



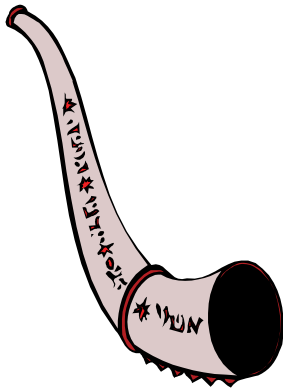
CHAI-LIGHTS

September 2019

Pacific Community of Cultural Jews

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High Holiday Observances



Rosh Hashanah

September 28, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Bluffs Fiesta Room
2414 Vista del Oro
Newport, CA.

Yom Kippur

October 9, 2019 1:00 p.m.

Village Park Clubhouse
4552 Michelson Dr.
Irvine, CA



We are finalizing the details for both Observances. They will be emailed to you by the end of next week, along with the RSVP forms and membership forms.

You must use the RSVP forms in order to attend.

Hope you can join us.

The Pres Box

At the end this month, a new year will begin, per the Jewish religious calendar. We, the Pacific Community of Cultural Jews (PCCJ), will start this new year with Secular/Humanistic Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur observances. Our unique services have no prayers, but they focus on traditional high-holiday themes of introspection, repentance, and Jewish continuity.



Our unique services resonate with modern free-thinking people who say what we mean, and mean what we say. Please invite other like-minded people you may know- relatives, friends, et al.- to attend our meaningful services. Note that Non-Members must pay a fee to attend.

Lee Jacobi
President



DINE OUT

Sept. 21, 2019

6:30 p.m.

King's Fish House
1521 W. Katella Ave
Orange, CA
714-771-6655



Please RSVP to Karen (Knechtfour@aol.com)

no later than Sept. 18, 2019

Philosopher's Café

(Our Friendly Discussion Group)

September 6, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

Di Bunin's Home

8641 Atlanta Ave.

Huntington Beach

dbf331@hotmail.com or 657-237-5333

Please RSVP no later than Sept. 4th, so your name
can be given to the security guard.



Congratulations

Happy Birthday!

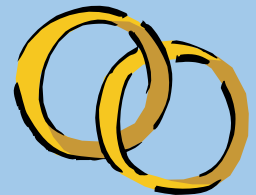
Terry Bayer - 9/17

Happy Anniversary!

Dave & Nancy Okamoto - 9/7

Terry Bayer & Victor Vega - 9/16

Eric & Isabelle Kaminsky - 9/19





Jews to Know

by Lee Jacobi

George Rosenkranz, chemist

George Rosenkranz was born as Gyorgy Rosenkranz into a Jewish family in Budapest, Hungary. He was a good student in both the arts and sciences. In late 1941 he was on his way to take an academic position in Ecuador when the Dec. 7th attack on Pearl Harbor halted most international travel. Rosenkranz's ship was stuck in port in Cuba. He was fortunately able to find work there, in a laboratory.

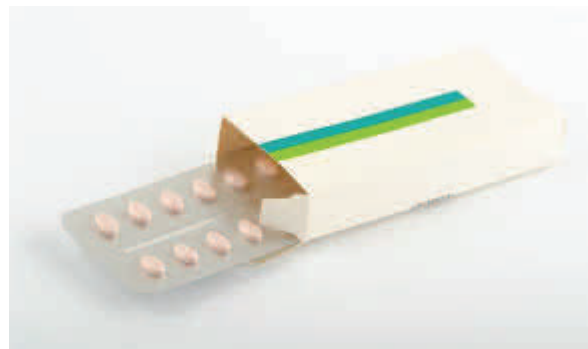
In 1946 Rosenkranz accepted a position as a research chemist with the Syntax pharmaceutical company in Mexico City. He and his colleagues there developed cortisone, a steroid that relieved the aches and pains of arthritis and swollen joints. Then in 1951 his team synthesized the hormone norethindrone, which was intended to help women avoid miscarriages. But, further experiments found that this drug also inhibited ovulation. A simple, effective birth control drug had been inadvertently discovered. It could be taken orally once a day. "The Pill" was approved for use in the US in late 1959. By the mid 1960s, millions of Western women were using The Pill. Rosenkranz and Syntax then moved to California to be close to Stanford, a major research university.

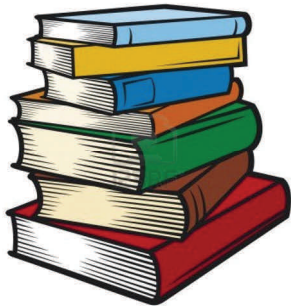
The Catholic Church condemned the birth control pill, preachers linked it to promiscuity, and conservative politicians called for it to be outlawed. Despite the opposition, the oral contraceptive pill came into common use, allowing women to plan pregnancies around their careers and lifestyles. On a planet facing overpopulation of humans, The Pill is enabling people to voluntarily avoid unwanted pregnancies.

George Rosenkranz and his wife Edith had 3 sons. He died in 2019 at the age of 102.

Lee Jacobi

Sources: LA Times article 6/28/2019





BOOK REVIEW by Jerry Zwick

THE MAN IN THE SHARKSKIN SUIT

A Jewish Family's Exodus from Cairo to the New World

By Lucette Lagnado

This memoir tells about the author's childhood in Cairo, Egypt up to her adulthood in America. She discusses her complicated family relationships, as well as what her life was like in Egypt, Paris and New York in the 1940s through the present.

As part of an orthodox Jewish family, she felt she was an outsider wherever she lived.

Because her father, to whom she was very close, was extremely conservative religiously and culturally, her life was complicated as the family attempted to adapt to new ways and environments. Her mother and siblings all had issues in this regard and followed different paths.

Because they went from extreme wealth in Egypt to severe poverty in America, life was always a challenge.

I found this memoir to be very moving and could relate to various family members. The writing style of the author was quite engaging and made me want to continue to discover what would happen next.

I would highly recommend this book.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Philosopher's Café—Sept. 6, 2019

Dine Out - Sept. 21, 2019

Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 28, 2019

Yom Kippur - Oct. 9, 2019

Sukkot - Oct. 19, 2019

Philosopher's Café - 10/26

Dine Out - November 9, 2019

Movie Night - November 9, 2019

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