

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 **an in-person meeting**, Sunday, October 8, 2023 **2:30-4:30 p.m.** at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E Hillcrest Drive Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 Ask the Experts starts at 2:10 PM.

NOTE THE NEW MEETING TIME



Reaching Rebecca: Missing Relatives and Mental Illness in Genealogical Research



A family photo
taken before
U.S.
Immigration
marked her
existence.

Having searched for the last 20 years to find proof of her “disappeared” great aunt, Andrea finally tore down the brick wall in 2022. Care for disabled and mentally ill relatives has challenged well-intentioned families throughout human history. This session will provide an overview of state mental health services in the early 20th century, examples of other families' recent discoveries, puzzling out suspicious results, uncovering the correct information and why ethics demands sharing these results. Finally, the saga of Ukrainian-born Rebecca who disappeared from records and memory in the 1930s in Colorado will be revealed by Andrea in loving tribute to her lost great-aunt.

Speaker: Andrea Massion has been researching family history for over 25 years. She writes for JGSCV's newsletter and in 2020 had an article in the *NGS Journal*. Andrea is retired from 30 years working in Jewish Music education, and public-school library management. Her research on the Jewish community of Iowa Center, Wyoming can be found at the Chugwater Museum in Wyoming, USA and in the National Library of Israel.

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/membership.html>

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