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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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## March 17th, 2018



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## **TVCJ Community News and Important Dates**

### **Come to Our Events**



### **Family Friendly Passover**

### **Join Us for a Secular Progressive Potluck Seder**

**Date:** Saturday, March 31, 2018

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Hour-long ceremony followed by potluck dinner)

**Place:** Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore

**Cost:** FREE for Members, Requested Donation \$25.00 for Adult/Non-Members (which can be applied to a membership if someone wishes to join)

To reserve a space and receive a potluck assignment, please call **510-888-1404** or email **[Reservations@EastBayCulturalJews.org](mailto:Reservations@EastBayCulturalJews.org)** by March 26 (space limited)

Food need not be kosher for Passover. Children are welcome. Our secular seder, replete with songs songs of resistance and hope, uses an English-language progressive Secular haggadah highlighting the power of community and the value of freedom. The hour-long ceremony, followed by a potluck dinner, is family-friendly (but not child-centered).

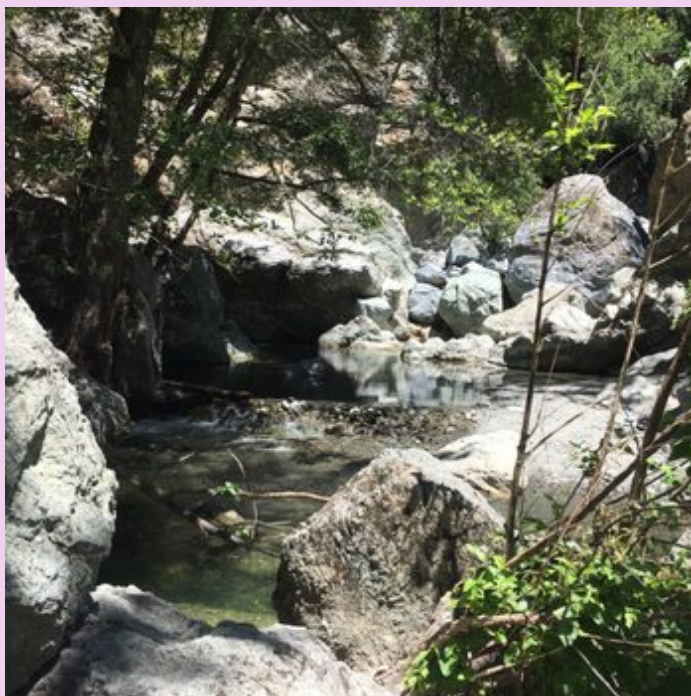
## **Board meeting/TVCJ Planning**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 10th, 2018

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

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

All members are welcome



## **Come to Our Hike! Sunol Regional Wilderness**

**Date:** Sunday, April 15th, 2018

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Sunol Regional Wilderness, [1895 Geary Rd, Sunol, CA 94586](#). We'll meet right outside of the Old Green Barn Visitor Center. Go through the main Sunol entrance and park at the first parking area after the Visitor Center.

**Cost:** The parking fee is \$5 and there is an extra fee of \$2 per dog.

On tax day, we'll leave our worries behind us and enjoy a breath of fresh air

amongst the beautiful spring flowers in bloom. We'll hike nearly a 4-mile loop, covering an elevation gain of 800 feet, on a well-loved trail. This trail is most known for its passage through Cave Rocks, which makes for some great rock climbing for your kids or the kiddo in you. You'll also enjoy a creek that meanders along the way and High Valley Pond at about the half-way point. This will be a bit of an aerobic workout so please bring plenty of water and snacks. Dogs are welcome and do not need to be leashed on the trails.

Members and Non-Members are welcome. Rain cancels. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

**Contact for the hike:** Leah Morrison, [650-223-9073](tel:650-223-9073)

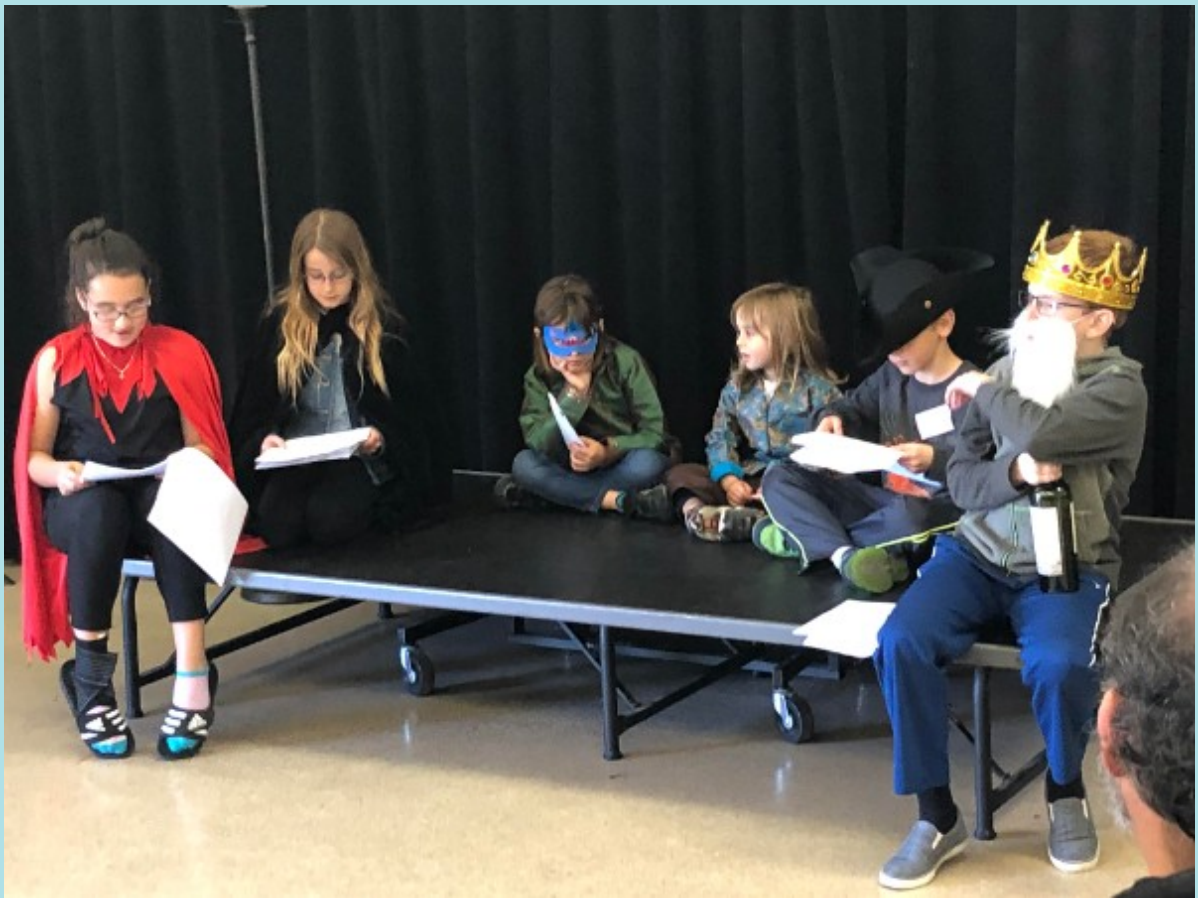


Mazal tov to Jeff Colvin on his retirement!

## **Purim**

Our Purim Celebration was a smashing success, due in no small part to all of the volunteers who took on tasks. Thank you to Leah for doing the shopping before the event. Thanks to Judy and David for coming early to set up, and to Jamie for greeting folks as the door. A big thank you to Joy and Sierra Randel for taking on the last minute responsibility of planning crafts for the children. Thank you Luba for making hamantaschen dough two ways... regular and gluten free. Thanks to Joy, Kevin, Judy and David for their help cleaning up after the event. And a HUGE( and impressed) thank you to Alex for writing this year's Purimshpiel!







**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](http://EASTBAYJEWISHFILM.ORG)**

*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.

**Purchase tickets by phone:** **925.240.3053**

**or online at:** [EASTBAYJEWISHFILM.ORG](http://EASTBAYJEWISHFILM.ORG)

## **San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society**

**Topic:** Genealogy Beyond the Y Chromosome: Autosomes Exposed

**Speaker:** Steve Morse

**Date:** Sunday, March 18th, 2018

**Time:** 1:00 p.m .

**Place:** Oakland FamilySearch Library, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602

Recent advances in genetic genealogy make it possible to trace all lineages by testing the autosomes. Although the autosomes can be used to find ethnic mixes as well as recent cousins, they have some limitations.

Light kosher refreshments will be served. Presentations are free and everyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information visit <http://www.sfbajgs.org/>.

**Who We Are**



## In March We Remember:

Jeannette Eilbirt  
Rebecca Friedman  
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Henry Eilbirt



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