

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 Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 1:30-3:30 p.m.



## The Topic: You Found the Records- Now What?

Jewish genealogy is focused on finding records, but not necessarily what to do with them once you find them. What do you do when records show your grandfather with six different birthdates? When you have contradictory records, what should you believe?

This interactive presentation will focus on how to analyze the records you find and how to make the case to prove identities, ages, residence and other facts about your ancestors. The speaker will discuss how to analyze record types (original, derivative and authored), record information (primary, secondary and indeterminate) and evidence (direct, indirect and negative), and how to weight the reliability of the documents you find based on these criteria. Together we will analyze examples of actual records and show how to ask the right questions to help us create sound genealogical research.

**Speaker:** Marion Werle began her family history research over 20 years ago, researching family from Lithuania, Latvia and Belarus, who settled in both the US and Canada. She is on the board of JGSCV, is a past president of the Latvia SIG and has also been on the board of JGSCV and JGSLA, and is a past president of the Latvia SIG. After making the same beginner's mistakes that we all do, she is now focused on applying accepted genealogical research standards to her research. She has master's degrees in both European History and Library Science from UCLA.

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. Meeting is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.

For more information contact: [information@jgscv.org](mailto:information@jgscv.org) or  
Jan Meisels Allen@ 818-889-6616  
6052 Hackers Lane Agoura Hills, CA 91301

