



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

**Sunday, March 1, 2009 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
at Temple Adat Elohim
2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks**

**" Town-Wide Research: Bringing Your Shtetl
to Life "**

The Ariogala Research Group has been able to "re-create" the life of their ancestral shtetl in Lithuania, typical of eastern European villages, whose centuries of Jewish life were destroyed in the Holocaust. This presentation provides methods for you to paint a rich picture of your ancestral town. Using a variety of sources and documents from 1765 to 1940, the history and life of typical Lithuanian town will be described. Though the focus will be on Ariogala, Lithuania, this approach can be applied to hundreds of Eastern European shtetls. Dozens of types of records, maps, photographs, and memorabilia obtained from archives, museums, survivors, descendants, personal visits, newspapers, and current residents will be presented, to illustrate how to bring your shtetl to life.

Speakers: David B. Hoffman, Ph.D. organized the Ariogala Research Group. He is the President of the Litvak Special Interest Group and the Jewish Family History Foundation, and serves on the Board of JGSLA as Editor of its journal, *Roots-Key*.

Sonia Hoffman is Past President of JGSLA and coordinates the Grand Duchy Project of the Jewish Family History Foundation.

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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