



Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County* (JGSCV) (*and surrounding areas)

Come to the January 8, 2012 meeting of the JGSCV

The JGSCV will hold a general meeting, co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim, on Sunday,
January 8, 2012 at Temple Adat Elohim 1:30-3:30 p.m.
2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

The Program:

Ethics, Sensitivities, Sensibilities and Property Rights

How do ethics relate to family history? The list ranges from ensuring the integrity of our research, acknowledging the intellectual property of others, not publishing false or misleading information, respecting the privacy of others and being aware of sensitive issues that may cause others distress. However, the lines are not always clearly drawn. For example, we live in the 21st century, and have become accustomed to a media environment where out-of-wedlock pregnancies and family scandals are commonplace, and not particularly noteworthy. With our current sensibilities, it is often difficult to appreciate the shame and stigma that surrounded family secrets that we unearth, and may, among older relatives, still be keenly felt. How do we tell our families' stories while maintaining an appropriate level of sensitivity? What is our responsibility to the "truth"?

Have you had the challenge of how to address with your family history such issues as: adoption, conversion, baby born early in marriage, baby born outside of marriage, don't know family is Jewish or denial of being Jewish, intermarriage, previous marriage, sexual preference, family information used without citation of sources or permission, family information changed by someone else and is incorrect, consequences of encouraging people to take DNA testing, people copyrighting other people's information and photographs? Come prepared to ask questions on how to address your ethical issues.

Panelists: Hal Bookbinder, Founding member of JGSCV, past president of IAJGS and JGSLA, author of IAJGS Ethics Statement. Hal received the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award for his various contributions to Jewish genealogy. Hal was recently elected to the JewishGen Board of Governors. Sandra Malek, president of JGSLA and attorney for over 30 years concentrating on employment law, securities litigation and small business issues. Sandy has been active in genealogy for nearly a decade, has grown her tree to nearly 5000 individuals, and met lots of new-found cousins!

Rabbi Jeffrey Marx, spiritual leader of Santa Monica Temple, has been involved in Jewish genealogy for four decades, creating a family tree of 18,000 individuals, some going back to the late 1600s. He has been a presenter at Jewish genealogy conferences over the years, and leads workshops on a variety of genealogy topics.

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.

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