

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, 6 May, 2018 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 91362 1:30-3:30 pm



The Topic:

Ferretting Out Family Stories: Fact, Fiction or Somewhere in Between



Every family has its stories, some more colorful than others. Some seem too fantastic to be true. Others have the ring of truth, but don't stand up to close examination. How do we tell the difference? Marion Werle will present a methodology for analyzing family stories - creating one or more research questions to focus our inquiries, developing a research plan, creating a potential timeline, and finally, analyzing each component of the story to separate fact from fiction.

Speaker: Marion Werle began family history research 23 years ago, researching family from Lithuania, Latvia and Belarus, who settled in the US, Canada, UK and Israel. She has been on the boards of JGSCV and JGSLA, and is a past president of the Latvia SIG. A retired IT professional with master's degrees in both European History and Library Science from UCLA, she wrote *The Skuders from Skud*, about one of her Litvak branches, to share with family members. She recently completed the Boston University Genealogical Research Certificate, and has an ongoing interest in applying general genealogical methodology standards to Jewish research.

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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