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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 News

Coat Drive for Unaccompanied Minors



TVCJ is part of the Eden Area Interfaith Council and through them Jamie Ireland heard of an opportunity where we can make a difference. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will be collecting coats for all ages (little kids and adults, too), because the distribution will include other members of the families that the youth are staying with. But the greatest need is coats for teenagers. There are more than 450 in the Hayward school district, and the coat drive will benefit all the unaccompanied kids in Alameda County--several hundred more in the Oakland schools, too. Alameda County has the second highest percentage of unaccompanied immigrant youth in California (after Los Angeles County); and this number continues to rise. And gift cards are also always welcome for stores where kids can shop, like Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart. They'll be able to take advantage of after holiday sales. The distribution will be in the first week of January.

If you have a coat or coats to donate you can give the coat to Jamie Ireland before yearend. You can make arrangements by contacting **Jamie Ireland** at jdireland@att.net. Or send **gift cards to 19663 Fremery Ct. Castro Valley 94546**. Thanks.

Board meeting/TVCJ Planning

Date: Tuesday, January 8th, 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

Hanukkah Party Fun!



Our members gathered together to celebrate Hanukkah with an evening of lights, food, and music. The Culture School students lit our community menorah, and we enjoyed delicious treats including latkes and sufganiyot. Thank you to Bret & Kelly for hosting, to Solomon and Noah for frying the latkes, and to everyone who helped make this event a success!

The Jewish Culture School kids did candle-lighting dedications for Hanukkah. Here are the dedications that the kids wrote:

The Shammes represents: The rights of all people

1. The right to live with your family
2. The right to a clean earth
3. The right to live in peace
4. The right to a future
5. The right to be accepted as you are
6. The right to live in a just society
7. The right to be part of your particular culture
8. The right to believe whatever you want to



Everyone Counts!

The 2019 Homeless Count (AKA Point in Time Count or Homeless Census) will be held **Wednesday, January 30, 2019.**

Locally known as EveryOne Counts!, the Point-In-Time Count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness records the number of people staying in shelters and transitional housing on a given night in late January each year and estimates the number of people who are unsheltered (living outdoors) every two years. Conducting this Count is a requirement of receiving federal homeless assistance funds. Most importantly, it gives our community and policy makers useful and critical data for strategic, program, and policy and fiscal planning.

We need 500 volunteers that will work in teams to complete the visual count of unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness in every city throughout Alameda County. Two to three volunteers will be matched with a Guide (a person with current or recent experience of homelessness) to conduct a visual tally of people who are homeless in a specific geographic

area. We are inviting everyone to participate. Government, non-profit and faith-based organizations, businesses, community and advocacy groups, and local residents are all needed to help us in this important task.

For more information and to signup to volunteer: <http://everyonehome.org/everyone-counts/>



In December We Remember:

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



Happy December Birthdays:

Ella King
Scott Pepper
Manda Pepper

Who We Are

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