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Tri-Valley Cultural Jews

Your East Bay Secular Humanistic Jewish Community

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Affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations

Our mission statement: "A Secular Humanistic community serving those who identify with the Jewish People through family, culture and history, rather than through religion."



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TVCJ Community Event Dates

Board meeting/TVCJ Planning

Date: October 18th

Time: 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Place: Seid-Gates home, 1817 Sinclair Drive, in Pleasanton.

All members are welcome.

Movie Night and Havdalah!

Date: Saturday, November 5th

Time: 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Place: Gorel Home [3436 Brandy Court Pleasanton, CA 94566](#)

Description: Join us for our family-friendly Havdalah, plus pizza and a movie.

Movie: An excellent Hungarian film, 'Gloomy Sunday' (drama, before and during world War II). PG-13. A kid-friendly movie will also be available in another room.

Dinner: Pizza! Please bring \$7 per adult; kids free.

Join Us on a Hike!

Date: Saturday, December 10th

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Redwood Regional Park, Oakland, CA

Easy (Not steep or strenuous) 4.1 mile loop hike in Redwood Regional Park.

If we are lucky, we'll be able to forage for Toyon berries. They can be dehydrated into a yummy snack.

Dog friendly | Parking is free

Meet at Skyline Gate Staging Area. Carpooling is encouraged.

Directions: 580 East to CA 24.

Drive 3.5 miles, then Exit CA 13 South

Drive about 3 miles, then exit at Joaquin Miller.
At the foot of the exit ramp, make a left
Then take the next left and go straight onto Joaquin Miller Drive uphill for 1 mile
Turn left at the light onto Skyline.
Drive 3 miles (past Chabot Space Center) and turn right into the parking lot and staging area. **If you are running late, please let me know. [650-223-9073](tel:650-223-9073) (cell).** We'll embark on the hike by 10:15 am.

Jewish Culture School

Our Jewish Culture School got off to a great start! We are learning Jewish History Through Art this year and we started off with a discussion of the difference between history and myth, and the uses of myth. We talked about the various versions of the flood myth and looked at ancient, medieval and modern art depicting elements of the story. Then we discussed how we can use this myth. We talked about what is precious to us that we would save if there was a catastrophe and we talked about animals on earth that are becoming extinct because of things people do to change or destroy animal habitat. Then the students made collages of endangered animals and animals they love. Our word of the week was "vildeh khayeh" which means "wild animal" and is what you call someone acting out of control.



This is a picture of Noah's Ark animals from Spain in the Middle Ages. The kids figured that the artist knew the story was not true because of the fanciful animals depicted.

We also learned the chorus of a song Rebecca Ireland wrote. The song is "Yedidut, Shalom, Ahaha" which means "Friendship, Peace, Love." It's a catchy tune!

TVCJ & the Secular Student Alliance

Noah King and Jamie Ireland represented the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews at a meeting of the Secular Student Alliance at Foothill High School in Pleasanton during one of their meetings this month. The first part of the presentation focused on the history and focus of our group. After that, the session was opened to a Q&A from the students. They asked many insightful questions, including:

- Do you feel it's really possible to separate the cultural parts of Judaism from the religious parts?
- Has your experience in this group made you feel more, less, or equally connected to Judaism? and
- Do you talk to your children about the religiously-centered stories of Judaism?

The student group was happy to receive information from our group, and Noah and Jamie were more than willing to share our perspective. Future plans are to collaborate with Foothill's SSA on philanthropic events.



Congratulations!

Kevin Coren has been nominated for a Shellie Award! He was so terrific as the father in Brighton Beach Memoirs that he has been recognized by the regional theaters. The award ceremony is in January, so stay tuned!

JCC Events

Event: CABARET BY THE BAY

Date: Sunday, November 20th

Time: 5:00p.m.

Place: Osher Marin Jewish Community Center,
200 N. San Pedro Road, San Rafael

presented by KlezCalifornia, Osher Marin JCC and New Yiddish Theater

Featuring the internationally renowned klezmer trio, Veretski Pass; singers Jewlia Eisenberg, Jeremiah Lockwood, Anthony Russell and Gerry Tenney; Klezmer poet Jake Marmer; and performance artist Naomi Newman.

Tickets: \$10 - \$20, kids 6 - 12 free with an adult

Info and/or tickets: www.KlezCalifornia.org or call 415.789.7679.

Event: KLEZCALIFORNIA YIDDISH CULTURE FESTIVAL

Date: Sunday, December 4th

Time: 1:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Place: JCC East Bay, Berkeley

Interactive music, song, dance for all ages

Workshops and CABARET BY THE BAY in Berkeley

(Presented by KlezCalifornia, the JCC East Bay and New Yiddish Theater)

Individual event tickets: \$10 - \$25 / Festival Passes: \$20 - \$50 / Kids 6 - 12 free.

Info and/or tickets: www.KlezCalifornia.org or 415.789.7679

Would you like to Host a Havdalah?

We need hosts for the following dates:

- January 13th or January 14th 2017
- March 3rd or March 4th 2017
- April 7th or April 8th 2017
- May 5th or May 6th 2017

If you would like to host a Havdalah or want more information please email info@trivalleyculturaljews.org

In October we remember:

Seymour Seid

Adina Senensieb

Happy October birthday to:

Larry Lubran

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