

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Conejo Valley & Ventura County presents

# U.S. Immigration Law & Jewish Immigration



February 2, 2025 at 1:30 pm  
Thousand Oaks Library and on Zoom with  
Retired Immigration Attorney

## Jerry Rishe

The 1924 Johnson-Reed Immigration Act marked the beginning of a dark chapter in our nation's immigration history.

The *N.Y. Times* headline declared:

### *AMERICA OF THE MELTING POT COMES TO END*

The story of how we reached that point is littered with xenophobia, fear of the *Other*, the Ku Klux Klan, the so-called science of eugenics and as stated by President Coolidge, the need that *America must remain American*.

**Jerry Rishe** attended Cal State University Northridge. He studied at Whittier Law School to become an attorney in 1978. For the last 16 years of his legal career, he was a trial attorney with the **Immigration and Naturalization Service** (later the **Department of Homeland Security**) prosecuting people charged with violations of the Immigration and Nationality Act in Immigration Court.. In 2008 he was honored by being named Employee of the Year.

*Please join us for refreshments prior to our meeting.*



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