

# 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, February 5, 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 History of the YIVO Archives and Digital Access



Jonathan Brent will speak about the history of the YIVO archival collections, the recovery of its materials after WW2, and the current digitization projects. He initiated The Edward Blank YIVO Vilna Online Collection Project in 2014, an international project to conserve and digitize all of YIVO's pre-WW II collections in New York City and Vilnius, Lithuania. In 2018, Brent initiated the development of the YIVO Bruce and Francesca Cernia Slovin Online Museum.

**Speaker:** Jonathan Brent became Executive Director and CEO of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in 2009. He is a historian, publisher, translator, writer, and teacher. In 2019, Jonathan Brent received the Cross of the Knight of the Order for Merits to Lithuania by H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of the Republic of Lithuania. For eighteen years (1991-2009) he was Humanities Senior Editor and then Editorial Director at Yale University Press where he established the Annals of Communism series. His books include *Stalin's Last Crime* (2003); and *Inside the Stalin Archives* (2008). Brent has translated poems of Joseph Brodsky and Vladimir Mayakovsky and teaches history and literature at Bard College. He is currently writing a study of Stalin's seizure of power, and finishing a novel. Brent lectures and publishes widely on Jewish, Soviet, and East European history.

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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