



CHAI-LIGHTS

January 2020

Pacific Community of Cultural Jews

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Come and Meet Rabbi Adam Chalom, Ph.D
Dean of the North America
International Institute For Secular Humanistic Judaism



Friday night Shabbat and Program
January 31, 2020 7:30 p.m.
The Bluffs Clubhouse
2414 Vista Del Oro
Newport Beach

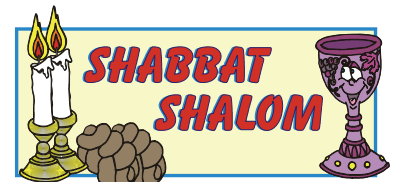


Borders and Boundaries: Staying Jewish, Becoming Jewish, and Being “Jewish And”

What are the boundaries of Jewishness? Can one stop being Jewish? If being Jewish is, for many, a cultural and ethnic identity, can one *become* Jewish? And what does it mean to be “Jewish And” rather than “Jewish Or”?

Rabbi Chalom was ordained by the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism in 2001, and received his PhD in Near Eastern Studies - Hebrew and Jewish Cultural Studies concentration from the University of Michigan.

There will be wine, challah, a candle lighting and snacks.
Please RSVP to Karen Knecht at Knechtfour@aol.com or 714-739-1366. no later than January 28, 2020



The Pres Box

Ever wonder why the Jewish new year isn't January 1st, like the rest of the western world? The western world uses the calendar developed by the Roman empire. The Roman calendar had 12 months in a solar year. Emperor Julius Caesar decided that the new year would be celebrated on the first day of the month named for the god Janus who had two faces— one for looking back, one for looking forward. This date is not long after the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year. It makes sense to have the new year designated around when the days start to get longer again.



Wherever the Romans conquered, the subjugated peoples had to start using the Roman calendar. The Romans conquered Judea, the land of the Jews. The Jewish religious leaders stubbornly resisted Roman culture and religion, just as they had resisted the Greeks'. The Jews continued to practice their ancient religion, with its inferior lunar calendar and its new year placed incongruously in early autumn.

The Romans celebrated their new year with drunken orgies. Some things haven't changed much! Happy New Year to all!

Lee Jacobi, President
Pacific Community of Cultural Jews



DINE OUT
January 11, 2020
6:00 p.m. (new time)
Panda Inn
2 Centerpoint
La Palma
714-522-3328



Please RSVP to Knechtfour@aol.com no later than
Wed. Jan. 8, 2020, no exceptions

Philosopher's Café

(Our Friendly Discussion Group)

January 10, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.

Bryon & Suzy Baron's Home

Please RSVP to them at 714-639-4906 or
bryonbaron@sbcglobal.net

Please RSVP no later than Wed. January 8th.



Congratulations

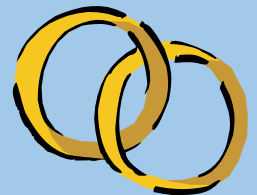
Happy Birthday!

Ruth Shapin - 1/10

Happy Anniversary!

Aviv and Hana Avishay - 1/15

Jerry and Leslie Zwick - 1/31





Jews to Know

by Lee Jacobi

Hetty Goldman, Archaeologist

Hetty Goldman was born into a wealthy Jewish family in New York in 1881. One of her grandfathers was Marcus Goldman, a founder of the Goldman Sachs financial firm. Her father Julius Goldman was a lawyer. Hetty studied English at Bryn Mawr, and archaeology and Greek at Radcliffe. She won a prestigious fellowship to attend the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. She then earned a PhD from Radcliffe.

Dr. Goldman helped pioneer the investigation of pre-Greek and early Greek culture. She led excavations at Tarsus, on the Anatolian coast of Turkey. After 25 years “in the trenches” in Greece and Turkey, Goldman was invited to be the first woman professor at Princeton’s Institute for Advanced Studies, in 1936. She retired in 1938, and then spent the next 15 years publishing the results of her excavations. She hypothesized that the ancient Anatolian culture was largely responsible for the early growth and development of ancient Greek culture.

Hetty Goldman also lived “in the present”. She volunteered with the American Red Cross. She devoted significant effort to Jewish relief work. She assisted the Jewish community in Thessalonika, Greece, which had been devastated by fire in 1917. At Princeton, she was active in sponsoring Jewish refugees from Nazism. In the 1930s and early 1940s, the US would not accept refugees unless they had sponsors here.

Hetty Goldman was awarded a gold medal by the Archaeological Institute of America in 1966. She died in 1972 at age 90.



Lee Jacobi

Sources: Jewdayo 12/19/2019; Jewish Virtual Library; Wikipedia



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Philosopher's Café - January 10, 2020
 Pacific Community Board Mtg - January 11, 2020
 Dine-Out - January 11, 2020
 Visit with Rabbi Adam Chalom - January 31, 2020
 Dine Out - February 8, 2020
 Tu B'Shvat Hike—February 9, 2020
 Philosopher's Café - February 22, 2020

For those who knew her, Phyllis Jacobs', a founding member of Pacific Community, "celebration of life" (and lunch) will be Sunday, Jan. 19 at 11:30 at Etz Chayim, 4161 Alma St., Palo Alto. If you want information, you can contact her daughter Joanne at 650-941-4166.

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