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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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***April 7th, 2018***



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## TVCJ Community News

### Come to Our Events

#### 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

#### Havdalah Game Night and Potluck



**Date:** Saturday, April 14th, 2018

**Time:** 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Place:** Berenson-Garcia Home, 49 Nead Place, San Ramon

**Cost:** \$2.00 for members 13 and over, and \$4.00 for non-members 13 and over.

**Please bring a potluck dish to share**

For more information on this Havdalah: 925-829-0554



## **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.

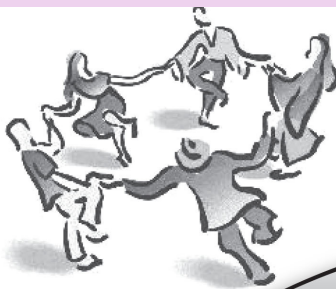
Members and Non-Members are welcome. Rain cancels. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

**Contact for the hike:** Leah Morrison, 650-223-9073

## **Ethnic Dance Festival**

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews are members of the Eden Area Interfaith group putting on this event.





Eden Area Interfaith Council  
Presents



## ETHNIC DANCE FESTIVAL

featuring:

Folk Dances of North India: Gidda

American Square Dancing

Odissi Dance

Classical Dance of North India

Jewish Folk Dancing

(with audience participation)

and

INTERNATIONAL  
VEGETARIAN CUISINE

**Saturday, April 21st, 2018**

**3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church  
2490 Grove Way, Castro Valley, CA  
(next to Trader Joe's)**

Get your tickets from  
Ethnic Dance Festival @

<https://brownpapertickets.com/event/3370423>

or at the door

**\$20.00 per person**

**\$35 for families up to 4 members**

**The ticket includes dinner**



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For more information call: 510-962-6588 or email [info@edeninterfaith.org](mailto:info@edeninterfaith.org)

**Get your Tickets: [Here](#) or at the Door**

### **New Speaker Series: *Jews Around the World***

**Dates and Time:** May 26th, June 30th and July 28th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will be hosting a three part speaker series highlighting Jews in various countries around the world. The presentations will take place in different restaurants in the

area which represent the topic of the presentation. Come join us for a fascination journey around the world where **Rabbi Judith Seid** will tell us about the history and contribution of the Jews in each region while we all enjoying food from that location.

**First in the series: *Jews of India:***

**Date:** May 26, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Sansar Indian Restaurant, 2220 First Street, Livermore, CA, 94550

**Watch for the evite!**

**Book Review**

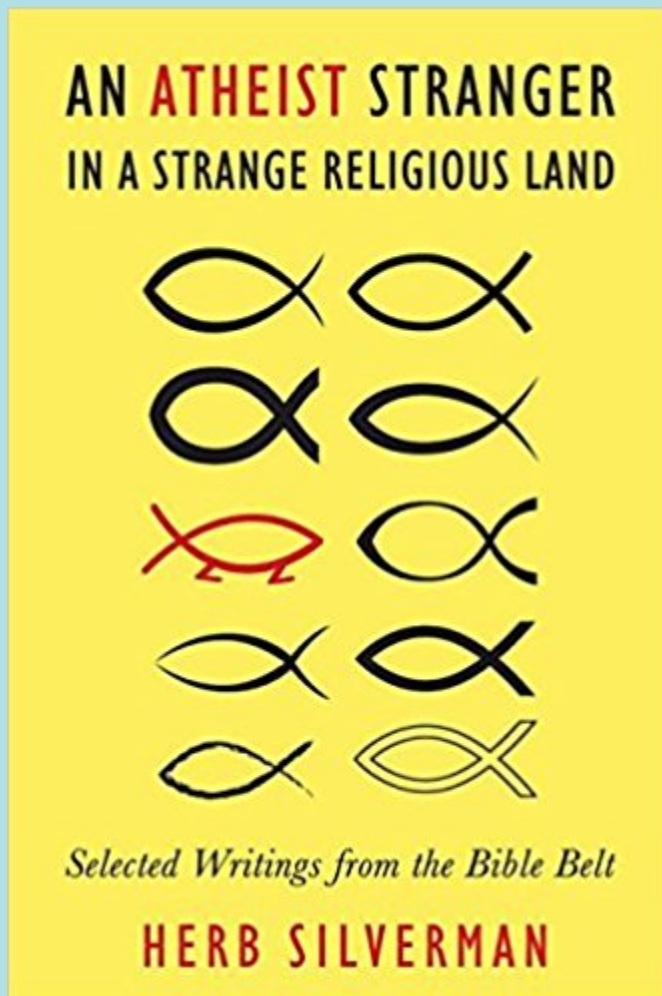
**AN ATHEIST STRANGER IN A STRANGE RELIGIOUS LAND**

**Selected Writings from the Bible Belt**

**By**

**Herb Silverman**

Herb Silverman is the founder of the Secular Coalition of America. He wrote this book as a sequel to his first book: [Candidate Without a Prayer](#). This book describes his 1990 run for governor of South Carolina, mainly to challenge this states unconstitutional ban on secular persons holding public office. He was unsuccessful in this endeavor, (he is a mathematician, not a politician) but succeeded getting the ban overturned. He was asked what he would do if in the unlikely event he won the election. He famously stated that he would "demand a recount."



In the [latest book](#) he discusses subjects such as, Atheism, separation of church and state, Fox News, prayer in schools, presidential politics, etc. The author enables us to reaffirm our secular beliefs, while showing respect and sensitivity to those with religious beliefs. He writes in a humorous, down to earth, and very readable style. The book is filled with stories, anecdotes, jokes and serious discourse.

I would highly recommend both books and am looking forward his future writings.

**Book Review By Jerry Zwick**

## Passover

Thanks to all who helped make our Pesakh seder such a great success: Thanks to the Mogilefskys, the Irelands, Mitch Morrison, David Gates and Kevin Coren for setting up.

Thanks to Karen Furst for the dedication to washing up afterwards, and to everyone else who stayed and pitched in. Thanks to Carol King for the boiled eggs and to Wendy Berenson for the charosis. Thanks to Noah King and Jamie Ireland for greeting, to Leah Morrison for shopping, and Amy Greenberg for taking photos. Thanks to Jamie Ireland for taking reservations and especially for agreeing to run the seder at the last minute.





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## In April We Remember:

Regina Seid  
William Haughn  
Norma Mogilefsky



**Happy**

## Who We Are

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## April Birthdays:

Jeffrey D. Colvin

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Ya'el Seid-Green

Jerry Zwick

Michelle Coren



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