

## 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 **Monday**, October 6, 2014 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, **7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**Come Celebrate JGSCV's 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**



## The Topic:

# From Family History to History: Bridging the Gap Using Genealogy



David Laskin, the author of, *THE FAMILY, A Journey into the Heart of the Twentieth Century* will focus on how he researched and wrote his book and used his family stories to embody the major currents of 20th century Jewish history, *THE FAMILY* is the story of one family that split into three branches (US, Israel and Eastern Europe), but it is also a universally appealing account of the enduring love between parents and children, of faith and wartime, of innovation and astounding resilience. At the book's heart is the story of three extraordinary archetypal women: Sonia, the Pioneer in the Promised Land; Ida, the Tycoon in New York; and Doba, the Mother who remained in Lithuania and endured the onslaught of the Holocaust. Laskin will address particular genealogical issues that he encountered in the course of research and writing, including archival research in the US, Israel and Eastern Europe. Book signing and purchase event following the program. Books are \$17.00.

**Speaker: DAVID LASKIN** is an award-winning bestselling author for nonfiction, including the 2014 Spertus Institute Jewish Institute for Learning and Leadership's One Book One Community Program for *The Family*. He is the author of several other award-winning books of nonfiction and also writes for *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. *THE FAMILY* was chosen as Amazon Best Book of the Month and shortlisted for the William Saroyan International Prize for Writing.

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. Join now for 2015! Light refreshments will be served.

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