

## 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, October 7, 2018 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 91362 1:30-3:30 p.m. Join JGSCV as we celebrate our 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Light refreshments will be served.



## The Program: Everyday Jewish Family Life in Tsarist Russia



This talk will examine every day Jewish life in tsarist Russia as a site of interaction with modernity, where Jews confronted the unfamiliar and negotiated their environment in strategic and creative ways. Prof. Freeze will present several fascinating archival documents from the former Soviet Union that reveal the daily struggles of ordinary Jews as they confronted changes in the areas of family life, religion, and health (especially mental health), as well as new government regulations such as registration, military conscription, and opportunities to settle outside the Pale of Settlement. The lecture will show how to find new sources for genealogy that go beyond vital records and census materials, and highlight the rich diversity of the Jewish experience in the Russian empire.

**Speaker: ChaeRan Freeze** is Professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Brandeis University. She has focused her research on the history and culture of the Jews of Russia with a focus on women and gender. Her first book, *Jewish Marriage and Divorce in Imperial Russia* (2002) examines the impact of modernization on Jewish family practices and patterns in Imperial Russia based on newly-declassified archival materials from the former Soviet Union. Her most recent book, *Everyday Jewish Life in Imperial Russia, 1825-1914: Select Documents* (coauthored with Jay Harris), documents Jewish daily life in the tsarist empire.

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. Our 2019 membership drive begins with this meeting. Join JGSCV now and membership is good through December 2019.

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