Christmas Day Hike and Lunch - December 25, 2021
No plans for Christmas? Enjoy the outdoors with a 1 or 2+ mile hike at the
San Joaquin Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary,
5 Riparian View, Irvine California

followed by lunch at
TG Garden, Chinese Restaurant,
13913 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove California 92843.

For the hike, meet at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Audubon House. (Use entrance from
Campus).
Lunch is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

RSVP to Sylvia Rothman (sobaysyl@aol.com) no later than December 18, 2021. You must
specify whether you are going on the hike, going to lunch, or doing both and how many in
your party if going to lunch.
And now a word from our President:

Happy Hanukkah to all of you. I am sorry we had to cancel our planned Zoom Hanukkah Program this year but with the holiday being so close to Thanksgiving and previous program commitments, there was just not enough time for the volunteers to put together a great program everyone would enjoy. Hopefully by next year, (we keep having to say “by next year”), we can all be together in-person to celebrate. I think Hannukah is one of those holidays that is best enjoyed with everyone together.

In the meantime, we still have some activities for December. There is the Zoom Philosopher’s Café on December 10th and the Christmas Day hike followed by lunch. Check this newsletter for additional info on these activities.

It is hard to believe that this year is almost over. While 2021 was better than 2020 as far as the Covid pandemic, we can only hope that 2022 will be even better. Be well and stay tuned.

Bryon Baron
Pacific Community President

DINE OUT

December 11th
11:30 a.m.

Irrawaddy, Taste of Burma
7076 Katella Ave.
Stanton
714-252-8565

Please RSVP to Knechtfour@aol.com no later than Dec. 8th.

Because of COVID restrictions, I need to make the reservation earlier than usual therefore there can be No Exceptions to the RSVP date!
Philosopher's Café
(Our Friendly Discussion Group)

December 10, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

The Zoom link will be sent out to those who RSVP to Jim Rothman by December 8th. Look for it in your email. Then on December 10th 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!
Zena Jacobi - 12/12
Suzy Baron - 12/24
Sylvia Rothman - 12/29

Happy Anniversary!
Lee & Zena Jacobi - 12/15
David & Pnina Shichor - 12/20
Josh & Gina Moss - 12/28
Jews to Know

Mort Sahl (1927-2021)

Mort Sahl was born in Montreal, Canada in 1927. His parents were Jews: an American father and a Canadian mother. The family moved a few times, until settling in Los Angeles. Upon graduating Belmont High, Sahl enlisted in the Army Air Force. He edited his post’s newspaper, where he published negative comments about his commanding officer. He was punished with 83 consecutive days of KP (kitchen) duty. After his discharge, Sahl attended Compton College on the GI Bill. He earned a BA degree in public administration at USC, and then started masters’ studies, but dropped out. Over the next few years, he wrote and staged one-act plays, started to do stand-up comedy, worked as a used car salesman, and wrote a novel that didn’t get published.

Sahl got his career going at the hungry i, a small San Francisco night club, in late 1953. He had a rocky start, but soon he was generating standing-room-only crowds.

Mort Sahl revolutionized stand-up comedy in the mid 1950s with his insightful political and social satire. “I don’t tell jokes, I give little lectures” Sahl later described his act. In a typical 45-minute monologue, he began with jabs at Charles De Gaulle and Pres. Dwight Eisenhower, then jumped to segregation, trade unions, a recent movie, jazz, New York City and Berkeley, playwright Samuel Beckett, newspapers, coffeehouses, sandals… and dozens of other subjects. At the end, he asked “Are there any groups I haven’t offended?”

Sahl’s career nosedived when he strongly promoted the theory that the assassination of Pres. John Kennedy was the result of a conspiracy, as opposed to the official Warren Commission’s conclusion of a lone assassin. People didn’t want to hear that. His income plummeted to $13,000/year. But, Sahl would not change his caustic and satiric style. His career had a modest rebound with the public’s reaction to Pres. Richard Nixon administration’s Watergate scandal. In 1987 he performed a one-man show of his work on Broadway. Late in life, Sahl taught a class in critical thinking at Claremont McKenna College.

Sahl died in 2021 at the age of 94.


From Cheryl Cohen

Sincere thanks to the Board for agreeing to donate to the Khan family, who arrived seven months ago from Afghanistan. Special thanks to Nancy (and Dave) for finding a ton of baby clothing being given away in Newport Beach. Thanks to Leslie for buying a great supply of diapers and wipes at Target. Thanks also to Nancy, Leslie and Debbi for helping us sort and categorize the clothing. The Khans are very appreciative. Their 4th baby will probably be here by the time this newsletter comes out! You are all good people!! Thanks for “welcoming the stranger.”
This book of historical fiction took place in 1956 around the time of the Israeli Egyptian war. The main character was a spy for Egypt. His assignment was to collect as much information as possible about Israeli troop movements and military plans in order to relay them back to Egyptian military headquarters.

In order to accomplish this he decides to pose as an Israeli. In the process he falls madly in love with an Israeli woman. They have a serious affair and contemplate making it permanent.

However, in order to do this he realizes that he would have to betray his family, his military career and his country.

Since this would be too much for him, he decides to disappear without telling her his true identity and his whereabouts. Other relationships ensue and get complicated.

In the course of this drama, we learn about such things as Israeli and Egyptians politics of the time, Christian and Jewish religious issues, as well as pagan beliefs.

This book was as dramatic as it was informative. I didn’t want to put it down. I would highly recommend it.

Reviewed by Jerry Zwick

This link was found by Cheryl Cohen. She recommends you check it out.

National Yiddish Theater Folksbeine

https://nytf.org/esn/
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
All events via Zoom until further notice

December 10, 2021 - Philosopher’s Café
December 11, 2021 - Dine Out
December 25, 2021 - Hike
January 8, 2022 - Dine Out
January 14, 2022 - Philosopher’s Café
January 16, 2022 - Tu B’Shvat Hike

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PACIFIC COMMUNITY OF CULTURAL JEWS
Calendar of Events  2021 - 2022

EVENTS

Sept. 7, 2021 - Rosh Hashanah Observance (Zoom)
Sept. 16, 2021 - Yom Kippur Observance (Zoom)
Sept. 25, 2021 - Sukkot/Succos & Potluck
Oct. 17, 2021 - Book Sharing
Dec. 4, 2021 - Chanukah Party
Dec. 25, 2021 - Nature Walk
Jan. 16, 2022 - Tu B’Shvat Hike
Feb. 19, 2022 - Game Night (Zoom)
Feb. 27, 2022 - Movie Time
Mar. 20, 2022 - Purim & Comedy Event
Apr. 16, 2022 - Passover Seder
May 01, 2022 - Yom Ha’Shoah Observance
May 15, 2022 - Tales of Our Mothers
June 27, 2022 - End of Year Party / Tales of Our Fathers

For more information, contact Suzy Baron, Cheryl Cohen or Karen Knecht
bryonbaron@sbcglobal.net / 714-639-4906
cjbcohen47@gmail.com / 949-616-6288
Knechtfour@aol.com / 714-739-1366

DINE - OUT

Join us for dinner at a variety 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.

All dates are tentative, depending on COVID.

Oct. 9, 2021
Nov. 20, 2021
Dec. 11, 2021
Jan. 8, 2022
Feb. 12, 2022
Mar. 12, 2022
Apr. 9, 2022
May 14, 2022
June 11, 2022
July 9, 2022

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

BOARD MEETINGS

All members are invited to attend board meetings and give your input. Meetings start at 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Philosopher’s Café (via Zoom)

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.

Sept. 10, 2021   Oct. 8, 2021
Nov. 12, 2021   Dec. 10, 2021
Jan. 14, 2022   Feb. 11, 2022
Mar. 11, 2022   Apr. 8, 2022
May 6, 2022     June 10, 2022
July 8, 2022    Aug. 5, 2022

Schedule subject to change

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