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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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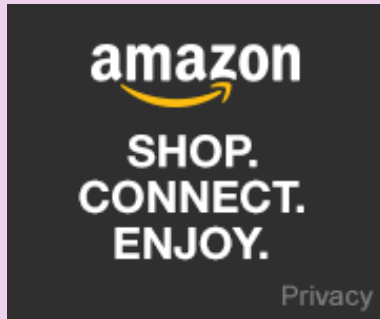
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February 23rd, 2019



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Message From the President

I wanted to take a moment this month to acknowledge the efforts of the J-West coordinating committee for the time, effort, and dedication they put in over many months in order to ensure a successful conference this past January. We are a small volunteer organization, and to put on event this size is no small feat. By all accounts, the conference exceeded expectations and was an unqualified success.

Please join me in expressing sincere gratitude to **Judy Seid, Jamie Ireland, Leslie Zwick,** and **Karen Furst!**

As Spring approaches, we have a number of additional events on the horizon. Our Purim celebration will be on March 24 and our Passover seder is scheduled for April 20. Both require a great deal of help from volunteers! If you would like to help out, please contact me for Purim and Jamie for Passover.

Scott Pepper



TVCJ Community News

Board meeting/TVCJ Planning

Date: Tuesday, March 12th, 2019

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

Place: Ireland Home, [19663 Fremery Court, Castro Valley 94546-3540](#)

All members are welcome

TVCJ Purim Celebration

Date: Sunday March 24th

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

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

Cost: This event is free for TVCJ members; \$10 for non-member adults (which can be applied to

a membership if someone wishes to join).

Please join us for our annual secular Purim celebration. We will make hamantaschen, have crafts, games, and fun for all ages, and present our annual Purim skit. Bring your favorite hamantaschen filling. Attendees are also encouraged to come dressed as their favorite Purim character.



East Bay International Jewish Film Festival - 2019



Co-sponsored by Tri-Valley Cultural Jews

Location: Vine Cinema & Alehouse, 1722 First St., Livermore, CA, 94550

Thursday, February 28, 2019

7:30 pm - RIPHAGEN

An historical drama, Riphagen is a fast-paced, gripping thriller set in Nazi-occupied Holland. A civilian reach out to Jews, boasting that he can protect them from deportation if they give him their valuables. A young Dutch policeman refuses to be a bystander and doggedly seeks justice.

Sunday, March 3, 2019

4:30 pm - A BAG OF MARBLES (Un Sac de Billes) PG-13

This family-friendly, historical drama follows two Jewish boys, separated from their parents, who must make it across hundreds of miles from Nazi-occupied France to the Vichy-controlled "Free Zone" where the family will, they hope, be reunited.

7:30 pm - STOCKHOLM

In this charming comedy the responsibilities of close friendships are put to the test. Now in their 70's, friends believe that one of their own will be named a Nobel laureate. But the renowned economist dies in his sleep before the winner is notified. Knowing that he is only eligible for the prize if he is alive, his friends hide his death from the world.

For more information and ticket purchase:

<https://eastbayjewishfilm.org/2019/schedule/>

Ticket purchase by phone: (925) 240-3053

BOOK REVIEW

THE TATTOOIST OF AUSCHWITZ

By

Heather Morris

This novel is based on a screenplay written by the author. It tells the true story of Lale who is a prisoner in the concentration camp of Auschwitz. Here he meets and falls in love with Gita, a fellow prisoner. Lale becomes the chief Tattooist and is in charge of tattooing numbers on the arms of new prisoners. Because of this position he is given some special privileges, but he is still a prisoner. Through his eyes we see the horrors of the camp, as well as loyalty and generosity of the prisoners.

While the book is uncomfortable to read at times, it tells of the spirit and determination to survive at all costs. Although we may have read many stories of the holocaust, I would recommend this book because it brings us a unique view of life during this terrible period.

Jerry Zwick

If you would like to learn more about this book or purchase this book on Amazon [click here](#).

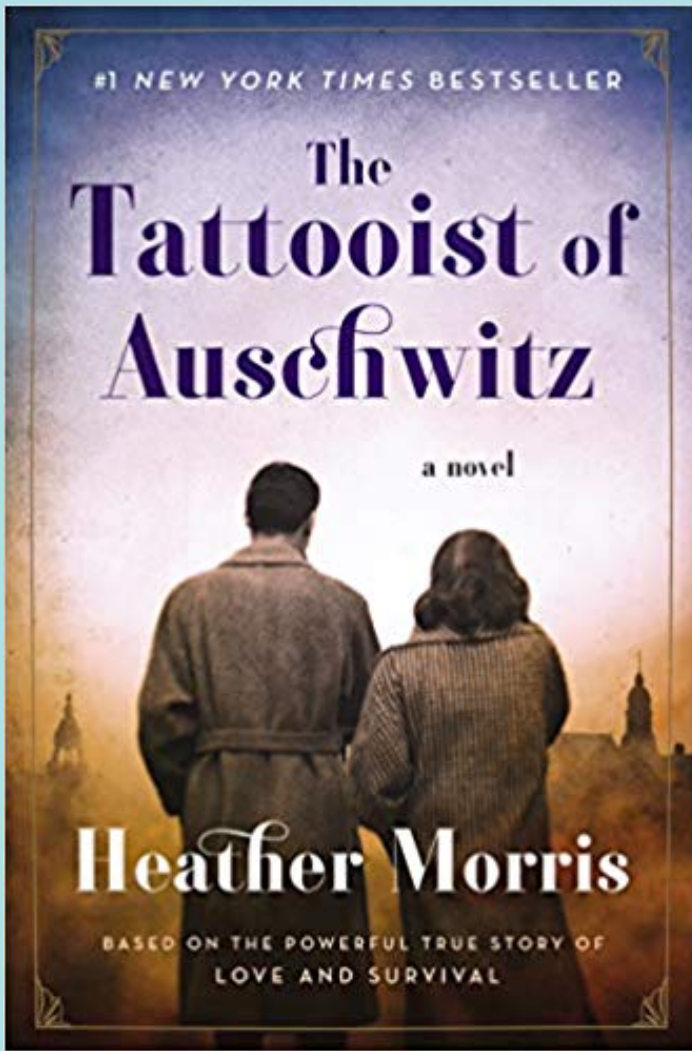
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The Tattooist of Auschwitz

a novel

Heather Morris

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LOVE AND SURVIVAL



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A HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EXHIBIT

Sunday, April 28 – Tuesday, April 30 Exhibit open 9am-5pm
Open Reception Sunday 6-8pm
Special invitation to high school students Monday 6-8pm

Travel through an audio/video exhibit of artwork depicting the tragic fate of European Jewry during 1939-1945. Watch eye-witness testimonies as you walk through the exhibit by your tour guide. Featuring the paintings of local artist Larry Lagin.

A unique educational opportunity for middle and high school students.
Free admission.



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In February We Remember:

Our loved ones that are no longer with us.



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