



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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May 21st, 2020 **TVCJ Community News**



Mazel Tov to Ella King and Sierra Randel. Sierra is graduating from California High School and will be attending UC Davis in the Fall. Ella is graduating with honors from Livermore High School. Ella is still working out her plans for the future, due to the unforeseen circumstances caused by COVID-19.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews **Virtual Shavuot Celebration**

We can't be together in person, but we can be together online.

This is traditionally a holiday about books and learning. So we traditionally come together and share our favorite book we read this past year. (Adults and kids are welcome to share)

This year we will also be hosting a guest speaker, Rabbi Denise Handlarski, a Humanist Rabbi who wrote the A-Z of Inter marriage. She will be talking a little about her new book and we will have a short Q&A before we share our books.

Date: Sunday, May 31st, 2020

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Place: The TVCJ annual Shavuot celebration will be held virtually using the Zoom video-conferencing service. Everyone will participate in the

comfort of their own home.

Cost: FREE

[Reservations are required. To make a reservation please Click Here.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Once you receive your confirmation, then **please add the zoom meeting link to your calendar.**

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Members Virtual Annual Meeting

Date: Sunday, June 7th, 2020

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Place: The TVCJ annual meeting will be held virtually using the Zoom video-conferencing service. TVCJ members will participate in the comfort of their own home.

Cost: FREE

We'll also be electing a new TVCJ board for the 2020-21 membership year! The Board of Directors for TVCJ consists of at least 5 directors who are elected at the annual membership meeting for a one-year term. Board members are vital for the organization to make important decisions about events, activities, financial decisions as well as planning for the future of the organization.

There will be at least two board positions open for the fiscal year 2020-21. We need your creativity and vision! Members interested in serving on the board can nominate themselves via email to culturaljews@gmail.com. Additionally, any member can also self-identify as a candidate during the annual membership meeting prior to the vote. Teens (13-17 years old) may also join the board as teen representatives.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

-- The TVCJ Board

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Virtual Lag B'Omer Celebration

We had a fun time at our virtual Lag B'Omer celebration. Joy explained the origin of the holiday and we replaced our traditional watermelon toss with online games.



CSJO 50th Anniversary Virtual Celebration



We will hold an Oneg on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 8 pm EST/5 pm PST, led by two members from our Tri-Valley Cultural Jews in Northern California.

On Saturday, May 23, 2020 we will hold an open board meeting, for those that are interested from 12 -1 pm EST/ 9-10 am PST

From 1-3 pm EST/ 10-12 pm PST we will have a special workshop being presented by Bennett Muraskin, Rabbi Judith Seid and past and present leaders.

Starting at 8 pm EST/ 5 pm PST we will hold a talent show for those that are interested in joining, or just for watching. If you would like to join please email Sarah at sarah.csjo@gmail.com

[Please register here to attend.](#)



Yahrzeit Memorial

In May We Remember:

Chaparral Ireland
William Roy Hudson



Happy May Birthdays:

Rosita Gorel-Wong
Peter Grabowski
Lillian Poxon-Hudson
Rebecca Ireland
Joey Mogilefsky

Who We Are

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