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# Tri-Valley Cultural Jews

Your East Bay Secular Humanistic Jewish Community

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**Affiliated with the Cultural and Secular Jewish Organization**

**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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## ***June 14th, 2020***

### **TVCJ Speaks Out for Black Lives**

Our country has a history of systematic racial inequality, oppression, and forced subjugation. That history plagues us today in the horrific acts of the police, in economic inequality, and in extrajudicial acts of racist aggression by everyday individuals. The dehumanization, hatred and state violence perpetrated against Black Americans is an affront to their dignity and a threat to their lives. In just the past few months, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and countless others have been added to the long list of Black Americans

killed because of the color of their skin.

As a Jewish organization and as individuals, we are committed to the inclusion of all people from diverse backgrounds and held identities. Our own oppressions and liberations have been historical turning points, as we believe today is a turning point for the Black community in America. As Jews, we hold a special responsibility to raise our voices to condemn the violence and systematic racism against people of color.

This is not just a statement of solidarity; it is a pledge to take action. As Secular Humanistic Jews, we commit ourselves to show up and to speak up. We will work together with other organizations who share our values of supporting the Black community and ending systemic racism in our society and institutions. We will support Black-led organizing. We will follow Black leadership. We will listen to Black voices.



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

Eliza Haile Cloe  
Augusta Gorman  
John Mogul



### **Happy June Birthdays:**

Eileen Alkin-Fagliano  
Jazz Salwen-Grabowski  
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