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Your East Bay Secular Humanistic Jewish Community

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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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August 11th 2018



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TVCJ Community News

Come to Our Events

Board meeting/TVCJ Planning

Date: Tuesday, August 14th, 2018

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

Place: Ireland Home, 19663 Fremery Court, Castro Valley 94546-3540

All members are welcome

Ice Cream Social and Havdalah



Date: Saturday, August 18th

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Mission Hills Park, 600 Junipero Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Please join us as we wrap up the week with a simple Havdalah ceremony and ice cream social.

Cost: FREE

PLEASE BRING: Toppings to share, your own bowl or cup and utensils (let's all be green!)

Also, don't forget a hat and sunscreen! For extra fun, **bring a piece of cardboard to slide down the HUGE slide! Makes sliding down it extra fast.**

How to find us: Look for a picnic table in the shade with a red and white checkered tablecloth!

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Member in the Community

Sierra Randel is a Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Member working on her Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts USA. Sierra proposed that a mural be painted on the back of the Bothwell Arts Center, in Livermore. The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors approved the mural project during the July 11th, Board meeting. It was also unanimously

approved by the Livermore Commission for the Arts. She is working with Anne Giancola, the Bothwell Arts Center manager, a professional muralist and her project advisor. Sierra will take the leadership role in getting the painting done including getting volunteers and donations to do the project. She will also be creating a time lapse video of the project to educate people on the making of a mural. There will be a celebration with arts and crafts for kids towards the end of the project. Sierra is a member of Girl Scout troop 30049, service unit 332.

Throwing out the Bathwater but Keeping the Baby: Religion, Humanism and Community

Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Rabbi and Member will be speaking on this panel. Paul Golin, Executive Director of the Society for Humanistic Judaism, with panelists Jim Barnett, Mashariki Lawson-Cook and Rabbi Judith Seid.

As an increasing percentage of Americans leave traditional religion, what can we take with us? What if any practices, rituals, and forms of community can be adapted from religion and applied in secular spaces? Or must we discard it all to rid ourselves from religious dogma and superstitious beliefs. Hear from and share your thoughts with this distinguished panel.

Kol Hadash Weekend 2018 with Paul Golin www.kolhadash.org

Date: Saturday, August 25th, 2018

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Place: Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Avenue, Albany

Cost: FREE

To Reserve a boxed lunch for \$15, RSVP with name/phone number to 415-982-1455

A Message from Our President

Here it is, August, the end of another summer and start of the school year—and soon also the Jewish New Year. In a tumultuous world, there is some comfort to be derived from the cycle of time: holidays and rituals that occur at the same time each year. These milestones are also touchstones; they ground us in our lives, giving us memories on one end and things to look forward to on the other. The march of tradition gives us a sense of stability when we're surrounded by upheaval on all sides.

With this in mind, I want to wish everyone a happy August, a wonderful school year (if you're participating in one), and peace and love in general. Remember that the peaks and valleys of your life create a unique heartbeat that signifies your journey through the world. May you embrace those ups and downs, and may your Jewish culture and heritage—and TVCJ—help serve as signposts when you need them.



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High Holidays



Rosh Hashanah



Date: Sunday, September 9th, 2018
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Place: Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore, CA 94550
Cost: FREE for members \$10.00 per Non-Member Adult

We will start with Tashlich (4:30 p.m.) which is a walk to the nearby creek to symbolically wash away our misdeeds of the past year. Then we will have a potluck back at the Bothwell Center (5:30 p.m.) followed by a secular humanistic Rosh Hashanah observance (6:30 p.m.) followed by apples and honey. This is a child friendly but not child-centered event.

For more information please call: (510) 888-1404

Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre



Date: Tuesday, September 18th, 2018

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

Place: Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore, CA 94550

Cost: FREE for members \$10.00 per Non-Member Adult

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- Songs for Holidays and any Day
- Social Justice Music, then and now
- Famous and not-so-famous (who are we kiddin'?—unknown) Jewish Composers
- Beyond Klezmer band, music of Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews

Featuring:

- Dr. Ezra Donner, Doctor of Music, Composition; Composer, Pianist, Teacher
- Cantor Deborah Davis, lead singer for Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble
- Cantor Jonathan Friedman, Ph.D., Professor of Jewish Music History



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