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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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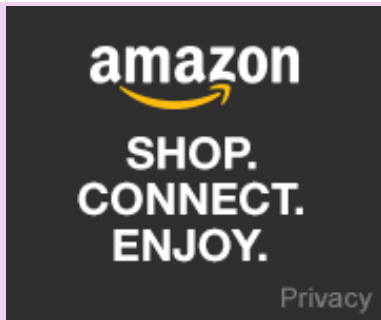
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***November 1, 2018***



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## **TVCJ Community News**

### **Come to Our Events**

#### **Join Us on a Hike**

##### **Lafayette Reservoir Nature Rim Trail**



**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 2018

**Time:** Arrive by 10:00 a.m. We will be leaving by 10:15 a.m.

**Place:** Lafayette Reservoir Nature Rim Trail, 3849 Mount Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549 **Length of Trail:** 4.9 miles **Gain in elevation:** 915 feet

**Cost:** Please note that you must pay for parking at the kiosk. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Parking fees are \$7.00 per vehicle. Credit Card or Quarters only.

We'll hike around the reservoir along the Nature Area Rim Trail, a lightly trafficked loop trail offering great 360 degree views and opportunities for bird watching. Dogs are allowed but must be kept on leash. Ensure you bring

enough water and snacks to eat along the way. Rain cancels.

**Look for us congregated around a bench in between the parking lot and the start of the concrete walkway.**

**For questions, please contact Leah @ 650-223-9073**

### **Martin Creek Canyon**



**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 10th @ 10:00 a.m.

**Time:** Arrive by 10:00 a.m. We will be leaving by 10:15 a.m.

**Place:** Martin Creek Canyon Hike

Meet at the northwest corner of Silvergate Drive and Bay Laurel Street. Parking is usually available along Silvergate Drive. **Length of trail:** approximately 4 miles **Gain in elevation:** nearly 900 feet

**For mapping purposes, use:** 11598-11512 Silvergate Drive, Dublin, CA 94568

Hike through a best-kept secret of Dublin with lots of shade and expansive views of Dublin from the top. Lots of Bay Laurel and oak trees. There will be some moderately short uphill. Some poison oak along this trail but it's pretty well trimmed back. Dogs are allowed on leash. Please bring a sufficient amount of water and snacks to indulge in at the summit, while enjoying the gorgeous views of the valley below. Rain cancels.

**For questions, please contact Leah @ 650-223-9073**

## **TVCJ Havdalah Potluck & Game Night**

Please join us for a simple Havdalah ceremony, potluck, and game night.

**Date:** Saturday Nov 10th, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Place:** Berenson Home, 49 Nead Place, San Ramon CA 94583

**Cost:** \$2.00 for members 13 and over, and \$4.00 for non-members.

**For more information:** 935-829-0554

**Please bring a dinner dish to share.**



## **Board meeting/TVCJ Planning**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 13th, 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

**Thank You From Rebecca Ireland**

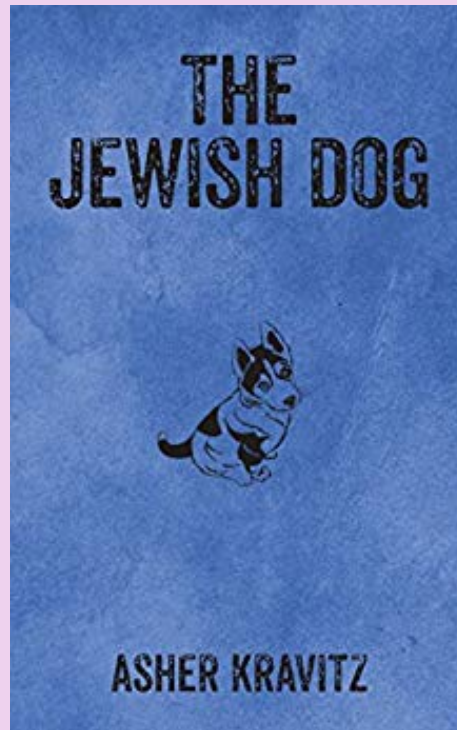
Dear all of TVCJ,

Thank you for giving me a place to be Jewish and have my Bat Mitzvah. You all have been a great family and will continue to be. Thank you for always being there for me and for the cookbook.

Love,  
one of the oldest members,  
Rebecca Ireland

## **BOOK REVIEW**

The Jewish Dog  
By Asher Kravitz



This is a novel that presents the holocaust from the point of view of a dog. Caleb is a dog that is born into the house of a German Jewish family in the mid 1930s. He is an unusually bright and perceptive dog that has come to understand the language of humans.

He is adopted by a German family and becomes a military dog. He is employed at a concentration camp and observes the inhumanity therein. Caleb develops qualities of loyalty, empathy and understanding. He has qualities that we would love to see in a dog, as well as in humans. His unique insights into the human condition are enlightening and profound. Reading about him almost makes me want another dog...almost.

This book is written with drama, humor, and some graphic violence. It is a real page-turner, and I would highly recommend it. [Click here to purchase this book.](#)

**By Jerry Zwick**

**Interfaith Interconnect Thanksgiving  
Program  
"Joyful Thanksgiving!"**

**Date:** Sunday, November 18th, 2018

**Time:** 5:30p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Reception to Follow** 6:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.

**Place:** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1501 Hillcrest Avenue,  
Livermore

**Cost:** FREE

**No RSVP needed**

This year's program will feature a variety of ways different faiths and cultures celebrate gratitude and joy through music, dance, song, prayer, poetry, scripture, or other text.

Hayward Chamber of Commerce, City of Hayward,  
and Eden Area Interfaith Council Present



Mark Your Calendar Now! Save the date!  
JOIN THE FUN!



**Saturday, 1 December**  
**3:30 - 6:30pm**  
**Hayward City Hall Rotunda**  
**and along B Street**



**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND PROMOTE INTERFAITH SPIRIT!**



Our Eden Area Interfaith Council is once again collaborating with the Hayward Chamber of Commerce and City of Hayward staff in creating a family-oriented, inclusive and diverse Light Up the Season event.

Last year we created beautiful banners that brought forward the late fall/winter celebrations of 6 faith traditions that centered on the theme of light.

In our continuing efforts to educate our Eden Area community about our diversity and communality, this year we will provide an art activity for children. Children will have the opportunity to decorate smaller versions of our holiday celebration banners.

We also will have a display of children's books that describe the various winter celebrations/festivals. We will provide a bibliography handout and the books can be purchased at our locally owned book store, Books on B, located on B street in downtown Hayward.

EAIC will be contributing to the music program held in the Hayward Rotunda during the event. Our very own Sikh Punjabi School children's choir will be singing a few songs. So let's make sure they have a large and supportive audience.

**Your presence and participation in this event will help to demonstrate that celebratory times of the year need to be inclusive to promoting peace, understanding and harmony.**



Eden Area  
Interfaith  
Council



**Yahrzeit Memorial**  
**In November We**

**Who We Are**

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Karen Furst 925-784-1775

Scott Pepper 650-296-6295



## Remember:

The anniversary of the death of our loved ones.



## Happy November Birthdays:

David Austin

Matthew Looney

Emma Greenberg

Karen Furst

Amy Greenberg

Kelly Mogilefsky

Alexander Pepper

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