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HIDING in a CAVE of TRUNKS

A Prominent Jewish Family's Century in Shanghai and Internment in a WWII POW Camp

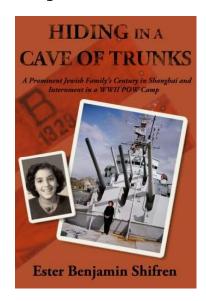
Over the centuries, Jews came to China to escape upheavals in many parts of the world.

Ester Benjamin Shifren was born in Shanghai into a wealthy and powerful family which had been in China for five generations. In 1943, when she was five years old, she and her family were forced into internment camps by the Japanese. This was the beginning of the many hardships they endured.

She became a soldier in the Israeli Army, met and married a South African and had four children while living in South Africa for 35 years.

Ester is a professional artist, pianist, author and lecturer. She's here to tell you some of her story.

See if you can understand the title of her book and how it relates to her story.



SATURDAY, Jan. 21, 2017 11:30 AM

Los Torres Mexican Restaurant 21743 Devonshire St. Chatsworth (between Owensmouth and Topanga) 818-882-1080

Ample free parking in rear of building and on street. Valet parking also available.

Cost is \$21 all inclusive. Choose two main items: Taco, Enchilada, Tamale, Chile Relleno, Burrito and Tostada. All combinations served with rice and beans; beverages and dessert.

Please **RSVP to Grace O'Bryan at 818-772-0679 or msdodgr2@sbcglobal.net** by Wednesday, January 18. Twenty-four hour notification is required for cancellations or caller will be billed. In order to avoid delay and congestion in the reception area, please write your check beforehand to AAUW/SFV Branch.

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