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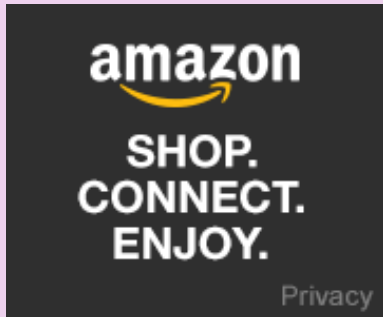
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November 5th, 2019



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TVCJ Community News

Board Meeting/TVCJ Planning

Date: Tuesday, November 12th 2019

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

Place: We're using Google Hangouts to meet remotely for the next few months. If you wish to join the Google Hangout please call Joy at 510-898-8789 and let her know.

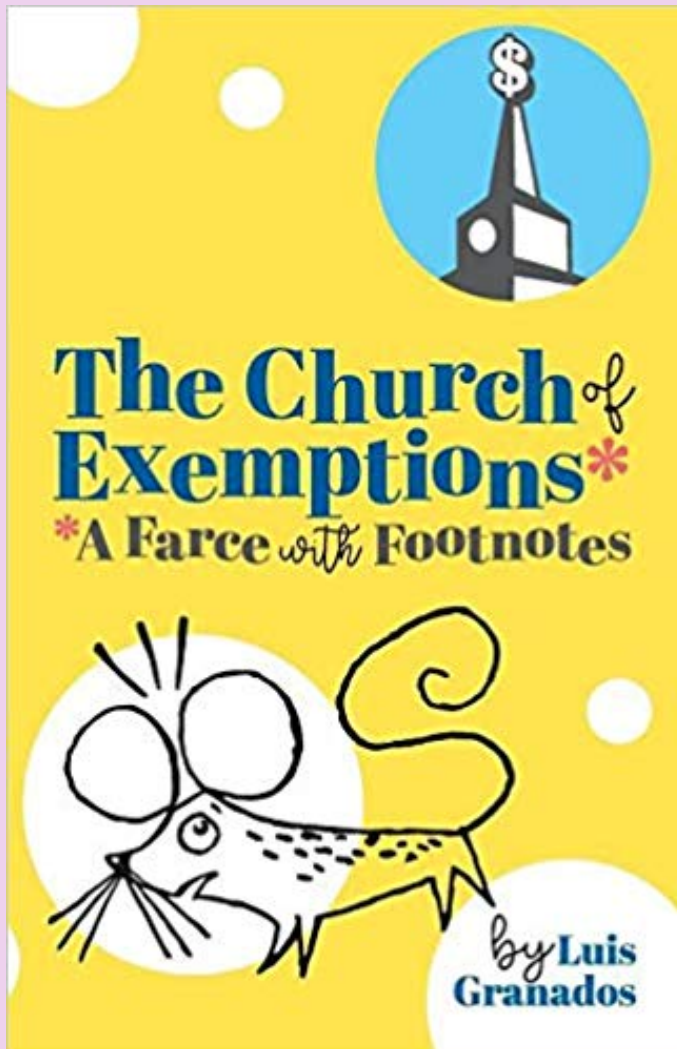
All members are welcome

[Jewish Culture School](#)

Our [Jewish Culture School](#) older kids made challah for shabbos and the younger children listened to a story.



BOOK REVIEW
THE CHURCH OF EXEMPTIONS:
A FARCE WITH FOOTNOTES
By
Luis Granados



This work of fiction is the story of a struggling lawyer who has an idea to start his own religion in order to claim religious exemption for various purposes. He is incensed that organized religions use this exemption unethically. He feels that if his religion does allow this to an extreme, then it will blow up the system and lead to a more ethical use of the exemption.

A large number of businesses and individuals join his "religion" to take advantage of the exemption and to game the system. For example, an illegal drug company might say that they need their drug in order to worship in this religion, and thus claim a religious exemption from drug laws.

His religion becomes a huge money making operation as he, with the help of a prestigious

Washington law firm, assist companies and individuals to claim the exemption. He becomes a national and international celebrity. But the costs to him become too great and lead to unexpected results.

This book was written with humor, drama, suspense, factual data (substantiated by footnotes) and humanistic intent. It was advertised in the "Humanist" magazine, and many American Humanist Association notables contributed to it.

It is a fun read, yet has a serious purpose.

I would certainly recommend it. [If you would like to purchase this book on Amazon click here.](#)

Jerry Zwick

Accompaniment Training



The accompaniment program recruits and trains volunteers to accompany people facing deportation to their immigration hearings and ICE check-ins. This provides moral support to the person facing deportation and enables volunteers to hold immigration authorities accountable. Standing in solidarity with migrants facing deportation also demonstrates to immigration judges, ICE officers, and government attorneys that there is a community mobilized against their deportation.

Over 800 students currently enrolled in the Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) are seeking asylum in the United States. Approximately 200 are pursuing their cases without a parent present to help them. None of us can solve this humanitarian crisis alone, but each of us can do something to relieve the suffering of youth in our local schools. Find out how, Sunday, Nov 10, 2-5:30 pm, in Oliver Hall. This event is co-sponsored by Eden UCC,

the Eden Area Interfaith Council, and the South Alameda County Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth & Children in Migrant Families Collaborative. The training will end with a meal, which can be enjoyed on or off campus. The registration cost is underwritten by a grant from the San Francisco Foundation. [Image credit: "Until We Are All Free" by Favianna Rodríguez of Culture/Strike, Oakland].

Date: Sunday, November 10th, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Place: Eden United Church of Christ - Oliver Hall,
21455 Birch St
Hayward, California 94541
(510) 582-9533

Cost: FREE

[Please Click Here to Register for Accompaniment Training:](#)

A letter from Eden Interfaith Council Tri-Valley Cultural Jews is a member of Eden Interfaith Council

Dear friends,

As you probably know, there was an "abatement" of the large homeless encampment under the freeway, off Grove Way and Center Street in Hayward this week.

Between 40-60 people, along with some pets, were displaced by this action, which was planned by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office for some time. The creek under the freeway was a haven for some of these people for as long as 10 years. There was unfortunately, resulting sanitation and other issues. First Pres Church, in cooperation with Alameda County, has set up an emergency shelter on their campus to temporarily house, feed, and hopefully get into services, as many people as possible. It will be open 24 hours a day, from now until December 1st, when First Pres' regular Winter Shelter will begin.

The shelter will need as much community support as possible to make this project work.

PLEASE, volunteer, make a meal, and contact any organizations and congregations as you can to help out. [Click Here to Sign Up to Help Out:](#)

THANK YOU for your continued humanity and generosity in a time when that is difficult.

ALL of our faith traditions teach us to help the needy and love our neighbors. This is a great way to put these teachings into practice!!!

Julie Greenfield
President



EMERGENCY SHELTER

**FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE
ABATEMENT ONLY**

First Presbyterian Church of
Hayward, Parlor Room
2490 Grove Way, Castro Valley

EMERGENCY SHELTER 5PM-9AM STARTING 10/15
RESOURCE CENTER 9AM-5PM MON-FRI

Must have this flyer on hand to enter shelter
For those displaced by the abatement only.
(510) 581-6203

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