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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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September, 2016

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TVCJ Community Event Dates

Board meeting/TVCJ Planning: October 18th at 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. at the Seid-Gates home, 1817 Sinclair Drive, in Pleasanton. All members are welcome.

Join Us on a Hike!

Sycamore Grove in Livermore a 3.5 mile mostly **flat** stroll.
Dogs are allowed on leash!

Saturday, October 8th @ 4 p.m.

We'll meet at the parking lot at the Wetmore entrance, and will embark on

our stroll at 4:15 p.m. If you are running late or have a sudden change in plans, please kindly contact Leah at [650-223-9073](tel:650-223-9073) (cell). Our stroll will take us along the Winery Loop Trail, through olive orchards and almond orchards, among other edibles, so we may get lucky with ripe fruit.

Address: Sycamore Grove Park
1051 Wetmore Road, Livermore

Daily Parking Permits: Parking fee is \$7 per vehicle daily fee and carpooling is encouraged. The parking fee is payable at machines near the park kiosks. The machines accept \$1 and \$5 bills as well as coins (except pennies). The machines do not make change. It will print out a pass that must be displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle with the date visible.

A Secular Humanistic Observance

Rosh Hashanah Celebration

Date: Sunday, October 2nd

Time: 5:30 p.m.

One-hour program of music and readings followed by apples and honey reception.

Place: Bothwell Center 2466 8th St, Livermore, CA 94550

Suggested donation \$20/non-member adult.



Celebrate in a Secular Humanistic way that is authentic both to Jewish culture and to your own beliefs. Kids are welcome.

We will have our annual food drive, so please bring non-perishable food items to be donated to a local food bank. If you decide you belong with us and become a member, your donations will be applied to your membership fees.

Yom Kippur Observance

Date: Tuesday, October 11th

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Place: Bothwell Center 2466 8th St, Livermore, CA 94550

Suggested donation is \$15/non-member adult.

We will host a program of music, readings, reflection, participatory discussions and a memorial observance. TVCJ provides holiday observances with a secular humanistic, non-religious perspective. Children are welcome. TVCJ is affiliated with Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations and is a home for Cultural Jews and their families. Non-traditional families are welcome. In accordance with Jewish tradition, there will also be an opportunity to donate to charities - the Arthritis Foundation, the Food Bank, Jewish Family Services for refugee resettlement, and HARP animal rescue. ****Anyone who wants to go to dinner at El Charro in Livermore at 5:30p.m. should let us know by October 4th.****

Sukkah-Building

Date: Sunday, October 16th

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

Place: The Ireland's home

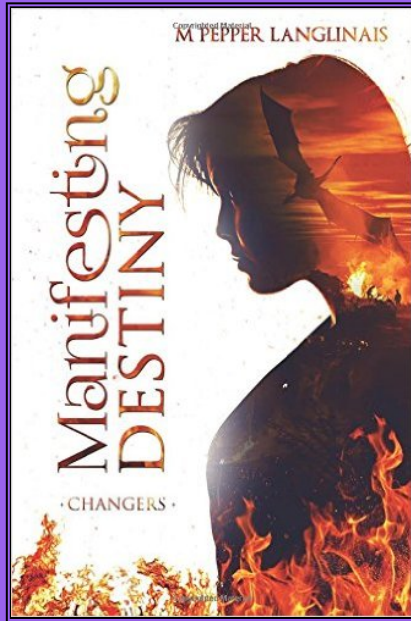
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Potluck Brunch, Family Activity!

Great Book for Young Adults!

Manda Pepper, writing as M Pepper Langlinais, had her book [Manifesting Destiny](#) released by Evernight Teen. It has a 5 star review! [Click here and buy it now.](#)

Sixteen-year-old Cee has a hopeless crush on her best friend Marcus. Unfortunately for her, he's gay. In the wake of Marcus's older brother leaving home to join the Aerie, Marcus has become increasingly distant. When Cee discovers she has a troublesome dragon named Livian living inside her things grow even more complicated. Marcus urges Cee to go to



the Magi to have Livian removed, but the more Cee becomes attached to Livian, the more she questions the decision. Should she change her natural self for the crush who will never love her anyway?

This month in Jewish history



September 1915 is the birthday of Elizabeth Stern, who studied the development of cervical cancer cells and was the first to link cervical cancer to the herpes simplex virus. She was also the person who demonstrated the link between oral contraceptives and cervical cancer. (Thanks to JEWDAYO for the information. You can get your daily blast of Jewish Pride

at jewishculrrents.org/blog/jewdayo.)

On October 11, 1860 Ha-Melitz The Advocate, the first Hebrew newspaper in Russia, began publishing a weekly paper. It was originally

issued from Odessa, a city where many Jews lived and a center of intellectual Jewish life. While Jews spoke mostly Yiddish, the Hebrew paper was meant to further the Haskalah (enlightenment) movement. Eventually, it also embraced Zionism.

-Judith Seid

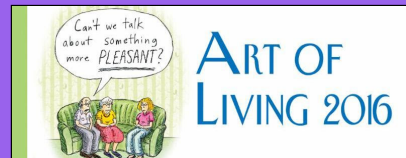
Our First Day of Jewish Culture School!

We had fun on September 11th, kicking off our new school year. We sang songs, the parents talked about their recent TVCJ experiences, the kiddos did some craft activity (made cards wishing a Happy New Year) and developed resolutions for the new year. This year, we will explore Jewish History through art. We have 3 students preparing for their Bar/Bat Mitvah. It sounds like a fun year ahead!



Our Ice Cream Social!

A fun time at the Ice Cream Social on September 17th! Kids enjoyed the cool treat on a hot day, and then had a great time on the playground.



Event By Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay
Roz Chast, New Yorker Cartoonist and author of [Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?](#)

Day: Sunday, October 30th

Time: 5:30p.m.

Place: Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Road, Lafayette
free accessible parking

Tickets: Regular Admission: \$150

Guests Under 35: \$75

[Click here to buy tickets](#)

Would you like to Host a Havdalah?

We need hosts for the following dates:

- November 4th or November 5th 2016

Happy September birthdays to:

Sophia Ireland, Jane Morrison, Ed Looney, Anne Lubran, IIan Seid-Green, Wendy Berenson Garcia

Who We Are

President: Kevin Coren 925-240-5612

- December 2nd or December 3rd 2016
- January 13th or January 14th 2017
- March 3rd or March 4th 2017
- April 7th or April 8th 2017
- May 5th or May 6th 2017

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