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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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TVCJ Community Event Dates

TVCJ Annual Hanukkah Celebration



When:

December 30th, 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Where:

Pepper Home - [6448 Owl Way, Livermore, CA 94551](#)

Join the [Tri-Valley Cultural Jews](#) for an evening of Latkes, Light, Music and yummy food. **Bring your menorah and a potluck dish to share**, and gather as we light our candles together and bask in their glow, singing traditional holiday

songs and best of all, eating the freshly fried latkes flowing from the kitchen. We blend traditional celebrations with new. Love to cook? You are welcome to join the fun.

This year, we are partnering with the Jewish Coalition for Literacy and are asking guests to bring either new or used (in excellent condition) children's books for their book drive. They are collecting books for children aged 4-9 (or grade level pre K - 3rd grade).

All are welcome to celebrate!

Board meeting/TVCJ Planning

Date: Tuesday, January 10th, 2017

Time: 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Place: Seid-Gates home, 1817 Sinclair Drive, in Pleasanton.

All members are welcome

Havdalah and Movie Night

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017

Time: 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Place: Randel Home, 302 Hillcrest Court, San Ramon

Movie TBD and a separate movie for young kids, Pizza, and Ice Cream

Suggested Donation \$7.00 per Adult, Kids are Free

San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society

Topic: A Kindertransport Survivor Tells His Story

Speaker: Ralph Samuel

Date: Sunday, January 22, 2017

Time: 1:00p.m.

Place: Oakland FamilySearch Library

4766 Lincoln Avenue

Oakland, CA 94602

Ralph Samuel was born in Dresden, Germany in 1931 and at age 7 1/2 was sent alone on a Kindertransport (<http://www.kindertransport.org/>) to England to escape the Holocaust. He will talk about his experiences, including his reunion with his mother during the war. He encourages participation from audience members and welcomes questions.

Light kosher refreshments will be served. **Meetings are free** and everyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information visit <http://www.sfbajgs.org/>.

Join Us for a Hike!

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017

Time: 10:00a.m. to Noon **(Meet at 10 am. We will leave by 10:15 am. If you are running late, please call Leah at [650-223-9073](tel:650-223-9073).)**

Place: Walnut Creek Open Space, Shell Ridge, Meet at the Sutherland Drive Entrance

Details: Dogs are welcome on leash. We will hike for approximately 3 miles. Moderate hike with some climbs, passing by several ponds. We will make a nice loop, starting out on Fossil Hill Loop. It's called Fossil Hill for a good reason - everything you see was once under the sea!! Watch out for rocks with seashells still attached.

We will meet at the Sutherland Drive Entrance

Directions: Take I-680 N
Take exit 44, Rudgear Rd.
Turn right onto Rudgear Rd
Turn left onto San Miguel Dr
Turn right onto Mountain View Blvd
Turn left onto Bales Dr
Turn left onto Walnut Blvd
Turn right onto Sutherland Dr
Park in the parking lot at the end of Sutherland.

Jewish Cultural School (JCS)



At December's JCS we focussed on the history of Chanukah and then made family crests inspired by the idea that Judah the Maccabee was very dedicated to his family. In preparation for the community Chanukah gathering the students created dedications for the menorah that they will present at the event. We had a guest teacher- thank you very much, Kevin

Coren, for stepping in while Judy was away! He led a very creative and fun music session with the students as well as leading the older students in their history class.

Collecting Donations for Wheels Bus Tickets



TVCJ founding member Jacky Poulsen is leading a drive to collect Wheels bus tickets to distribute to the homeless and others in the area who are struggling financially.

One of the big challenges for people in poverty is transportation. They often don't own a vehicle, and taking public transportation is \$2 per trip, which means a visit to Open Heart Kitchen for a 'free meal' actually costs them \$4 in transportation. And it's the same for getting to medical appointments and other services. So over the holiday season, Jacky is reaching out to the community to collect as many tickets as possible. They will be distributed to those most in need at Open Heart Kitchen as well as Livermore Homeless Refuge.

Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (they run Wheels buses) have offered to match 50 cents on the dollar for every donation. So our donations

will go 50% further!

You can help by writing a check, made out to Asbury United Methodist Church write 'bus tickets' in the memo field send it to Asbury United Methodist Church at 4743 East Ave, Livermore 94550

You can also help by **SHARING** and **LIKING** Asbury's [Facebook article](#) on this subject. [Click here to to their website.](#)



East Bay International Jewish Film Festival 2017 In Livermore - March 2nd and March 5th, 2017

The Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will again be co-sponsoring the East Bay International Jewish Film Festival movies that will be shown at the **Vine Theater in Livermore** in **March 2017**. Dates and movies are listed below. **Please save the dates. More information will come out in February about this.**

Thur, March 2: **REMEMBER**, a winning drama from Canada starring Christopher Plummer and Martin Landau

Sun. March 5: **Afternoon around 4:15 PM**--Middle school-friendly through adults, **ABULELE**, an Israeli fantasy drama about a friendly monster who appears to children experiencing a life crisis. Excellent, thought-provoking film. 4th grade through adults. Hebrew with subtitles

Sun. March 5: 7:00 PM: **FANNY'S JOURNEY**--French film about a 13 year-old girl who must, despite her age, lead her group of "orphans" to safety in Switzerland when their courier, a man from the resistance, is captured by the SS. 7th grade through adults. French with subtitles.

More information will come out closer to the date regarding coordination of dinner on Sunday, March 5th, between the two

movies.

Stay tuned!



**Carol King -
We wish
you a
speedy
recovery.**

***In December we
remember:***

Celia Zuckerman
Charles Zuckerman
Alice Calder
Sue Greenblum
Yossi Seid
Irving Shapiro
Benjamin Sczuchman
Enye Seid
Sam Zuckerman
Stewart Silverman

***Happy
December birthdays to:***

Ella King
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