

Press Release

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

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV) will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim, on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 91362 1:30-3:30 pm



The Program:

A Sephardic Journey:

Story of Jews Who Were Persecuted
around the World for Almost 400 years
by the Inquisition.



Award-winning author and speaker Marcia Fine shares "*A Sephardic Journey*," the story of Jews who were persecuted around the world for almost 400 years by the Inquisition. While many were forcibly converted, others remained true to their faith by going underground. Still others left Spain and Portugal to venture to the New World. Marcia will speak about *The Blind Eye*, when the Church orders expulsion of all Jews and Conversos from Spain and about her extensive research for *Hidden Ones* about the Inquisition in Mexico (and New Mexico!). Marcia will address the Diaspora and survival of Sephardim in the New World.

Speaker: Marcia Fine has written seven novels, including: *The Blind Eye*—covering the expulsion from Spain and Portugal and the three major events that are in the book—the Easter Slaughter, the kidnapping of children and mass conversions; *Paper Children*—An Immigrant's Legacy has been a finalist for three national prizes. *Paris Lamb*, her sixth novel, deals with anti-Semitism in the 1950s. Her latest novel, *Hidden Ones*, examines conversos in Mexico during the Inquisition. Marcia has a BA from Florida State University and a Masters from Arizona State University. Marcia's four novels books will be available for purchase at \$16.95@ and book signing. Cash, checks and credit payments are accepted. See Marcia's website: <http://www.marciafine.com/>

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family. The meeting is open to the public.

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 genealogy and family history.

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