



CHAT-LIGHTS

August 2020

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During these challenging times, Pacific Community is working to bring to the Jewish Community thought provoking and exciting events. All of our events will be offered virtually, until we are able to meet together again.

Here is a list of the events we will be sharing with our community members and anyone else who is interested:

High Holiday Observances
Sukkott
Chanukah Celebration
Tu B'Shvat Hike
Passover Seder
Comedy Night



Philosopher's Cafe (monthly)
Books and Movie Sharing
Christmas Day Hike
Purim Celebration
Yom Ha'atzmaut

A special thank you to the Program Committee who met on July 25th and put together a wonderful program for the year.

Please check your email during the month of August for the information regarding High Holidays. Hopefully all of you will join us for our observances and events throughout the year.



And now a word from our President:

Hope this finds everyone healthy and reasonably sane. Our Program Committee, including some of our members, recently conducted a Zoom planning meeting to discuss events for the upcoming year. It was apparent that the conditions created by the virus made the planning of future events more challenging. The need to do most of the activities electronically for the foreseeable future, will require innovative thoughts in different ways, to present some of the programs and topics.



We are excited and looking forward to this new year of programs. Some of our planned events include virtual programs for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kipper (including music and readings), a Book & Movie Sharing discussion, a different Sukkot presentation, League of Women Voters presentation prior to the upcoming election, our monthly Philosophers Café discussions, hikes, Chanukah and others events. Hope to see you through your participation in these and other events. Stay tuned.

Bryon Baron
Pacific Community President

DINE OUT

Canceled until further notice.

Philosopher's Café

(Our Friendly Discussion Group)

August 14, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

The Zoom link will be sent out to those who RSVP to Jim Rothman on August 10th. Look for it in your email. Then on August 14th, click on the link and join in the fun.

To make sure we have your correct email address, please email Jim at jrbythec@aol.com, so he can include you.



Congratulations

Happy Birthday!

Jeanie Burke - 8/8

Jim Rothman - 8/11

Lee Jacobi - 8/14



Jews to Know

Amos Oz -

Society for Humanistic Judaism's

Role Model of the Year 2019-20

by Lee Jacobi

Amos Oz was born as Amos Klausner in 1939 in Jerusalem, then part of British Mandate Palestine. His parents were Fania (Mussman) from Poland and Yehuda Klausner from Lithuania. At age 14, Amos rebelled against his right-wing father. He joined the Labor (leftist) Zionism movement, and left home to live on a kibbutz (a socialist rural village). He took the surname "Oz" that means "courage" in Hebrew. The kibbutz sent him to study at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he earned a degree in Hebrew Literature.

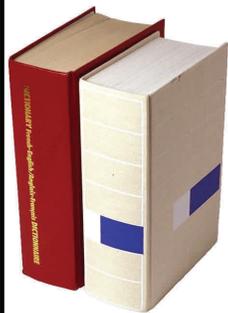
Oz did the mandatory 3-year service in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). In 1960 he married Nily Zuckerman. The Oz's had 3 children. Oz was a reservist in an IDF tank unit that saw action in the 6-Day War of 1967 and in the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

Oz became a writer, and a college professor at Ben Gurion University. Oz published 40 books that included 14 novels, 5 collections of stories and novellas, and 2 children's books. His work was translated into 45 languages, more than any other Israeli writer. Britannica.com stated: "Oz's symbolic, poetic novels reflect the splits and strains in Israeli culture. Locked in conflict are the traditions of intellect and the demands of the flesh, reality and fantasy, rural Zionism and the longing for European urbanity, and the values of the founding settlers and the perceptions of their skeptical offspring."

Amos Oz considered himself a secular Jew who retained a deep connection to Judaism. He joined the Israeli peace movement, and he was one of the first to advocate for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He spoke out against Israeli settlements on the West Bank, and he supported the Oslo accords and direct talks with the PLO. He did not oppose the construction of the Israel/West Bank separation barrier, but he wanted it to be built along the 1949 "green line". He supported the Secular Humanistic Jewish movement in Israel.

Amos Oz died in 2018 of cancer at the age of 79. His many honors and awards included the Bialik Prize, the Israel Prize, the Goethe Prize, the Heinrich Heine Prize, the Franz Kafka Prize, and the Legion of Honour of France.

Sources: Society for Humanistic Judaism; Wikipedia



BOOK REVIEW

By Jerry Zwick

Beyond the Shadow of Night

By Ray Kingfisher

This is a novel about two boys who grew up on a farm in Ukraine during the time of World War II. They were inseparable. They considered themselves as brothers born of different mothers. Asher was Jewish and Mykhail was gentile.

As the years went by Asher's family left the farm to find work in Warsaw. Mychal's family stayed on the farm. But Asher's family was placed in the Jewish ghetto, and was eventually imprisoned in the Treblinka Concentration Camp.

Unbeknownst to Asher, Mykhal ended up as a mechanic in the same camp, working with the Nazis. After the war they were reunited, each not knowing what the other had done during the past several decades. They each had secrets concerning their activities while at the camp.

This is a compelling story and well written.

However, as a warning, some of the activities at the concentration camp are quite graphic and difficult to read.

Jewish Humor

This is a new addition to the Chai Lights. Please feel free to submit jokes to be placed in the Chai Lights each month to Knechtfour@aol.com.

Oy Vey

Four Jewish ladies are playing a game of cards in Miami Beach.

The first lady sighs and says, "Oy..."

The second lady nods, sighs and says, "Oy vey!"

The third lady says, "Oy veys meer!"

The fourth lady chimes in: "Enough talk about the children already. Let's get back to the game."





MARK YOUR CALENDARS **All events via Zoom until further notice**

Philosopher's Cafe - Aug. 14, 2020
 Pacific Community Board Meeting - Aug. 15, 2020
 Philosopher's Cafe - Sept. 11, 2020
 Rosh Hashanah Observance - Sept. 19, 2020
 Yom Kippur - Sept. 28, 2020

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