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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 Events and Dates

August Upcoming Events

Jewish Cooking Class

This event is only open to members of Tri-Valley Cultural Jews.

Date: Sunday, August 27, 2017

Time: 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Place: Greenberg Home: 4698 Shearwater Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Derek Greenberg and Noah King present our first in a series of Jewish cooking classes. For our introductory session, we will be making Tabbouleh and Hummus. We won't be making enough for everyone to take a full batch home, but we will all work together on one batch to taste, and you will leave with the recipe and know-how to make your own at home.

Bring a cutting board and knife for chopping herbs and veggies if you have them.

Rahel Bluwstein, Israel's National Poet A Musical Celebration of Her Life and Poetry

Date: Sunday, August 20, 2017

Time: 4:00p.m.

Place: Temple Isaiah 945 Risa Rd, Lafayette

Cost: FREE

Written, produced and directed by Efi Lubliner and Rivka Amado with Michael Gill, Doron Rotem and Gordon Lustig. Sponsored by Temple Isaiah, Congregation B'nai Shalom and the Contra Costa JCC

San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society Events

Topic: Nontraditional Resources for Genealogy Research

Speaker: Dr. Janette Silverman

Date: Sunday, August 20, 2017

Time: 1:30p.m.

Place: Rhoda Goldman Plaza, 2180 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94115

Cost: FREE

The archives and library of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York hold many materials which can be helpful in genealogical research.

Coffee and tea will be served. Everyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information visit: <http://www.sfbajgs.org/>.

Topic: Travel and Research in Ukraine

Speaker: Dr. Janette Silverman

Date: Sunday, August 21, 2017

Time: 7:30p.m.

Place: Congregation Etz Chayim, 4161 Alma Street, Palo Alto, CA 94306

Cost: FREE

A discussion of resources that are (and are not) available in Ukraine and that are available through the Ukraine Special Interest Group of JewishGen.

Light kosher refreshments will be served. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

For more information visit <http://www.sfbajgs.org/>.

Find Out More About Our Jewish Cultural School First Day for Returning Students



This is the first day of Jewish Cultural School for this year. ***Anyone interested in finding out more information about our program can attend with their child or***

children.

Date: Sunday, September 10th

Time: 10:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

Place: **Alden Lane Nursery**, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA 94550

Join us at Alden Lane Nursery as we begin our [Jewish Culture School](#) year! We will learn about (and taste) apples and honey. This is a great opportunity to learn about the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews and our [Jewish Culture School](#), which focuses on Jewish culture and history .

Our curriculum provides a hands-on, fun learning experience featuring dancing, singing, and cooking. JCS is open to ages 6 through 14, leading to a Secular Brit Mitzvah.

In memory of Heather Heyer



TVCJ members attended the vigil for Heather Heyer, an anti-Nazi protester, who was murdered in Charlottesville, Virginia. May our lives always bring honor to her memory.

A Statement in Response to President Trump's Ban on Transgender Americans Serving in the Armed Forces

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews condemns President Donald J. Trump's proclamation, delivered yesterday via Twitter, that transgender Americans will no longer be allowed to serve in the United States armed forces in any capacity. It seems apparent that President Trump is aligning with conservative and bigoted interest groups and is targeting a group that he deems as less valued to him. At TVCJ, we stand with our LGBTQ community and are proud of our guiding principles:

- We believe that everyone has the right to express themselves however they see fit in relation to race, gender, sexuality, age, religion, class, disability or any other form of social differentiation.
- We believe that people have the right to define themselves and not have negative labels imposed upon them.

TVCJ Community Events and Dates September & Beyond

Jewish Culture School

Find Out More About Our [Jewish Cultural School](#) | First Day for Returning Students

This is the first day of [Jewish Cultural School](#) for this year. ***Anyone interested in finding out more information about our program can attend with their child or children. For date, time, and location please see the first blue box above.***

Board meeting/TVCJ Planning

Date: Tuesday, September 12th, 2017

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

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

All members are welcome

Death Over Dinner (Part Two)

This event is only open to members of Tri-Valley Cultural Jews.

Cost: FREE for members

Place: Pleasanton, CA (more information to come)

Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Date: Saturday, September 16th, 2017

Comparing Jewish Beliefs and Traditions around Death with other Religions

Through out the year TVCJ celebrates the various Jewish holidays and we learn how these fit into our lives. This is an opportunity to learn about Jewish beliefs and traditions around death and how they compare to Buddhism and Catholicism. Readings will be provided in advance and presentations will be made by members of the TVCJ community: Judy Seid, Greg Gorel and Mary Frances Colvin.

Death Over Dinner will be a structured discussion over a potluck dinner.

There is a maximum of 12 participants, on a first come first serve basis. A waiting list will be kept if more than 12 people reply.

Please respond to the Evite. RSVP is needed by August 26, 2017. [Please include your name, email address and phone number in the comment section of your reply so we can contact you.](#)

The organizers will contact each person who said yes to the invitation to confirm status as either participant or on the waiting list by September 2. Further information will then be sent to the participants by email. This will include a copy of the readings so participants can read them before the event, the location of the event and information on food for the potluck.

For more information call Jane Morrison at (781) 964-2385.

Rosh Hashanah | Start of the Jewish New Year



TVCJ celebrates Jewish holidays with a Secular Humanistic perspective that is true to Jewish culture. Focusing on the Rosh Hashana traditions of self-reflection and *tikkun olam*, repair of the world, the program will include readings, music and sounding of the shofar. This will be followed by a reception with apples, honey and home-made challah. Kids are welcome.

Donations will be collected for the local food bank, so please bring non-perishable food items to donate.

Date: Wednesday, September 20th, 2017

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

Place: Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St, Livermore, CA 94550

Cost: FREE for Members, Non-Members \$20.00 (If you decide to become a member your donation will be applied to your membership fee.)

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre: Friday, September 29th, 2017 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Regular Service: Saturday September 30th 2:00p.m. to 5:00pm.

Place for Kol Nidre & Regular Service:, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St, Livermore, CA 94550

Cost: FREE for Members, Non-Members \$20.00

Afterwards those who are interested will go to dinner together at 5:30 pm at El Charro in Livermore (186 Maple St, Livermore, CA 94550).

Sukkot

Date: Sunday October 8th, 2017

Time: 10:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

Place: Ireland Home - 19663 Fremery Ct. Castro Valley 94546

Cost: Free for Members, Non-Members \$10.00

Havdalah & Movie Night

Billy Crystal's HBO special – "700 Sundays"

Date: October 14th, 2017

Time: 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Place: Berenson-Garcia Home, San Ramon, address to be announced closer to the date

Bring: Please bring a potluck dish to share.



Yahrzeit Memorial

In August We Remember:

Lou Garcia
John Gates



Happy

Who We Are

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