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, October 11, 2015 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Note: Earlier start time for this meeting only

Come Celebrate JGSCV’s 10th Anniversary!

The Topic:

DNA Testing for Genealogy

With the incredible drop in the cost of DNA sequencing, DNA testing is now affordable for individuals, and Mr. Sage will discuss the role that it can play in genealogical research. Presentation of the basics of human genetics will clarify the essential features of the two very different categories of tests: the Y chromosome and mitochondrial DNA tests on the one hand and the autosomal DNA test on the other. Examples will illustrate how conclusions can properly be drawn from results of each type of test, with an emphasis on the appropriate uses of the tests and on what can and cannot be learned from them. The talk will also briefly cover how to order and perform the tests and how much they cost.

Speaker: Jay Sage served as co-president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston (JGSGB) from 2000 to 2003 and is currently co-editor of the Society’s journal, Mass-Pocha. He was co-chair of the 2013 IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Boston. He has lectured at the international conferences and to genealogy societies on the topics of DNA testing and the use of Google Earth as a genealogical tool. Professionally, Sage worked as a research physicist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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. Join now for 2016!

Light refreshments will be served.

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