



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

Sunday, March 2, 2008 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

at Temple Adat Elohim

2420 E.Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks

100 years of the Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring

Many of our ancestors belonged to the Workmen's Circle- learn about what records they might have to help research your ancestors who belonged. When the Yiddish-speaking immigrant Jews came to America, they found overcrowded tenements and hazardous sweatshops. With poverty inevitably came disease. They founded the Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring in New York City in 1900 as a refuge from oppression. They established schools and camps for children and adults, published books, operated a famous Medical Department for their members' care and sanitariums for the infirm, ran credit unions for their members, and bought tracts of land for cemeteries, and they founded the garment workers' unions that agitated for better conditions, The Los Angeles Chapter celebrated its 100 anniversary January, 2008.

Guest Speaker: Eric A. Gordon, Ph.D. has served as Director of the Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring Southern California District since November 1995. He serves on the Western Region Administrative Committee of the Jewish Labor Committee, and sings with the *Mit Gezang Yiddish Chorus* of the Workmen's Circle, and with *Voices of Conscience*, the social action chorus of Los Angeles.

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 co-sponsored with Temple Adat Elohim

There is no charge to attend the meeting.

Anyone may join JGSCV.

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