



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

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

To commemorate Yom Hashoah Day (Holocaust Memorial Day) the JGSCV is showing a poignant video:

**" The World Was Ours"
The Jewish Legacy of Vilna**

"The World Was Ours" is a documentary film dedicated to the memory of Jewish Vilna. Vilna, often referred to as "the Jerusalem of Lithuania" was one of the great cultural centers of Eastern European Jewry. It was not the largest Jewish community, nor the most affluent; but the culture of Vilna's Jews, their pride, scholarship, and determination made Vilna unique. It was a community with a deep religious heritage and a highly developed sense of social responsibility.

The film focuses on the pre-war life of this vibrant culture depicting its hopes, dreams and remarkable achievements, a cultural atmosphere producing many illustrious figures. Award-winning actor Mandy Patinkin does the voice-over narrations weaving together interviews, diaries, letters, poems, archival photographs and footage. Vilna was destroyed in the holocaust.

Following the documentary, Esther Meisler, a former resident of Vilna will talk about her life in Vilna and how she survived the Holocaust.

Even though Yom Hashoah Day is actually remembered on April 21st, come join us for this moving memorial to the holocaust on May 3rd.

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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