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Your East Bay Secular Humanistic Jewish Community

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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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January 20th, 2018



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TVCJ Community News and Important Dates

Come to Our Events Shabbat Shira A Sing-Along Shabbat



Date: Saturday, January 27th, 2018

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Place: Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore, California, 2466 8th St, Livermore, CA 94550 - West End Room

Cost: FREE for Members, Suggested Donation for Adult Non-Members \$5.00

Saturday, January 27th is Shabbat Shira - Singing Saturday, observed throughout the Jewish community.

We'll observe the date with a "kumzits," a Jewish hootenanny (sing-along). We'll sing easy-to-learn songs in Yiddish, Hebrew and English, suitable for kids and adults.

We'll supply hot chocolate, tea and decaf. **Bring your guitars, ukuleles and mandolins - song sheets with chords will be available.** We'll end with our secular havdalah ceremony.

Tu B'Shvat



Fun for both Adults and Kids.

Date: Sunday, February 4th, 2018

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

Place: Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore, California, 2466 8th St, Livermore, CA 94550 - West End Room

Rain or Shine.

Note: If it is not raining, then the event will take place in the Bothwell Park just outside of the West End Room. The West End Room doors open to the park. If the weather is rainy, then the event will take place inside.

Cost: FREE for Members, Suggested Donation for Adult Non-Members \$5.00

Guest Speaker: A Lead Naturalist from [Tree Frog Treks](#) will bring some Reptiles & Amphibians and we will get a hands-on look at their Animal Ambassadors and their relationship to the environment.

After the presentation, we will have a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish that includes one of the seven species indigenous to Israel (raisins, dates, figs, carob, olive, citrus or almond). We hope to see you there.

Bring a dish with the Seven Special Species listed above.

Please respond to the Evite or call Joy at 925-362-3245.

Havdalah Game Night and Pizza



Date: Saturday, February 10th, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: The Pepper's Home, 6448 Owl Way, Livermore.

Cost: \$10.00 per adult (to cover the cost of the pizza) Kids under 13 are free.

Please respond to the Evite.

Board meeting/TV CJ Planning

Date: Tuesday, February 13th, 2018

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

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

All members are welcome

Rally for Love

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Interfaith Group

Date: Sunday, February 11th, 2018

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore, CA 94550

Get to know your neighbors! Celebrate diversity!

An Opportunity to establish new relationships and create on-going feeling of well being for our entire community. All are welcome. Music, Art Opportunities and Speakers.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018



1:30 – 3:00 PM

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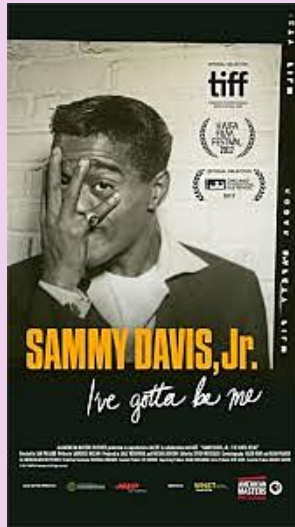


EAST BAY

**INTERNATIONAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL
at the Vine Theater in Livermore
Co-sponsored by Tri-Valley Cultural Jews**

Purchase tickets by phone: 925.240.3053

or online at: EASTBAYJEWISHFILM.ORG



Sammy Davis, Jr: I've Gotta Be Me

Date: Thursday, March 15th, 2018

Time: 7:30 p.m.

USA, 2017, 138 minutes, English

Place: The Vine Theater, 1722 First St, Livermore, CA 94550

Sammy Davis, Jr.'s electrifying talent as a singer, dancer and actor is showcased in this must-see biopic that explores not only his relationship with the famed Rat Pack, but also the prejudice he faced as a black man. Through film clips and interviews with Frank Sinatra, Billy Crystal, Kim Novak, Whoopi Goldberg, Harry Belafonte and Jerry Lewis, we learn about the controversial challenges Davis faced, including the backlash he experienced after he hugged Nixon during the 1972 presidential race and the pressure exerted on him to end his interracial romance with actress Kim Novak.

The Magic Kid

Date: Sunday, March 18th, 2018

Time: 4:30 p.m .

Israel, 1998, 90 minutes, Hebrew/subtitled

Place: The Vine Theater, 1722 First St, Livermore, CA 94550

In this endearing, coming-of-age drama, we meet a shy, young teen who dreams of being the popular boy in class. When an accident turns him into a super genius, he gets his wish...and learns the true meaning of friendship.



The Women's Balcony

Date: Sunday, March 18th, 2018

Time: 7:30 p.m .

Place: The Vine Theater, 1722 First St, Livermore, CA 94550

Israel, 2016, 96 minutes, Hebrew/subtitled

One of the most popular films in Israel in recent years, this good-hearted, light drama shows that there are many ways to follow tradition. After the women's balcony collapses in a Jerusalem, modern Orthodox synagogue and the elderly rabbi falls ill, a young rabbi is hired as the temporary spiritual leader. But his stricter views cause major repercussions, leading the female congregants to rally for their right to be full partners in the synagogue's religious life. Nominated for 5 Israeli Academy Awards. The Women's Balcony will leave you smiling.

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or online at: EASTBAYJEWISHFILM.ORG

Book Review
[The Orphan's Tale](#)
By Pam Jenoff



This is a novel about courage, bravery and family during the time of World War II. The main character is an aerialist in a circus in Germany. She also happens to be Jewish. A fact that she has to hide in order to avoid detection by the Nazis. Also, significant is a young lady who rescues a Jewish baby from a train car full of Jewish babies who are destined for extermination. They are taken in by the circus and offered protection under condition that she learns to perform on the trapeze with the aerialist. This all takes place under the suspicious eyes of the Nazis. Talk about a thriller! Not only is this a page-turner, but also it gives us a different perspective of the Nazi threat in a unique setting. In addition, it gives us a picture of what life was like in the European circus in the 1940s. This is a fascinating book, and one I would highly recommend.

Book Review by Jerry Zwick

The Jewish Federation of the East Bay
invites you to a special workshop with
Rabbi Melissa Weintraub
of *Resetting the Table*
***Speaking Across Conflict: A New Kind of
Conversation about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict***

Two Times and Places...

Date: Wednesday, February 13th 2018

Time: 12:00 noon to 5:00pm

Place: San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon
OR

Date: Wednesday, February 21st, 2018

Time: 12:00 noon to 5:00pm

Place: David Brower Center, 2150 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA

Description: Talking about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can be highly charged and emotional, especially with people who may have different backgrounds, views, or experiences.

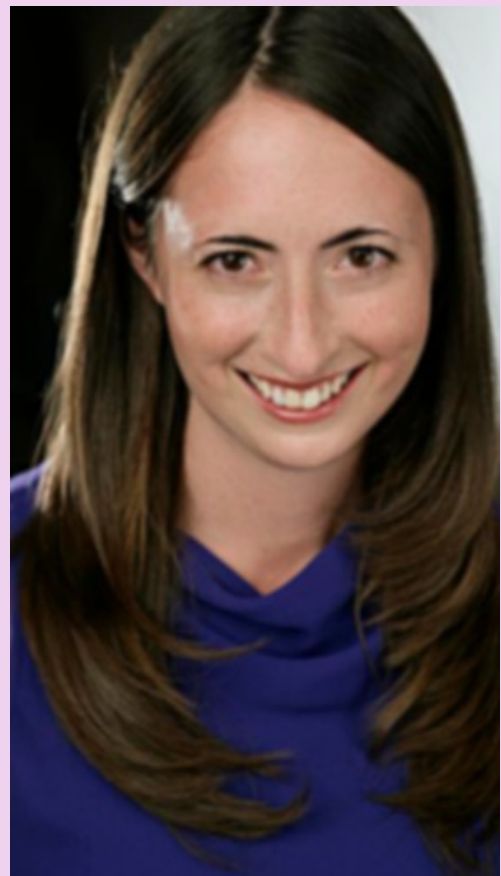
Rabbi Melissa Weintraub from Resetting the Table, an organization dedicated to supporting people to have productive conversations across differences, will lead a workshop for East Bay rabbis and organizational leaders to help us speak with each other and our communities about the conflict.

The workshop will help provide us with tools to build a culture of productive dialogue in the East Bay. Participants will exchange views and experiences, practice communication skills for addressing disagreement, and learn best practices and success stories from other communities. The methodology is practice-based and experiential, walking through road-tested exercises participants can replicate in their own institutions.

These workshops are intended for rabbis and senior staff of Jewish organizations in the East Bay. Space is limited to 30 people per session.

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Kosher lunch will be provided



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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Who We Are



Yahrzeit Memorial

In January We Remember:

Gloria Jean Caufield



Happy January Birthdays:

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