



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, June 3, 2012 at Temple Adat Elohim 1:30-3:30 p.m.
2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

The Program: Ships of Our Ancestors

Jews have been coming to the United States since the late 1500s. The first record of a non-converso Jew in America was Joachim Gans, of Prague, who settled in what would be North Carolina in 1585. He eventually returned to England. However, with the arrival in 1654 of 23 Jews from the Brazil escaping the Inquisition, Jews were here to stay.

During the active years of Ellis Island, 83,000 ship arrivals were recorded. Between 1880 and 1914, about two million Jewish immigrants arrived from Europe, with most passing through Ellis Island. Until the age of flight, immigrants arrived by sea, first on sailing ships and after the middle of the 19th Century, on steamships. This presentation focuses on the ships on which our ancestors traveled, discussing the shift from sail to steam and the governmental regulations, which made ship travel safer and more civilized. It will address the experience of our ancestors in getting to the port of embarkation, being processed for passage, life aboard the vessel and on Ellis Island.

Speaker: Hal Bookbinder, founding member of JGSCV and former president of JGSLA and IAJGS, created, and continues to edit the annual Jewish Genealogical Yearbook. In 2010, he received the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award. Hal is currently serving on the JewishGen Board of Governors. Hal has been researching eight family lines for over 27 years, identifying 4,000 relatives and tracing two of these lines into the late 1700s.

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. There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV.

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