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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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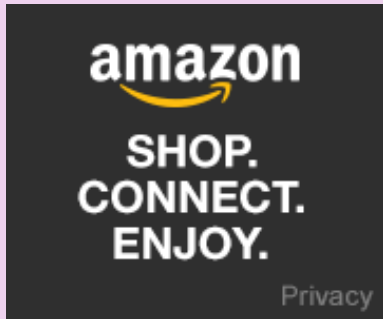
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# ***June 22nd 2019***



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## **TVCJ Community News**

### ***B'Nai Mitzvah* Celebrating Colin and Alexander**



Colin presented his project on his great grandfather's memoirs and his research about Hungary, which his great grandfather had fled between the two world wars. He also talked about his community service projects, which included volunteering at an animal rescue

and wildlife restoration projects.

Alex detailed his reading of Art Spiegelman's *Maus* and spoke about how his torah portion related to today's refugee crisis and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. He also talked about his community service, which included environmental cleanups and tutoring students in music.

Alex and Colin discussed the similarities and differences in their family histories and together played a Hebrew folk song, "Finjan," on clarinet and violin.

## Oakland A's Jewish Heritage Night

**Date:** August 21st 2019

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Oakland Coliseum, 7000 Coliseum Way Oakland, CA 94621

**Note:** Please Respond to the Evite before July 1st or earlier so we can block out the seats. We need 15 minimum to get the discount and the free parking passes.

This year on Jewish Heritage Night the Oakland A's will be playing against the perennial kings of the American League—the team that, if you're from the West Coast or the other side of the East River, you love to hate—the New York Yankees. This year, with all their star sluggers currently sidelined, they are still at the top of the East.

**We are looking to purchase seats in a similar locale as last year—the Field Level—for the same price \$33/ticket if we can muster at least 15 attendees (\$50/ticket if less than 15).**

While the game doesn't start till 7:07 (that's how it's listed!), you should arrive at least an hour (or more) early for the pre-game events, again in the Championship Plaza between the Coliseum and Oracle, where they'll have music, the give away (a T-shirt whose design has not been released yet), and a variety of food trucks. **Parking isn't free this year (that's on Tuesday), but we got them to give us parking passes, so let us know in the reply if you'll be taking BART or driving.**

**TVCJ Has a New Instagram Account**  
**Follow us on Instagram @TVCJ\_official**

## TVCJ Sixth Annual Book Review

Everybody loves some nice, relaxing summer reading... Here are recommendations from some of our members. You'll find a book for just about every reading preference out there. You can click on any title to be taken to an Amazon page to order that book. [Click here for this year's list.](#)

**Annual Meeting**  
**TVCJ held our Annual Meeting on June 9th, 2019.**  
[Click Here to Read the Meeting Minutes.](#)

## **Shavous**



Our JCS kids made blintz cookies for our Shavous gathering.

## **Potluck Havdalah & Game Night**



Members had a great time at our latest potluck Havdalah and Game Night. Lots of fun!

## **Rally for Love**



Tri-Valley Jews had a booth at the Rally for Love. The event invited community members to celebrate diversity and learn more about each other's culture and perspectives.

## **Interfaith Interconnect Somewhere Under the Rainbow**

# *Somewhere Under The Rainbow*

*A Conversation With Dublin City Councilmember Shawn Kumagai*

*We all live somewhere under the rainbow of sexual orientations and gender identities.*

Hear Shawn tell his story and share his perspective on what living respectfully with difference means, what the rainbow flag stands for, and what the role of faith communities can be in building a Tri-Valley that is welcoming to all



Lynnewood United Methodist Church  
4444 Black Ave  
Pleasanton CA 94566  
Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact Diana at [diana@lynnewood.org](mailto:diana@lynnewood.org)

This event is free and all are welcome

**Speaker:** Dublin City Council member Shawn Kumagai

**Topic:** Conversation about sexual orientation, gender identity, and the role of faith communities in building a community that is welcome to all.

**Date:** Sunday, June 30th, 2019

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

**Place:** Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

## **July Religion Chat**

**Topic: What Does Your Faith Do To Make The World a Better Place?**

**Speakers:** Rabbi Larry Milder of Congregation Beth Emek, and Mary Fair of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2019,

**Time:** 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM The doors of the facility will be open at 6:30 and close at 8:30

PM to give attendees a chance to visit with people from other cultures and faiths.

**Place:** Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton.

**Cost:** FREE and all are welcome.

Parking is available in the lot in front of the building and in the lot behind the building.



### **In June We Remember:**

Eliza Haile Cloe

Janice Green

John Mogul



### **Happy June Birthdays:**

Eileen Alkin-Fagliano

David Gates

Greg Gorel

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Lenore Kreit

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