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Tri-Valley Cultural Jews

Your East Bay Secular Humanistic Jewish Community

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Affiliated with the Cultural and Secular Jewish Organization

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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May 22, 2021

TVCJ Community News

Upcoming Events



Jewvie Movie Night

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Time: 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m.

Cost: The movie is Free if you have Amazon Prime. If you are not an Amazon Prime member, then Amazon will ask you to pay a few dollars for the rental fee.

We ask non-member adults to give a donation of \$10 if you are able to support our programming.

Please join us for another Jewvie Movie Night.

We will be watching the movie Abe. [You can find out more and watch the movie trailer by clicking on this link.](#)

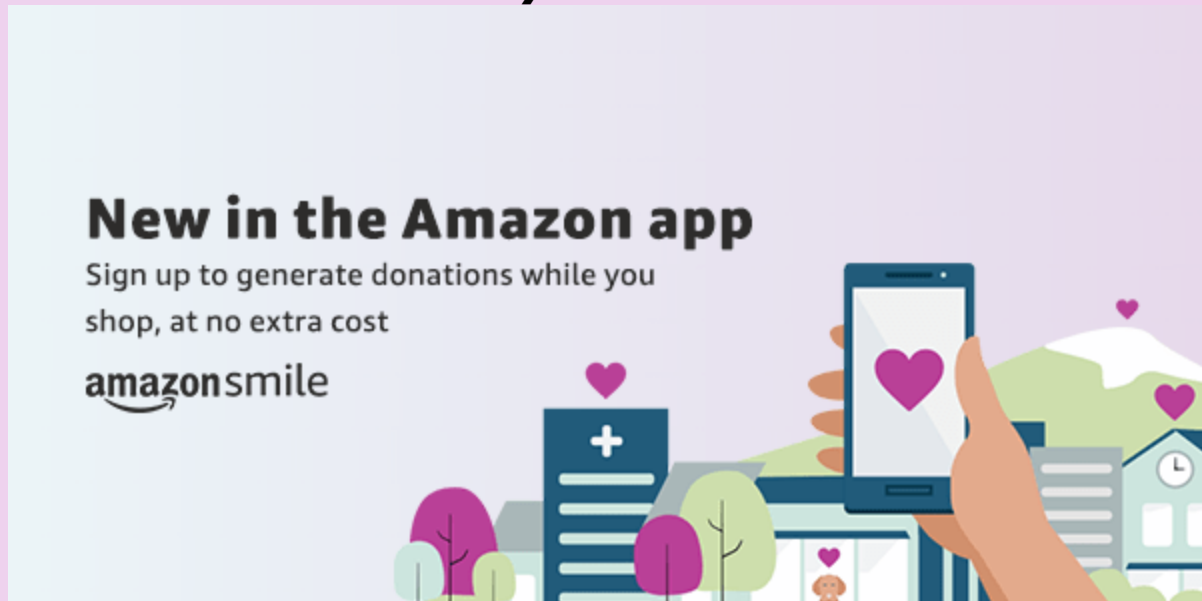
We will watch the movie using an Amazon Watch

Party: <https://www.amazon.com/adlp/watchparty?tag=general-affiliate-urls-20>

We will send out the Watch Party link in the half hour before the movie starts.

After the movie ends, we'll meet using the normal TVCJ Zoom room to discuss our impressions and thoughts. If you have questions, please contact Jamie at culturaljews@gmail.com

A Way to Raise Money for Tri-Valley Cultural Jews



Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Tri-Valley Cultural Jews" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone*
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features*
- 3. Select "Tri-Valley Cultural Jews" as your charity*
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app*

Come to Our Annual Meeting

Date: Sunday, June 13th, 2021

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Zoom

Please join us for our Annual meeting

Look for an EVITE or email culturaljews@gmail.com to get the ZOOM ID

We will be electing our board for the next year and discussing many topics related to how we run our organization and we'd love your input.

Topics we will touch on include:

--JCS for next year

--How to promote our organization

--How you can support our group

and more...

Join uswe'd love to see you and hear what you have to say!

[Register Here Before May 27th for Early Bird Registration Prices.](#)

STACEY ABRAMS IS COMING TO CALIFORNIA
[well, virtually]



STACEY ABRAMS
Stacey Abrams is a powerful and passionate speaker who is heralded for candid insights on politics, leadership, entrepreneurship, social justice, and being a true force for change.

JOIN US AS WE WELCOME STACEY ABRAMS TO THE 2021 CALIFORNIA HEALTH EQUITY SUMMIT

2021 CALIFORNIA HEALTH EQUITY SUMMIT

Healing Communities Beyond 2020: Our Health, Our Culture, Our Climate

A Virtual Conference on **JUNE 10-11, 2021**



alameda county behavioral health
MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES

THE 2021 SUMMIT will offer an opportunity to engage and deliver a range of cultural healing practices through innovative workshops and presentations to promote learning and to advance cultural humility, social justice, and equity throughout behavioral health organizations and systems to effectively meet the diverse needs of consumers, individuals, families, and communities.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER & JOIN US JUNE 10-11, 2021](#)

Join Us in **#ElevatingVoices** to Heal Our Communities



CIBHS
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SOLUTIONS
FOUNDED IN 2011
TRAINING, EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

[Click here to learn more about the summit.](#)

TVCJ Eighth Annual Book Review

Every year, as part of our Shavous celebration, we all recommend our favorite books from the past year. Here are this year's recommendations from some of our members.

You can click on any title to be taken to an Amazon page to order that book.

[Click here for this year's list.](#)

Leah Morrison and Isaac Passovoy's Farewell

Date: Saturday, May 22nd, 2021

Time: 3:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Place: Mission Hills Park - 600 Junipero St Pleasanton, CA 94566

We're sad to say goodbye to our hike leader Leah Morrison and her son, Jewish Culture School graduate Isaac Passovoy. They are moving to Canada at the end of May! Come see them and say goodbye. **Please wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated by May 9th!**

Jewish Culture School

Jewish Culture School is still online, but we're hoping to be back in person in the fall. Even physically separated, though, we have a great time. In May, the younger classes talked about being friends with people different from yourself. The youngest class made borscht and the middle kids made kugel. In June, the older kids will make borscht and we'll wrap up the school year.

If you have friends with kids 5-14 who are looking for a hands-on participatory non-religious Sunday School that includes music, dance, cooking, Jewish languages and history - please let them know about Jewish Culture School!

[Click Here for more information about Jewish Culture School.](#)

[Want to know more about our Brit Mitzvah program? Click Here.](#)

Have questions: contact us at culturaljews@gmail.com or call 925-399-8029.

Play this video and find out why these students love Jewish Culture School.



Philosophers' Cafe

We've had a lot of fun discussing so many varied topics at our monthly friendly discussion group led by members. Last month we talked about genealogy and our family histories, a program led by Paul Grabowski.

Everyone had interesting stories to tell about their ancestors and some had found relatives through DNA matching. Our topics are sometimes timely current events, sometimes personal stories, sometimes ideas and issues. Join us the first Thursday of each month for a new topic! And of course, we'd love any of our members to lead a session - just think of something you'd like to hear people's stories or opinions about and let us know you're ready to lead.

We have discussion leaders lined up for May and June, but the rest of the year is open and waiting for you!

Day: First Thursday of each month

Time: 7:00p.m.

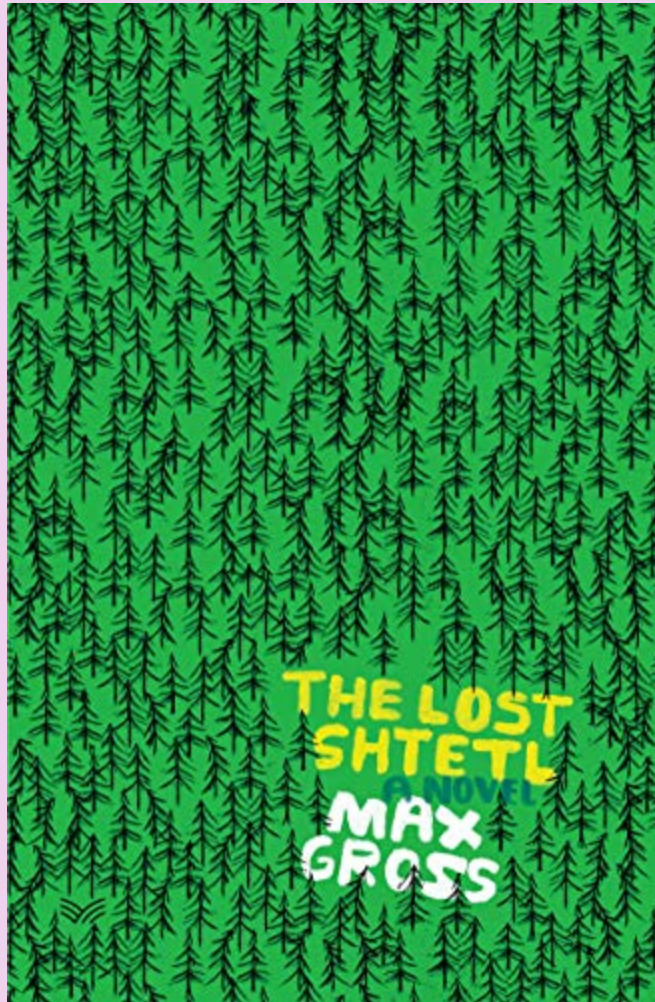
Place: Zoom

Cost: Free to members, \$10 suggested donation for non-members.

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BOOK REVIEW **THE LOST SHTETL** **By**

Max Gross



This is a modern day tale about Jews who lived in an isolated shtetl in the heart of a forest in the middle of Poland. No one here had contact with the modern world for generations. They were blissfully unaware of current events such as World Wars I and II and the holocaust. Modern conveniences such as cars, radios and newspapers were beyond them.

Until one day one of the young women had enough of a terrible marriage and ran away to the nearest town. The main character, Yankel (my father's name) was sent to find her. His experiences in the modern world of the town were amazing to him.

At one point, the government of Poland became aware of this shtetl, and then realized that since no one knew of its existence, no taxes were ever collected. They remedied this by trying to bring modern life to the shtetl - not with the greatest success.

Our hero was relentless in his search for the runaway and only cared about finding her and returning her to the shtetl. The story tells about his adventures in trying to complete his task. In the process he experiences love, violence, bloodshed, life in a mental hospital, and houses of ill repute, and above all, frustration. But beyond a myriad of obstacles he doggedly remained at his task.

I enjoyed this book, especially the clashes between the ancient shtetl life and the

efforts to bring it into the modern world. [The Lost Shtetl can be purchased on Amazon by clicking here.](#)

Reviewed by Jerry Zwick

CSJO Annual Conference

NETWORKING, SUPPORTING, AND GROWING TOGETHER

FRIDAY, MAY 28th (5 PM PT) –

SUNDAY, MAY 30th (7 PM PT)

VIRTUAL (GOTOMEETING)

Cost: Members: \$10 for the weekend, Non-Members: \$18 for the weekend

[Download the Conference Brochure by Clicking Here](#)

[Click Here to Buy Tickets](#)

A weekend of virtual lectures, discussions, schmoozing, and getting to know one another. We will start with our Oneg Shabbat Friday evening and conclude the weekend with our famous Talent Show, Sunday evening at 7:00p.m. If you are interested in performing for our Talent Show, please contact Madi Burns madmonkey38@gmail.com .



Yahrzeit Memorial

In May We Remember

William Roy Hudson

Chaparral Ireland



May Birthdays

Joey Mogilefsky

Rebecca Ireland

Rosita Gorel-Wong

Peter Grabowski

Lillian Poxon-Hudson

Who We Are

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Joke: What's the opposite of irony? Wrinkly.



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