

# 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, May 1, 2022 1:30-3:30 p.m. Open only to JGSCV members (see below for membership app). This is our annual Yom HaShoah Memorial Meeting. 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 Ravine: A Family, A Photograph, A Holocaust Massacre Revealed



In 2009, Wendy Lower was shown a rare photograph just brought to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The documentation of the Holocaust is vast, but there are few known images of a Jewish family at the actual moment of murder, in this case by German officials and Ukrainian collaborators. A Ukrainian shooter's rifle is inches from a woman's head, obscured in a cloud of smoke. The woman is bending forward, holding the hand of a barefoot boy, and the shins of another child, are slipping from the woman's lap. Wendy Lower's detective work—in Ukraine, Germany, Slovakia, Israel, and the United States—recovers astonishing layers of detail concerning the open-air massacres in Ukraine. Her search for the identities of the victims, of the killers—and, remarkably, of the photographer who openly took the picture, as a secret act of resistance—are dramatically uncovered. Finally, in the hands of this scholar, a single image unlocks a new understanding of the place of the family unit in the history and aftermath of Nazi genocide.

**Speaker: Wendy Lower, Ph.D.** is the John K. Roth Professor of History and George R. Roberts Fellow at Claremont McKenna College. Lower chairs the Academic Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and served as Acting Director of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the USHMM (2016-2018).

**The Book:** *The Ravine: A Family, a Photograph, A Holocaust Massacre Revealed* Publishers: Houghlin Mifflin Harcourt 2021 hardback Amazon \$14.62; Mariner Books paperback 2022 Amazon:\$16.07

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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