for the Museum's Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center. Since 2010 she works as a reference librarian in the Museum Library and Archives reading rooms. She has a BA in history and a Masters of Library Science, and has given presentations about the Museum's genealogical resources at IAJGS Conferences, numerous genealogical societies, the American Library Association conference, and several conferences/workshops about Nazi looted art.

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. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.

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