

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

The Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County (JGSCV) will hold a **Zoom** meeting, Sunday, April 3, 2022 1:30-3:30 p.m. Open only to JGSCV members (see below for membership app). Ask the Experts/Schmoozing Corner begins at 1:10 PM **Zoom link will be emailed to members a few days before the meeting.**



The Program: The Lost Family, How DNA Testing Is Upending Who We Are,



Libby Copeland will explore the extraordinary cultural phenomenon of testing, which is redefining family history - and reshaping people's very identities. It will draw on Libby Copeland's years of research for her book *The Lost Family: How DNA Testing Is Upending Who We Are*, which *The Wall Street Journal* calls "a fascinating account of lives dramatically affected by genetic sleuthing." With 40 million people having been tested, a tipping point has been reached. Virtually all Americans are affected whether they have been tested or not, and millions have been impacted by significant revelations in their immediate families. Copeland's book and talk will feature the story of a woman named Alice, raised Irish-American Catholic, who learned she was half-Jewish through a DNA test - and embarked on an extraordinary journey 100 years into the past to uncover her family's true history.

Speaker: Libby Copeland. Libby Copeland is an award-winning journalist who has written for the *Washington Post*, *New York Magazine*, the *New York Times*, the *Atlantic*, and many other publications. Copeland has been a media fellow and guest lecturer, and has made numerous appearances on television and radio.

Book Description

The Lost Family explores the rapidly evolving phenomenon of home DNA testing, its implications for how we think about family and ourselves, and its ramifications for American culture broadly. The *Washington Post* says *The Lost Family* "reads like an Agatha Christie mystery" and "wrestles with some of the biggest questions in life: Who are we? What is family? Are we defined by nature, nurture or both?"

There is no charge to attend the meeting. Anyone may join JGSCV. Annual dues are \$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family.

<https://www.jgscv.org/pdf/membership%20application.pdf>

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