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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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January 4th, 2020



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TVCJ Community News

New Members Shabbat Pizza & Game Night



Please join us to celebrate the week's end with pizza and games.

Date: Friday, January 10th, 2020

Time: 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Place: Mogilefsky Residence, 18929 California Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546

Cost: \$10.00 per member, \$12.00 per non-member

Questions? 510-282-4261

Great selection of games will be available, but everyone is welcome to bring any favorites as well.

Board Meeting/TVCJ Planning

Date: Tuesday, January 14th, 2020

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

Tu B'Shevat Family & Kid-Friendly Event

A Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District Ranger will join us again this year for an exciting program about native trees and the animals that depend on them. In addition, to



honor greening efforts in the Bay Area, children will take home pre-planted native oak tree seedlings, and receive instruction on their care and feeding and when and where to plant them. Following these activities will be a yummy pot-luck lunch, accompanied by music and singing.

Please bring a dish to share. Since we have members who are dairy and/or gluten-free, please bring a card with your dish that lists the ingredients. In keeping with this holiday tradition, you are encouraged to include one or more of the following ingredients: Dates, Figs, Oranges, Almonds, Raisins, Olives, Carob.

Date: Sunday February 9th, 2020

Time: 10:15 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Cost: Free for members and kids, \$10.00 per non-member adult (13 and over).

Questions? Call Jeff at 925-640-1884 or Mary Frances at 925-519-5867.

Our Chanukah Celebration



Our members gathered together to celebrate Hanukkah with an evening of lights, food, and friends. The [Culture School](#) students lit our community menorah, and we enjoyed delicious treats including latkes.

Thank you to Jamie & Solomon for hosting, to Solomon, Rick, and Mark for frying the latkes, Joy for doing the shopping, Sarah, Leslie, and Jerry for helping to set up, Colin & Sophia for taking pictures, Eileen, Louis, and the Irelands for cleaning up, and to everyone who helped make this event a success!

The [Jewish Culture School](#) students did candle-lighting dedications for Hanukkah. Here are the dedications that the kids wrote:

- We light the shammas for our families and the values they teach us.
- We light the first candle for kindness.
- We light the second candle for fun.
- We light the third candle for making everyone feel safe.
- We light the fourth candle for cooking and eating food together.
- We light the fifth candle for working together to accomplish our goals.
- We light the sixth candle for never giving up on our dreams because of the time they will take to accomplish them and because the time will pass anyway.
- We light the seventh candle for standing up for each other.
- We light the eighth candle for working for equality for everyone.



[Jewish Cultural School](#)
Learning About Chanukah



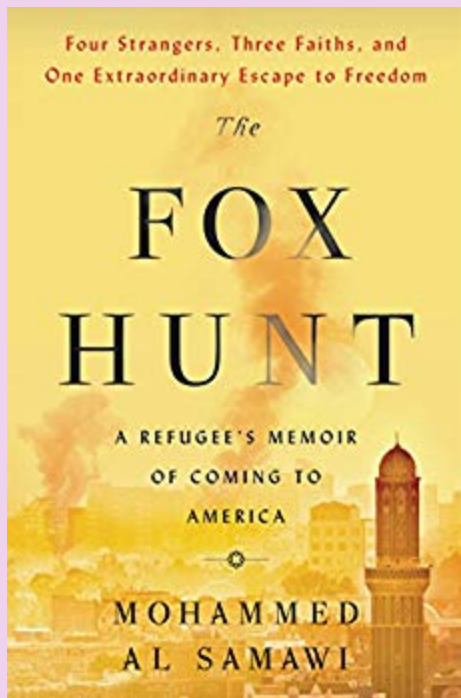


BOOK REVIEW

[The Fox Hunt: A Memoir of Yemen and My Odyssey to America](#)

**By
Mohammed Al Samawi**

This memoir answers the question: How can a Yemeni Shia Moslem who grew up being taught to hate Jews, Christians and Americans work with groups composed of these people to promote interfaith understanding and goodwill? You will learn the answer to this question and be totally amazed at how these three disparate groups can team up to work together to save the life of the author, who was threatened with death by his own people. Furthermore, it tells about the desperate situation



that Yemenis face today, how it got that way, and how imperative it is that they get help from other countries or face extinction.

This book is at once a novel, a thriller, as well as a history of Yemen. It was totally compelling and extremely hard to put down. I would therefore highly recommend it. If you would like to purchase this book on Amazon [click here](#).

Jerry Zwick



presents a

RELIGION CHAT

Topic:

***Most Faiths Tell Us To Be Kind
To The Stranger. How Does Your
Faith Respond To "The Other?"***

Speakers:

Rev. Henry Kim

Lynnewood United Methodist Church

Tina O'Neill

Baha'i Faith

Wed., Jan. 8, 2020 ♦ 5 to 6:15 pm*

Lynnewood United Methodist Church

4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton**

**Doors are open from 4:30 to 6:30 pm to give attendees a chance to chat with people from other cultures and faiths.*

As always, the event is free and all are welcome.

***There is parking in the lot behind the church via the driveway to the right of the main building.*

***Mission Statement:** To enrich, educate, and inform ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our valley.*

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Yahrzeit Memorial

**In January We
Remember:**

Charles Roy Colvin

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