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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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November 7th, 2017



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TVCJ Community Events and Dates

Join Our November Hike

Date: November 12th, 2017

Time: 10:00a.m. to Noon

Place: Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road, Livermore, CA 94550

We'll take a roughly 5 mile hike with some moderate climbs, meandering through oak groves, venturing out to an old vacated winery, and visiting a piece of trail that our very own Amy and her daughter Emma diligently worked on. We'll be able to forage for acorns and bay laurel nuts!!

There is a parking fee of \$7.00 per car at the park so it's best if people carpool. Alternatively, you can park at Independence Park on Holmes Avenue just north of Wetmore Road and walk over. Please RSVP to the Evite. Pets are welcome and must be kept on a leash.

Board meeting/TVCJ Planning

Date: Tuesday, November 14th, 2017

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

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

All members are welcome

Congratulations Jamie Ireland! Jamie's Graduation Party



Date: November 18th, 2017

Time: 7:30p.m.

Place: Pleasanton (Look for the Evite)

Jamie Ireland is graduating from the Leadership Program of the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism. Members are invited to come celebrate.

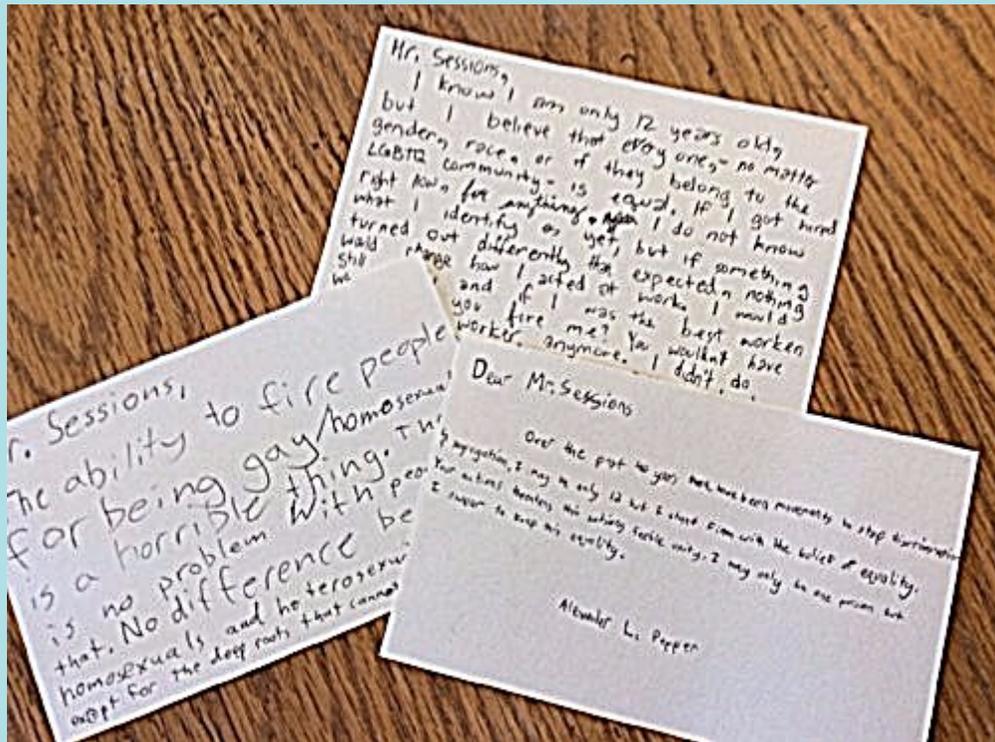
Sukkot

Our members had a fantastic time raising a sukkah at this year's Sukkot celebration.



[Jewish Culture School](#)

Jewish
Culture
School's older
class
welcomed
special guest



Ariel Vegosen from Keshet on October 22nd. Ariel talked with the kids about why Jews should care about the rights of other minorities and a little bit about the history of Jews in the movement for equal rights for LGBTQ people. After the kids heard the story of Jewish astronomer Frank Kameny, who was fired from a government job for being gay and went on to found a gay-rights organization, they wrote postcards to AG Sessions objecting to his determination that it is legal to fire people for being gay. Ariel comes from a secular Jewish background which informed her social conscience, as it does ours. She explained her work with Keshet and another organization, Gender Illumination, as “teaching people to be nice.”

We also made delicious mandelbrot (sweet almond bread). Here's the recipe:

Mandelbrot

Cream together a cup of butter (or butter substitute), a quarter cup of vegetable shortening, and a cup and a half of sugar.

Add four eggs and stir.

Add four cups of flour and one teaspoon of baking powder and stir.

Add a teaspoon of vanilla and one cup of slivered almonds.

Form loaves about 2 inches wide on a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Cut them warm, lay the slices on their sides and brown them in the oven (about 10 minutes.)

Jewish Culture School is an engaging hands-on experience for kids ages 5 to 14. We meet two Sundays a month for discussion, cooking, dancing and singing together. Interested, or know someone who might be?

[Check out our website by clicking here.](#)

Call us at 925-485-1049 or Email jcs@tri-valleyculturaljews.org

A New Video Series of

"Frequently Asked Questions of Secular Humanistic Judaism" has been posted on the IISHJ YouTube channel.

The playlist is available by visiting:

www.youtube.com/iishjvid

San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society

Topic: Documenting The Vilna Ghetto Library

Speaker: Judy Baston

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2017

Time: 1:00p.m.

Place: Oakland FamilySearch Library, 4766 Lincoln Avenue
Oakland, CA 94602

Cost: FREE, Everyone is welcome to attend.

Many historians believe the most important cultural institution in the Vilna Ghetto was the library, which became the center for Jewish secular cultural life. This presentation will offer an overview of the significance of the Vilna Ghetto Library and will detail various reader lists that have survived.

Light kosher refreshments will be served.

For more information visit <http://www.sfbajgs.org/>.



**Happy October
Birthday:**

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