

# 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, January 8, 2023 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 Knowles Collection of Jewish Genealogy: What is it and How Do I Use It?



The Knowles Collection is six databases that contain the records of almost 1.5 million people. This presentation will show how best to access the collection and get the best results for finding your Jewish ancestors. Todd's great-grandfather Morris David Rosenbaum, who emigrated from Poland in the mid-1800s on a circuitous journey that ended in Utah, stood out when he asked his mother about ancestral names. Todd wanted to know more and after graduating from college continues his quest for his Jewish genealogy. His fascination with Morris David Rosenbaum and Jewish records led directly to creating the Knowles Collection.

**Speaker:** W. Todd Knowles, AG, is a Deputy Chief Genealogical Officer at FamilySearch, where he has been for 23 years. After being introduced to family history at the age of 11, he soon discovered his Jewish roots. The journey to find these Polish Jews has led to the creation of the Knowles Collection ([knowlescollection.blogspot.com](http://knowlescollection.blogspot.com)), six databases that now contain the genealogical records of almost 1.5 million people. Todd is former President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Utah. Todd has spoken throughout the world and his articles have been widely published.

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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