

News & Fun Activities

[View this email in your browser](#)

 Share  Forward  Tweet

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews

Your East Bay Secular Humanistic Jewish Community

TriValleyCulturalJews.org

info@tri-valleyculturaljews.org

(925) 399-8029

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."



 Share  Forward  Tweet

****Please share this with your friends by clicking on the Facebook, Email, or Twitter symbols above.****

January 30th, 2021

TVCJ Community News

Member News

Jerry and Leslie Zwick will be celebrating their golden anniversary on January 31st. TVCJ hopes the two of you enjoy all the beautiful memories that come with the celebration of a 50th wedding anniversary.

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart."

Helen Keller

Upcoming Events

Philosophers' Cafe

Philosophers' Cafe, our friendly discussion group meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month. The topic will be announced at the meeting.

Date: February 4th, 2021

Time: 7:00p.m.

Zoom meeting ID : 568 599 7884 If a password is requested, enter 123123. **If you have questions, please contact Jamie at culturaljews@gmail.com**

Free to members, \$10 suggested donation for non-members.

Jewvie Night

Join Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Movie Night. Our first movie will be *Doing Jewish*. You can watch the movie with us by copying and pasting this url <https://amz.onl/0Sh3P0Q> in your web browser or just [click on this link](#).

During the movie, you will be able to type in comments in the chat. There will be a brief discussion after the movie.

Date: February 17th, 2021

Time: 7:00p.m.

Cost: The movie is Free if you have Amazon Prime. If you are not an Amazon Prime member, then Amazon will ask you to pay a few dollars for the rental fee.

We ask non-member adults to give TVCJ a donation of \$10 if you are able to support our programming.

[Click here to view the movie trailer for *Doing Jewish*](#). If you have questions, please contact Jamie at culturaljews@gmail.com

Purim Havdalah

Maya will share her Brit Mitzvah project on Purim and we will discuss the significance of this unique holiday. We will have fun for everyone. A costume contest and a charade game - we will guess which character you are acting out (Purim related or not).

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2021

Time: 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Zoom meeting ID : 568 599 7884 If a password is requested, enter 123123. If you have questions, please contact Jamie at culturaljews@gmail.com

We ask non-member adults to give a donation of \$10 if you are able to support our programming.

Game Night Havdalah

Date: Saturday, March 20th, 2021

Time: 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Zoom meeting ID : 568 599 7884 If a password is requested, enter 123123.

If you have questions, please contact Jamie at culturaljews@gmail.com

We ask non-member adults to give a donation of \$10 if you are able to support our programming.



Passover

Date: March 28th, 2021

We will be having our short secular, humanistic observance. If you would like to participate have a braided candle, glass of wine/juice, and spices.

Our Tu B'Shvat Celebration

Thanks to Leah Morrison for her informative presentation about her journey making a zero-waste household. Leah gave us great tips so that we can start our own zero waste household journey. [Click here to see Leah's presentation](#). Thank you also to the eight families who participated in the cooking and the ceremony. [Click here to get the recipes](#) The recipes each incorporate at least one of the 7 species of Israel (olives, grapes(raisins), figs, dates, citrus, almond, carob).

Jewish Culture School

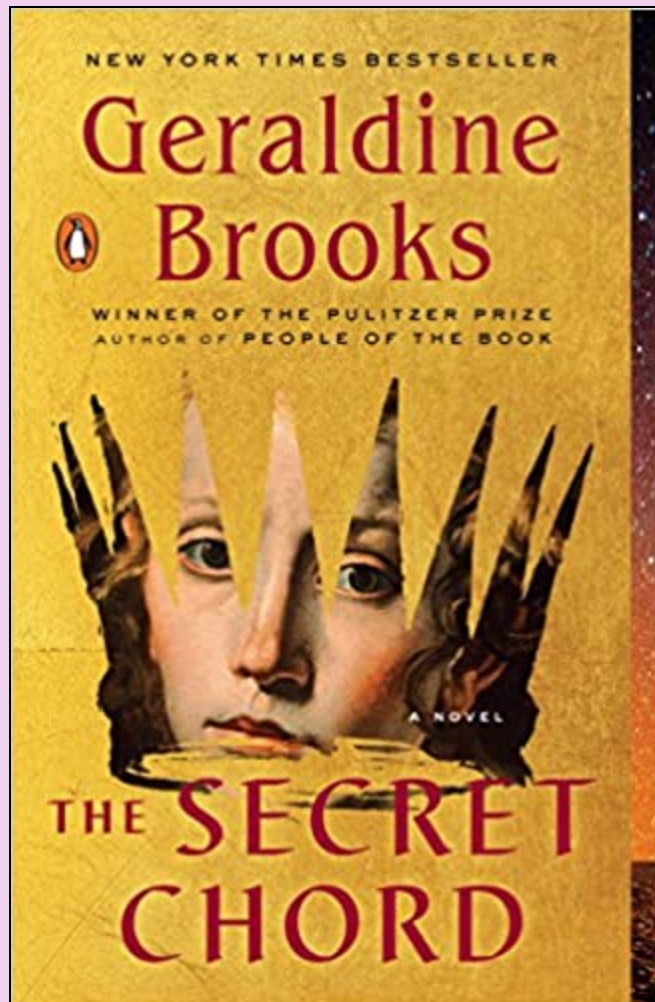
Our younger classes learned the story of the golem and they made their own. [Click here to see each child's golem](#).

For Tu B'Shvat, we did "zooking" - a term Jazz invented for cooking together separately on zoom. The youngest class made date balls. The middle class made Jewish almond shortbread from the Netherlands.

The oldest class made date nut bread. Here is a picture of their pot of bread.



Book Review
THE SECRET CHORD
By
Geraldine Brooks



This novel tells the story of King David of Israel. It takes us from the time he was a child as a shepherd; then as a soldier and finally as the king of Israel. It tells of the various different aspects of his personality. He was at times musical,

at times treacherous, at times heroic, at times tender, at times loving and at times wise and calculating.

The story is told in the voice of Natan, the prophet who guides him. It tells about his three wives and six sons and their efforts to inherit his kingdom.

The book is very dramatic and at times quite brutal. It embellished the biblical story and brought in some modern issues as well. In all, I felt it was mostly quite readable. However, at times I thought it was somewhat difficult to follow the different characters.

**Reviewed by
Jerry Zwick**

Interfaith Interconnect presents a Religion Chat!

Date: Wednesday, February 10th, 2021

Time: 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. via Zoom. Zoom room will open at 4:45 p.m.

[Click Here Zoom Link:](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86002260148>

Topic: What brings you hope in today's world?

As at our successful January Religion Chat, instead of our usual 2-speaker format, any participants who wish to share a brief response (under 3 minutes) to the topic may do so.

We look forward to having you join us February 10th!

Ruth Gasten and Marcia Elchesen
Interfaith Interconnect Leadership Committee



In January We Remember

Hillel Cohen
Charles Roy Colvin

Who We Are

Rabbi: Judith Seid

Madrikha: Jamie Ireland

Board Members:

Jazz Salwen-Grabowski 718-
578-7876

Jamie Ireland 510-888-1404

Rebecca Ireland 510-888-1404

Bret Mogilefsky 510-610-1956

Jesse Pino 925-605-6003



Mark Shulewitz 510-846-9718

January Birthdays

Marisa Castaldini
Mary Frances Colvin
Kevin Coren
Levi Coren
Tom Green
Colin Mogilefsky
Mitch Morrison

Newsletter: Joy Randel 925-362-3245

Webmaster: Noah King 925-371-8585

JCS Teachers: Jazz Salwen-Grabowski, Judith Seid

Holiday Coordinator: Jamie Ireland 510-888-1404

Movie Coordinator: Wendy Berenson 925-829-0554

Joke: How do you throw a party in space?
You planet.



Copyright © 2021 Tri Valley Cultural Jews, All rights reserved.

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

