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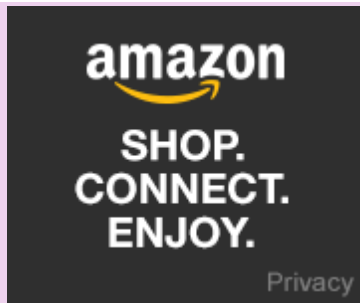
Our mission statement: "A Secular Humanistic community serving those who identify with the Jewish People through family, culture and history, rather than through religion."



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June 9th 2018



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TVCJ Community News

Come to Our Events

Board meeting/TVCJ Planning

Date: Tuesday, June 12th, 2018

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

Place: Seid-Gates home, 1817 Sinclair Drive, in Pleasanton 94588

All members are welcome

Speaker Series Part 2 - Jews of Central Asia

Come join Tri-Valley Cultural Jews for Part Two of the speaker series highlighting Jews in various countries around the world. The presentations take place in different restaurants in the area which represent the topic of the presentation. Come join us for a fascinating journey around the world where **Rabbi Judith Seid** will tell us about the history and contribution of the Jews in each region while we all enjoy food from that location.

Date: June 30, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Roya Afghan Cuisine, 2020 First St, Livermore, CA 94550

Cost: No Host - Please visit <http://www.royaafghancuisine.com/> for the menu and pricing. **Watch for the evite!**

Jewish children with their teacher in Samarkand. Photograph taken by Sergey Prokudin-Gorsky sometime between 1909 and 1915.

**Save the Date for Part 3 –
Jews of China on July 28 at
6pm**



**Mazel Tov On Your Bat Mitzvah!
Rebecca Ireland**



First of all we, Jamie and Solomon, would like to thank the TVCJ community for supporting us and Rebecca as our Jewish Community. We are so proud of Rebecca and for all of the work she put in to preparing for her Bat Mitzvah! Thank you Tri-Valley Cultural Jews for helping to instill a love of Jewish culture in her. At her ceremony, Rebecca informed us about the history of Jewish Women Doctors from the Middle Ages to present time where she discussed women from varying places and times and the groundbreaking medicine they practiced and she interviewed one of her cousins who is a doctor and used technology to bring the cousin who couldn't be there that day to the ceremony.

Rebecca's community service project was a family project that she spearheaded. When she learned that child slave labor was used to make chocolate in the main chocolate companies she(therefore we) banned them from our house and this was the week before Halloween! She did some research and wrote a petition that she had many of her community members sign. She then sent the petitions to the companies and they each sent her a reply. Mostly to tell her that they are working on the problem but it is a

multi-faceted problem that they are hoping to change.

The other fun parts of her ceremony included the Jewish Culture School students leading us in a song that Rebecca wrote and listening to the 9 piece band of her friends that she coordinated to play Hava Nagila. It was fun to sit back and watch Rebecca demonstrate all that she had learned on her special day.



Jewish Culture School

For Shavuot, traditionally the holiday celebrating the giving of the 10 commandments, our younger class, led that day by Kelly Mogilefsky (thanks, Kelly!) wrote their own commandments - rules for life. Here's what they wrote:

1. Thou shalt treat everyone equally
2. Thou shalt never give up
3. Thou shalt treat animals like people
4. Thou shalt not eat cow meat (this had to do with pollution)
5. Thou shalt not poison food
6. Thou shalt give people shelter and food
7. Thou shalt have freedom of speech
8. Thou shalt protect the oceans
9. Thou shalt not destroy nature

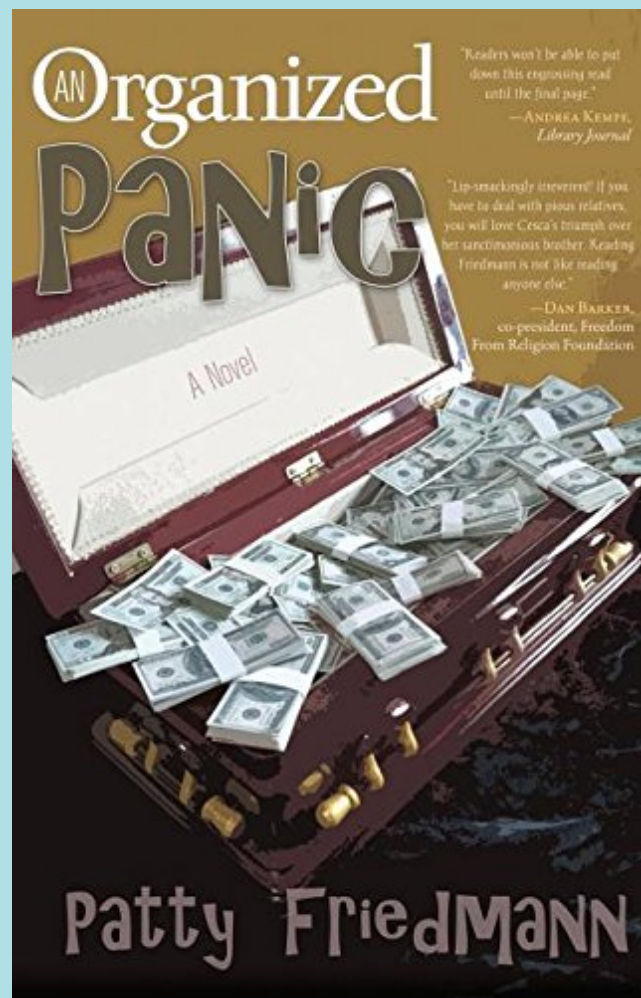
10. Tough shalt not smoke or vape
11. Thou shalt not litter
12. Thou shalt eat vegetables that you like.

Please [click here](#) for more information about Jewish Culture School.

BOOK REVIEW

AN ORGANIZED PANIC

By
Patty Friedman



This is a dark comedy, which pits a life-long secular humanist artist against her late-in-life evangelical Christian brother.

The setting is modern day New Orleans. Each one challenges the sincerity and honesty of the other's beliefs. It comes to a head when the brother wants to spend half of his secular mother's inheritance on building a Christian mega-church. She feels that he would do this in order to cheat believers out of their money.

Sister and brother have constant battles involving their religious and secular beliefs as well as other complex issues.

Although the author seems to be biased towards the secular sister, the book challenges readers to examine their own beliefs, whether they are secular humanist or religious.

I would highly recommend this well written book as it portrays similar conflicts in present day religious/secular discourse.

[Click here to see the reviews on Amazon and buy the book.](#)

Reviewed by Jerry Zwick



In June We Remember:

Eliza Haile Cloe
Augusta Gorman
John Mogul



Happy June Birthdays:

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