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Your East Bay Secular Humanistic Jewish Community

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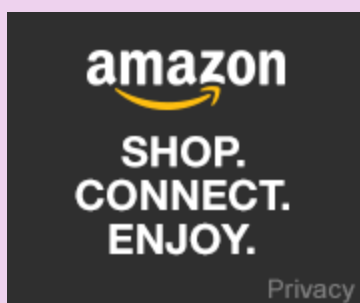


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February 29th, 2020



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TVCJ Community News

Congratulations Judy and David

Judy Seid and David Gates just became proud new grandparents of Zev Ežven Golland Gates.

Havdalah and Potluck Germany Trip Presentation

Date: Saturday, March 7th, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm

Place: Berenson Residence, 49 Nead Pl, San Ramon CA 94583

For More Information: 925-829-0554

Good food and great company! Please join us for a potluck and Germany trip presentation. **Bring a dish to share.**

Board Meeting/TVCJ Planning

Date: Tuesday, March 10th, 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

Our Purim Celebration

Date: Sunday, March 15th, 2020

Time: 10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

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

Cost: FREE to members, \$10.00 per adult (age 13 and over) non-member.

Come celebrate Purim with TVCJ -- crafts, activities, costumes, and our annual play!

Feel free to dress up...Traditional costumes include Queen Esther, King Ahasuerus, and Mordecai, but this is a holiday of JOY and anything goes! If you want to dust off an old Halloween costume, that's great, too! There will be a

costume parade and "contest" for the kids.

What to Bring: This year we do not have access to the Bothwell kitchen, so please bring hamantaschen to share, if possible. Due to allergies/food intolerances, please bring a card with ingredients listed.

We are also requesting Shalach Mones (food for the needy) in the form of canned/non-perishable food for the food bank. We hope to see you there!



Our February Hike: Redwood Regional Park

We had a fantastic 3 hour hike along the Oakland trails. We saw two snakes slithering across our path and a woodpecker making its home. The weather was beautiful and we learned so much about the plants along the way from Leah. Thank you Leah for another great hike.

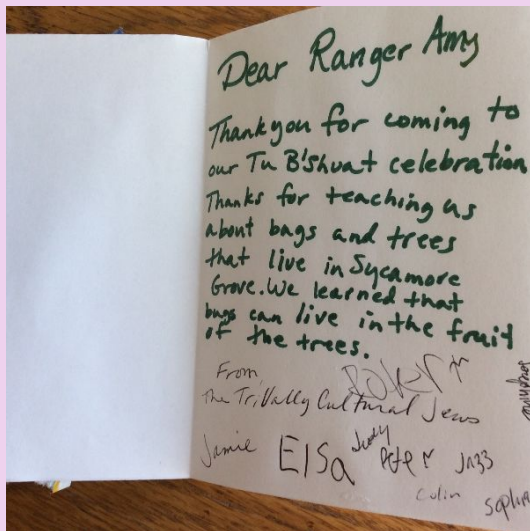
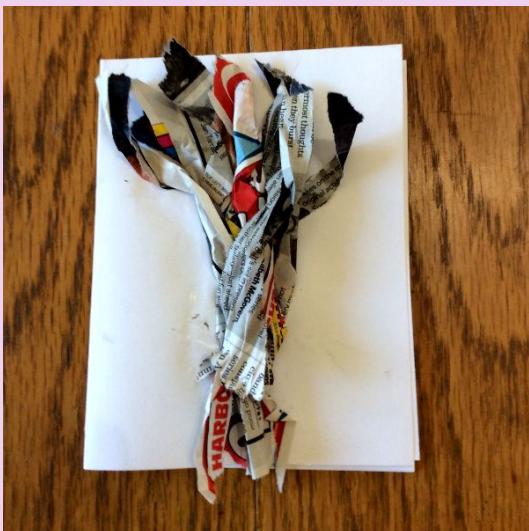
Tu B'Shevat

Ranger Amy came, and we learned about local native trees and the habitats they provide for animals and insects. Check out the buckeye! Rebecca and Judy led singing, and we enjoyed a tasty lunch.



Jewish Cultural School

Our Jewish Culture School kids made a thank you card for Ranger Amy who lead our Tu B'Shevat.



East Bay International Jewish Film Festival

Co-sponsored by Tri-Valley Cultural Jews

[Click Here to Order Tickets](#)

Location: Vine Cinema & Alehouse, Livermore CA

HUNTING ELEPHANTS 107 mins

Date/Time: Thursday, March 12th at 7:30 pm

This comedic crime caper stars Patrick Stewart. In Jerusalem, a teenage boy befriends his grandfather and long lost uncle. Soon, they decide to solve their financial problems by robbing a bank. A delightful cinematic romp!

THE SAMUEL PROJECT 92 mins

Date/Time: Sunday, March 15th at 4:30 pm

Starring Hal Linden (Barney Miller), this endearing, family-friendly drama tells the story of Eli, a high school outsider, and his grandfather Samuel. After years of not being close, they finally connect when Eli makes Samuel the subject of his school art project—an animated movie about the older man’s early life in Europe. Suitable for middle school students through adults.

THE TOBACCONIST 117 mins

Date/Time: Sunday, March 15th at 7:00 pm

This superb drama is set in the years just before WWII. The life of a naïve young man from a small Austrian town is changed forever after he moves to Vienna to learn a trade from a tobacconist. Soon, he befriends Sigmund Freud, confronts rising anti-Semitism, and refuses to be a bystander.

Viewer Discretion Advised: Adult content, nudity and sexual scenes.

[Click Here to Order Tickets](#)

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Community Passover Seder

Co-hosted by Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore (UUCiL) located at 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore CA.

Cost: Adult non-members of TVCJ or UUCiL is \$25.00. Children (12 and under) are Free.

Reservations are required. To reserve a space please call 510-898-8789 or email reservations@tri-valleyculturaljews.org by April 4th 2020.

Our secular Seder includes English-language readings highlighting the power of community and the value of freedom, and songs in English, Yiddish and Hebrew. The hour-long ceremony is followed by a potluck dinner. The event is family friendly. Please bring your favorite Passover dish to share. Food need not be kosher for Passover but should not

contain any regular flour products (chametz), or pork. If possible please bring your own plate, bowl and utensils (let's all be green).

JCC East Bay Purim Program

Purim, With Love: A Family Celebration

Date: Sunday, March 8th, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Cost: Adults: \$15, Children: \$8, Under 2: Free

[GET TICKETS HERE.](#)

Join us for a new and unique service-based family program, as you gather with other community members to sing, browse through PJ Library books, hear the Purim story, and create care packages (mishloach manot) for local refugee families in need. Connect during the Fun Day Sunday activities, braid and learn about the Challah for Hunger program, and make it a day to remember with your family, in service to the community.

A portion of each ticket sold will be donated to the [Challah For Hunger](#) program.

In partnership with Jewish Gateways, Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay, and PJ Library.



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