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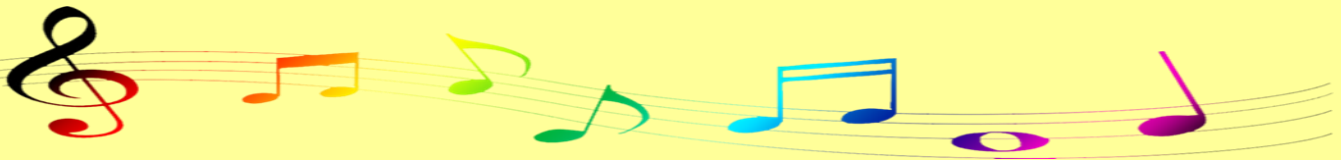
November 2022

Pacific Community of Cultural Jews

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PacifComm@aol.com www.pccjews.org

Pacific Community Song Circle

Please join us for "Campfire" Songs of Protest,
Love and Hope in Hebrew - Yiddish - English



Sunday, November 6, 2:00 PM

to be held at David & Pnina Shichor's Home

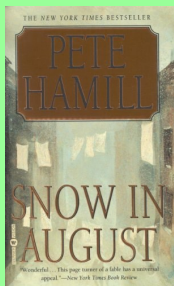
5224 Moya, Laguna Woods, CA

714-402-6464

For more information, please call Josh at 336-558-5138 or email at
cincinnati@yaho.com

You must RSVP because Security requires names and phone to grant
access to Laguna Woods. Please RSVP to Pnina at 714-402-6464
no later than November 4th, so she can give security a list of attendees.

PACIFIC COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB



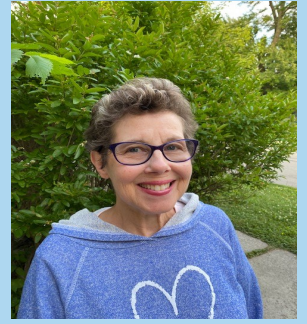
The PCCJ Book Club is reading Snow in August by Pete Hamill, 384
pages. It is available in paperback, Kindle, Nook, and in some libraries.

Please join us for a lively discussion on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at
7:00 PM, via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please contact

Sylvia Rothman at sobaysyl@aol.com and she will send you the Zoom link
one week before the meeting.

President's Message

The onset of Fall weather reminds me of the ever-turning change of seasons. I am reminded of the Fiddler on the Roof song: "Sunrise, Sunset". Recently we observed Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. It is so comforting to me to be a part of these meaningful celebrations that Pacific Community observes by honoring the history of our past while reflecting the reality of our present day lives as American Jews.



For all of you who participated I am sure you will agree they were moving and worthwhile events. I want to thank everyone who was involved in organizing the programs, especially Karen Knecht, Suzy Baron, Cheryl Cohen, Josh Moss, Leslie Zwick, and Lee Jacobi.

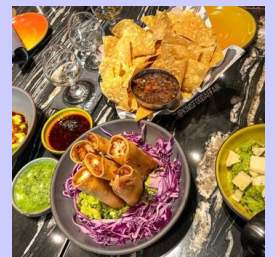
If you are new to our group and have any interest in Humanistic Judaism, please feel free to reach out to us to find out more and to attend an event. We are open to everyone. A very Happy New Year to you all.

Nancy Okamoto
Pacific Community President

DINE OUT

November 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.

**Puesto
(vegetarian options available)
1040 W. Katella Ave.
Anaheim
714-294-0362**



**Please RSVP to Knechtfour@aol.com
no later than Nov. 9th
No Exceptions to the RSVP date!**

Philosopher's Café

(Our Friendly Discussion Group)

Nov. 4, 2022 - 7:30 p.m. Via Zoom

The Zoom link will be sent out to those who RSVP to Jim Rothman by Nov. 1st. Look for it in your email. Then on Nov. 4th, 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!

Victor Vega - 11/6

Ellen Jacobs - 11/12

Pnina Shichor - 11/13

Bob Knecht - 11/14

Shirley Bonem - 11/23

Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Sylvia Rothman - 11/23

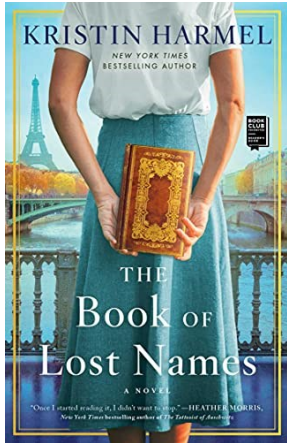


BOOK REVIEW

By Jerry Zwick

THE BOOK OF LOST NAMES

By Kristin Harmel



This is a book of historical fiction that takes place in France during World War 2. The main characters are Eva and Remy. They were both forgers who developed thousands of fake documents so that Jewish children could escape the Nazis.

Eva decided that while they gave the children phony names to put on their documents, they needed to have their real names recorded somewhere so that hopefully some day they could be reunited with their parents. These names were placed in the pages of an ancient religious book with the aide of a secret code that they developed. The book was housed in the library of the church in which they secretly did their work. Hence, the Book of Lost Names.

Eva and Remy fell in love, this love affair was not without obstacles. The most challenging of which was that Eva's mother was opposed to it on the grounds that she wanted Eva to marry a Jewish boy. She felt that marriage to a non-Jew would mean that she would be abandoning her family as well as her community, which was already in grave danger.

The mother got her way when Eva and Remy were separated by the demands of the Jewish resistance movement in which they served. Each presumed the other was murdered by the Nazis.

This is a story of individuals who exhibited amazing courage in the face of extreme danger. It also told not only of the great and undying love Eva and Remy had for each other, but also of their devotion to the tasks which saved countless Jewish lives.

The book was extremely well written and was a real page -turner. I would most highly recommend it.

Please send get well wishes to Dave Okamoto, who is recovering from surgery. We hope his recovery is quick and he can get back to his daily activities.

Jews to Know



Mikael Dolsten (1958-) Pharmaceutical Scientist

Mikael Dolsten was born in Halmstad, Sweden to Jewish parents. His mother had escaped from Austria soon after WWII broke out. His home was not very religiously observant. Some visits to Israel as a youth led him to spend a year of his doctoral studies at Weizmann Institute in Israel, where he was exposed to cutting-edge immunology research.

Dolsten began his career as a physician on the medical faculty of the Univ. of Lund, Sweden. He focused on immunology and oncology. He then did research in the private Swedish companies Pharmacia, and next Astra AB (that became AstraZeneca). Dolsten immigrated to the US in 2004 at the request of his then-employer Wyeth. He ended up at US “big pharma” company Pfizer Inc. In 2010, he was named Pfizer’s chief science officer, the head of research and development. Under Dolsten’s leadership, Pfizer completed development and/or testing of several significant medicines including Eliquis and Ibrance.

The worldwide Covid-19 epidemic began at the end of 2019. Pharmaceutical labs around the world raced to produce tests and vaccines against the virus that causes it. Pfizer was one of the first to develop a Covid vaccine, based on synthesized mRNA, that was both safe and effective in reducing the chance of contracting a severe case of Covid. People who were vaccinated could still get Covid, but if they did get infected, they would typically have only a mild case, so their odds of dying from this virus would be greatly reduced.

As of 2022, Dolsten continues to be involved in the direction of research at Pfizer. He and his wife (a Jewish doctor) live in the New York metropolitan area. S

The US has greatly benefitted from Jewish immigrants such as Mikael Dolsten.

Written by Lee Jacobi. Credits: Baltimore Jewish Times; Wikipedia; Bloomberg

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Nov. 4, 2022 - Philosopher's Café
 Nov. 5, 2022 - Dine Out
 Nov. 6, 2022 - Song Circle
 Dec. 16, 2022 - Philosopher's Cafe
 Dec. 17, 2022 - Dine Out
 Dec. 18, 2022 - Chanukah Party
 Dec. 25, 2022 - Nature Hike

2022 - 2024 PACIFIC COMMUNITY BOARD

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PACIFIC COMMUNITY OF CULTURAL JEWS

Calendar of Events 2022 - 2023

EVENTS

Sept. 25, 2022 - Rosh Hashanah Observance
Oct. 5, 2022 - Yom Kippur Observance (Zoom)
Oct. 9, 2022 - Sukkot/Succos & Potluck
~~Oct. 15, 2022 - League of Women Voters Presentation~~
Nov. 6, 2022 - Song Circle
Dec. 18, 2022 - Chanukah Party
Dec. 25, 2022 - Nature Walk
Jan. 15, 2023 - Speaker TBD
Feb. 5, 2023 - Tu B'Shvat Hike
Feb. 26, 2023 - Bower's Museum Trip
Mar. 4, 2023 - Purim- Hamantaschen & Chardonnay
Apr. 2, 2023 - Passover Seder
May 6, 2023 - Book Sharing
June 27, 2023 - Member End of Year Party

For more information,
contact Suzy Baron, or Cheryl Cohen
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cjbcohen47@gmail.com / 949-616-6288

DINE - OUT

Join us for lunch or dinner at a variety of restaurants once a month. All locations will be decided upon the month before and announced in our newsletter. All lunches are at 11:30 a.m. and dinners are at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

All dates are always tentative.

Oct. 22, 2022
Nov. 12, 2022
Dec. 17, 2022
Jan. 21, 2023
Feb. 11, 2023
Apr. 8, 2023
May 13, 2023
June 10, 2023
July 15, 2023

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. 23, 2022	Oct. 14, 2022
Nov. 4, 2022	Dec. 16, 2022
Jan. 13, 2023	Feb. 10, 2023
Mar. 10, 2023	Apr. 14, 2023
May 12, 2023	June 9, 2023
July 14, 2023	Aug. 18, 2023

PACIFIC COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

Dates to be determined by members and announced in the Chai Lights.

Schedule subject to change

Pacific Community is an affiliate of 2 International Organizations -

Society for Humanistic Judaism and the Cultural and Secular Jewish Organization