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Conejo Valley and Ventura County (and surrounding areas)

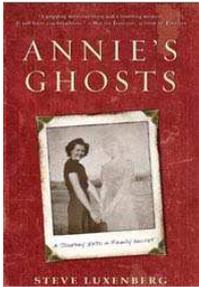
Sunday, March 7, 2010 1:30-3:30 p.m.

at Temple Adat Elohim

2420 E.Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks

"Genealogy From the Inside Out"

The Story of *Annie's Ghosts*



Annie's Ghosts...is "a great non-fiction read for genealogists" —Jan Alpert, president, National Genealogical Society, in the society's July '09 newsletter

"My mother was an only child. That's what she told everyone, sometimes within minutes of meeting them. When I heard that my mother had been hiding the existence of a sister, I was bewildered. A sister? I was certain that she had no siblings". Part memoir, part detective story, part history, *Annie's Ghosts* revolves around three main characters (the author's mom, her sister and the author, narrator/detective/son), several important secondary ones (including several relatives whom he found in the course of reporting on the book), as well as Eloise, the vast county mental hospital where Steve's secret aunt was confined—despite her initial protestations—all of her adult life. Steve will show how he used genealogical techniques to piece together the story of his mother's secrets, his aunt's unknown life, and the times in which they lived. Steve's research took him to imperial Russia and Depression-era Detroit, through the Holocaust in Ukraine and the Philippine war zone, and back to the hospitals where Annie and many others languished in anonymity.

Speaker: Steve Luxenberg, an associate editor at *The Washington Post*, has worked for 35 years as a newspaper editor and reporter. Steve's career began at *The Baltimore Sun*, where he worked for 11 years before joining *The Post* in 1985. He has headed *The Post's* investigative staff, succeeding Bob Woodward, and directed *The Post's* Sunday commentary section. Reporters working for Steve have won numerous awards, including two Pulitzer Prizes.

There will be an opportunity to purchase the book at the meeting—checks or cash only.

The JGSCV 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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