

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, January 5, 2014 at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, 1:30-3:30 p.m.



The Topic:

For the Sake of the Children: The Letters Between Otto Frank and Nathan Straus Jr.



In 2007, a file of letters between University of Heidelberg roommates and lifelong friends, Otto Frank and Nathan Straus Jr. was found. The letters revealed for the first time that Otto Frank, diarist Anne's father, tried desperately to get his family out of war torn Holland in 1941, fifteen months before they went into hiding. It enriches our understanding about the history of the Frank family and gives us greater insight into this tragic era. Nathan Straus Jr. was a member of the Straus family that owned Macy's Department store for over 100 years and was the Housing Administrator under F.D.R. Her book will be available for purchase for \$25.

Speaker: Joan Adler - Joan Adler is the executive director of the Straus Historical Society and an accomplished genealogist. The Straus Family is a prominent Jewish German family that, most notably, owned Macy's and Abraham and Straus. Family members have served in state and federal government positions. Famously, Isidor Straus and his wife went down on the Titanic in 1912.

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. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family. Join now for 2014!

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