

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, at Temple Adat Elohim 2420 E Hillcrest Drive Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Sunday, December 3, 2023 2:30-4:30 p.m. Ask the Experts/Schmoozing Corner begins at 2:10 PM.



Practicing Safe Computing in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI)



Genealogists depend on reliable computing, data storage, and access across the Internet. Cybercrime and cyberterrorism have resulted in service disruptions, personal data being exposed, and millions of dollars in ransom being paid. In October 2023, it was learned that significant public-facing customer data had been extracted from 23andMe and was now available on the Dark Web. As the sophistication of cybercriminals grows, this will likely get worse. Scams can also challenge us, and Artificial Intelligence will make current scams more dangerous and will introduce new ones. Even in the absence of bad actors, computers become corrupt and storage devices fail resulting in the potential loss of years of genealogical research. This talk discusses the risks, the myths, ways to reduce the likelihood of being hacked, and how to minimize the impact of data breaches, network and computing failures that do occur. See and search all of Hal's articles at www.jgscv.org → Noteworthy → Practicing Safe Computing.

Speaker: Hal is a retired information systems professional who continues to instruct at the university level. For twenty years he volunteered at LA's Midnight Mission, assisting those in addiction recovery in their transition back into the work world. He has been actively researching his genealogy for more than three decades, identifying over 4,000 relatives and tracing two lines to the mid-1700s in modern Ukraine. He is a past president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Los Angeles (JGSLA) and of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS). Hal publishes a series of monthly articles on safe computing which are freely available on the JGSCV website. After attending New York University and a four-year stint in the US Air Force tracking satellites from inside Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, he and his wife Marci live in the Los Angeles area. In 2018, he made a journey to Ukraine, visiting various areas of the former Volhynia and Podolia where his family had lived for hundreds of years.

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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