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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

Your Response Matters CENSUS 2020

Complete your CENSUS 2020 form online by [clicking here: www.my2020Census.gov](#) And then . . . remind others to do so (relatives, friends, neighbors, fellow congregants, coworkers, hair stylist, delivery person, gardener, etc.). Why is this important? The Census sets federal funding levels for the next 10 years for EDUCATION, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS for seniors, children and families, HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, and more. Every person counted = \$10,000 in funds. An undercount adversely affects the well-being of our communities. Census data is confidential; your privacy is protected by law. For more Information on who to count for the census [Click Here](#).

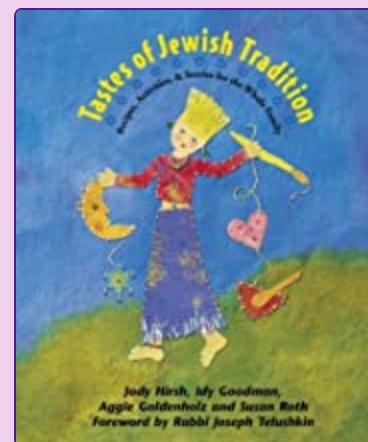
If you would like to **complete the Census by phone:** The 2020 Census will ask a few simple questions about you and everyone who is living with you as of April 1, 2020. To begin, call **844-330-2020**.

JCS Library

Thank you to Leah Morrison and Isaac Passovoy for the donation of a book for Jewish Cultural School. (See "new in our library.")

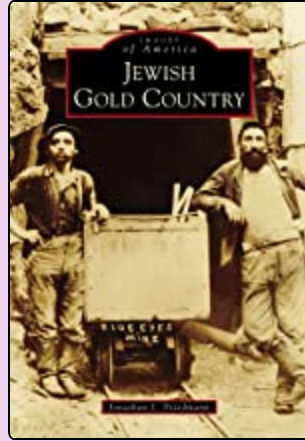
New in our library:

Tastes of Jewish Tradition: Recipes, Activities and Stories for the Whole Family" donated by Leah Morrison and Isaac Passovoy.



"Jewish Gold Country" by Jonathan L. Friedmann (who is a cantor in our Secular movement and was a featured presenter at J-West in 2019). The book features photographs and also pictures of artifacts

from 13 California counties from the 1800s to the early 1900s. Opening at random: a gravestone of an infant who was born and died in 1864 in Shasta, A receipt from 1882 for the Palace Dry Good Store, a portrait of Samuel Sussman Snow who lived near Placerville, and photograph of the Folsom self-designed "mansion" of Philip C. Cohn.



Our Virtual Passover Seder

Our Virtual Passover Seder was a success thanks to Karen Furst, Jamie Ireland, Bret Mogilefsky, Kelly Mogilefsky, and Joy Randel. Each person that registered for our Virtual Passover Seder received a shopping list for their seder plate, suggested recipes, and our Passover Haggadah.

BOOK REVIEW

[Playing With Matches: Coming of Age in Hitler's Germany](#)

By Lee Strauss



As can be seen in the title, this is a novel about a teenager living in Germany during World War II. He is well indoctrinated in Hitler's propaganda. Until he learns the truth from a BBC broadcast on a forbidden short wave radio.

He is pressured into joining the Hitler Youth Organization in order to appear as a "good German" youth. He feels that he must do this in order to fulfill his dream of becoming a pilot for the German Luftwaffe, but in his heart he is not buying the Nazi line.

We learn about his many conflicts: ie, with his family, his friends, his girlfriend, and people in his community. The book provides us with a unique picture of Nazi Germany through the eyes of a young German man

and his many complicated relationships. I feel that it is a well worthwhile read. If you would like to purchase this book [click here](#).

Reviewed by Jerry Zwick



In April We Remember:

David Geller
Norma Mogilefsky
Regina Seid



Happy April Birthdays:

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