

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, December 13, 2015 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Come Join Us For Our Annual Chanukah/Membership Renewal Party!



The Topic:

Jews, Liquor, and Life in Eastern Europe



In the pre-modern Poland the Jewish-run tavern was often the center of leisure, hospitality, business and even religious festivities. As liquor became the region's boom industry, Jewish tavernkeepers became integral to both local economies and local social life. Nevertheless, reformers and government officials sought to drive Jews out of the liquor trade. Newly discovered archival sources demonstrate that nobles often helped their Jewish tavernkeepers evade fees, bans and expulsions. The result - a vast underground Jewish liquor trade - reflects an impressive level of local Polish Jewish co-existence that contrasts with the more familiar story of anti-Semitism and violence. Book purchasing opportunity.

Speaker: Glenn Dynner is Professor of Judaic Studies and Chair of Humanities at Sarah Lawrence College. He has been the Senior NEH Scholar at the Center for Jewish History and is a Member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University. Among his publications is *Yankel's Tavern: Jews, Liquor and Life in the Kingdom of Poland* (Oxford University Press, 2013).

Everyone is eligible for the drawing of fantastic genealogical prizes for those who renew their JGSCV membership or join for 2016. You must be present to win! Light refreshments will be served celebrating Chanukah and our membership drive. 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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