

Jewish Genealogical Society of the Conejo Valley and Ventura County* (JGSCV)

(*and surrounding areas)

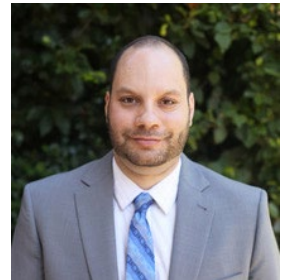
will hold a **Zoom Meeting**

Sunday, June 9th from 1:00-3:00PM

Link will be sent out the Friday before the meeting.

JUNE PROGRAM

“A Gallery of Missing Husbands: Family Deserters in Jewish Genealogy”



Michael Morgenstern

The Program:

The Forward was the leading Yiddish language newspaper in the United States throughout the first half of the 20th century. It regularly sought the community's help in locating husbands who had deserted their wives and children. Wives submitted photographs and information and *The Forward* published them in the “**Gallery of Missing Husbands.**”

Jewish charities tried to alleviate the plight of abandoned wives and children. Some provided monetary support to families while others sought to locate and retrieve the husbands.

In addition to economic hardship, desertion also posed a religious problem for these wives. A Jewish divorce requires a get, a document that the husband formally presents to his wife. This concludes the divorce process and allows both parties to remarry under Jewish law.

The Speaker

Michael Morgenstern is a native of Los Angeles. He has been an avid genealogy researcher since 2007. Since 2014, he has worked as an educator at the Holocaust Museum LA. He frequently volunteers as a genealogical researcher for Holocaust survivors, focusing on those who do not have any prewar family documents or photographs. Michael has presented at IAJGS conferences and on Uniworld's Jewish-heritage-themed European river cruises.

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>