

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 Monday, March 5, 2018 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 91362

7:00-9:00 pm



## The Program Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray (Movie 86 min. - color)



Captain Jacob Jacobs of the 83rd New York Infantry. He was wounded in action at Battle of Gettysburg. Founding member of the Hebrew Union Veterans (JWV).

Brother against brother, Jew against Jew, 10,000 Jewish soldiers fought in the nation's deadliest war, in numbers proportionally higher than other American groups. *Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray* explores the little known history of the Civil War Jews who fought on both sides of the battlefield—7,000 for the Union and 3,000 for the Confederacy.

Allegiances during the War Between the States split the Jewish community as deeply as it did the nation at large: some prominent Jews, including Jewish slave owners, cited the Torah to justify slavery, while others were leaders in the abolitionist movement or established their synagogues as stops on the Underground Railroad.

*Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray* unreels remarkable history, including Ulysses S. Grant's infamous "General Order No. 11" expelling Jews from Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi; the rise of Sephardic Jew Judah P. Benjamin to Secretary of State of the Confederacy; the imprisonment of Confederate spy Eugenia Levy Phillips; and the unlikely story of Abraham Lincoln's Jewish doctor who moved through the South as a Union spy.

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.

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

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