



CHAT-LIGHTS

October 2020
Pacific Community of Cultural Jews

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**Please join us as we host the League of Women Voters
Virtually on October 10, 2020 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**



The League is a nonpartisan organization, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.

Jan Wagner will be joining us to give Non-Partisan information regarding the Propositions on the November 3, 2020 election.

Since we will be holding this virtually through Zoom, please RSVP no later than October 5th, so you can receive the link to the event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Knecht at 714-739-1366.

Hope to see you there.

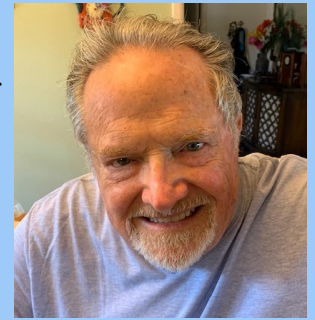


**Please welcome the newest members to Pacific Community-
Libby Frolichman & Vince Gonzalez
Anne Caston
Jonathan Levley**

**Please welcome back to Pacific Community
Terry Bayer & Victor Vega**

And now a word from our President:

Happy New Year everyone and a big welcome back to our current, new and past members who have rejoined. As Pacific Community of Cultural Jews also begins our new year, we have all experienced some difficult times and have had to make adjustments to our lives. During this time our organization has, and still is, going through the learning process of how to remain relevant and connected to our membership. We will continue to keep working on it during this new year.



An example of this learning process was the just completed High Holidays services that were implemented virtually. As we moved between the Holiday presentations, changes were made to improve the implementation of the programs. A BIG THANK YOU goes to Karen for putting together and implementing the virtual programs. Also, a Big Thank You goes to Josh and Lee for the music presentations during the programs.

Wishing you all a happy, fruitful Sukkot. Sorry that we were unable to figure out a way to celebrate this holiday virtually. It is a holiday that needs to be celebrated together in person, to share the decorating, food and music. Hopefully we can do that next year.

We have some exciting programs that are coming up that include a discussion with the League of Women Voters, Philosophers Café, and a Favorite Book or Movie Sharing. All will be presented virtually. Stay tuned.

Bryon Baron
Pacific Community President

DINE OUT

Canceled until further notice.

Special Thank you to our Friends of Pacific Community for their financial support. We cannot exist without you.

**Bryon & Suzy Baron
Terry Bayer & Victor Vega
Cheryl Cohen
Lee Winocur & Frank Field
Bob & Karen Knecht
Ruth Shapin**



Philosopher's Café

(Our Friendly Discussion Group)

October 9, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

The Zoom link will be sent out to those who RSVP to Jim Rothman on October 5th. 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!

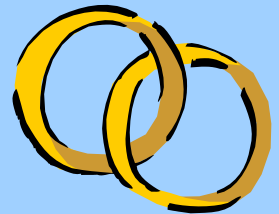
Bernice Stein - 10/07

Vince Gonzales - 10/14

Josh Moss - 10/15

Anne Caston - 10/24

Karen Knecht - 10/31



Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Karen Knecht - 10/29

This is from Cheryl Cohen. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact her.

I am on the advisory board of the OC Jewish Coalition for Refugees. We are sponsoring a collection of supplies needed by new refugees and asylum seekers who are released from the detention camps in Tijuana. We are working with an organization called the Minority Humanitarian Foundation (MHF) in San Diego.



We will be collecting the entire month of October. If you would like to participate, here's what they need: cash donations, food and clothing gift cards, phone cards, gently used backpacks and carry on suitcases, diapers, new underwear and socks for all sizes of children, women and men, packable snack foods, jackets, and sweaters



All money/check donations will be matched by another organization! Some people are quietly being released and MHF staff will pick them up, find them temporary housing, arrange their transportation to relatives/sponsors, take them to the airport or bus station, and get them on their way. They bring very little with them, so they will get to fill a backpack or carry on before they leave.



A number of OC synagogues and organizations are participating. I am willing to pick up your donations. Checks should be mailed to me and I'll include everything in a larger collection for sorting. MHF is picking up everything on Oct. 26th.

Please contact me at cjbcohen47@gmail.com or text me at 949-616-6288. My mailing address is:

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Thank you so very much to all of the people who participated in our first virtual High Holidays. Without you, we could not have done this. A special thank you to Josh Moss, who added to our program by singing Kol Nidre for us and to Jerry Zwick for once again, blowing the shofar.

Bryon Baron

Jim Rothman

Lee Winocur Field

Jerry Zwick

Josh Moss

Lee Jacobi

Nancy Okamoto

Sylvia Rothman

Jonathan Levley

Leslie Zwick

Suzy Baron

Sheila Bass

Cheryl Cohen

Deborah Holland Penley





Jews to Know

RUTH BADER GINSBERG

1933 - 2020

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was born as Joan Ruth Bader in Brooklyn, NY in 1933. Her parents Nathan and Celia were Jews of Eastern European heritage. She earned her BA from Cornell University in 1954. She married Martin Ginsburg, and gave birth to their daughter before starting law school. She graduated joint-first in her class from Columbia University law school in 1959.

Ruth Ginsburg taught law at Rutgers University and at Columbia. She spent much of her academic career as an advocate for gender equality and women's rights. She argued cases at the US Supreme Court.

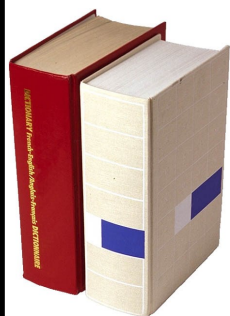
Ginsburg was nominated to the Supreme Court in 1993 by President Bill Clinton. Ginsburg was a long-serving liberal Justice. She was playfully nicknamed "the Notorious RBG."



Ginsburg died from complications of pancreatic cancer September 18, 2020. Ginsburg was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame, and she was honored as one of Times' 100 Most Influential People in 2015. Her law school years and early legal career were depicted in the 2018 movie "On the Basis of Sex".

Submitted by Lee Jacobi





BOOK REVIEW

By Jerry Zwick

FASTER: HOW A JEWISH DRIVER, AN AMERICAN HEIRESS, AND A LEGENDARY CAR BEAT HITLERS BEST

By Neal Bascomb

If you are a fan of classic auto racing (I am not), you will thoroughly enjoy this historical account of the pre-World War II European racing scene. What I found especially interesting was the intense rivalry between the Jewish driver and the German driver.

Since this took place during the time of the rise of Hitler, it told about how the German driver represented the pride of Germany. The Jewish driver represented a thorny challenge to Hitler's and Germany's national ego.

Also interesting was the heiress' invasion of the male dominated sport of auto racing. Her assertiveness and desire to win regardless of cost would make the modern day women's liberation movement proud.

What I did not find particularly interesting were the detailed descriptions of the mechanics of the racecars. These took up a large part of the book. However, the descriptions of the races and the struggles, both physical and psychological, of the drivers were fascinating.

Humor

The Unexpected Delivery

Moshe, the owner of a small Kosher New York deli, was being questioned by an IRS agent about his tax return. He had reported a net profit of \$80,000 for the year. "Why don't people leave me alone?" the deli owner said. "I work like a dog, everyone in my family helps out, the place is only closed for Jewish Holidays and Shabbat. And you want to know how I made \$80,000?" "It's not your income that bothers us," the agent said. "It's these travel deductions. You listed ten trips to Israel for you and your wife." "Oh, that? the owner said smiling. Well... We also deliver."



Oy, Yoy, Yoy

Three bubbes sitting on a park bench.

The first one lets out a heartfelt Oy.

A few minutes later, the second bubbe sighs deeply and says, Oy, vey.

A few minutes later, the third lady brushes away a tear and moans, Oy, vey iz mir.

To which the first bubbe replies, I thought we agreed we weren't going to talk about our children.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All events via Zoom until further notice

Philosopher's Café - October 11, 2020
 League of Women's Voters - October 10, 2020
 Philosopher's Café - November 6, 2020

2020 - 2022 PACIFIC COMMUNITY BOARD

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PACIFIC COMMUNITY OF CULTURAL JEWS

Calendar of Events - 2020 - 2021

EVENTS

Sept. 19, 2020 - Rosh Hashanah Observance
Sept. 28, 2020 - Yom Kippur Observance
Oct. 10, 2020 - League of Women Voters
Nov. 14, 2020 - Book & Movie Sharing
Dec. 12, 2020 - Chanukah Party
Dec. 25, 2020 - Nature Walk
Jan. 30, 2021 - Tu B'Shvat Hike
Feb. 13, 2021 - Valentine's Day with Sheila Bass
Feb. 27, 2021 - Purim Party
Mar. 27, 2021 - Passover Seder
May 09, 2021 - PotLuck / Comedy Night
June 27, 2021 - End of Year Party / Games

For more information,
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DINE - OUT

Join us for dinner at a variety of restaurants once a month. All locations will be decided upon the month before and announced in our newsletter. All dinners are at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

(Sept. through December - Dine-out is canceled due to social distancing. January through July TBD)

Jan. 11, 2021
Feb. 8, 2021
Mar. 14, 2021
Apr. 25, 2021
May 09, 2021*
June 13, 2021
July 11, 2021

For more information, or for suggestions for restaurants, contact Karen Knecht
714-739-1366 or Knechtfour@aol.com

*Different Time - watch for information

BOARD MEETINGS

All members are invited to attend board meetings and give your input. Meetings start

at 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Meetings are held via Zoom until we can meet in person again.

Next Meeting - October 24, 2020 11:00 a.m.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

Philosopher's Café - People get together on a monthly basis to discuss a topic - either issues of the day, or any topic of general interest. Where they meet is up to the group. The discussions take anywhere from an hour to . . . ?

Philosopher's Café is being held via Zoom. Please check our monthly newsletters for information on our Philosopher's Café and our Dine Out locations.

Schedule subject to change

Pacific Community is an affiliate of 2 International Organizations -
Society for Humanistic Judaism and the Cultural and Secular Jewish Organization