



CHAI LIGHTS

September-October 2024
Pacific Community of Cultural Jews

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**Please join us as we visit the Bowers Museum
You have two dates to choose from or you can attend both.**

**September 14, 2024
10:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 at their restaurant
or**

**September 26, 2024 Lunch at 1200 ,p.m. and
1:30 p.m. for a lecture
“Gone But Not Forgotten Jewish Songwriters”**

**If you are interested in joining us for lunch on one or both
dates, you will need to RSVP to Suzy Baron so
she can make the reservation.**

**Admission is 10.00 for museum members and
15.00 for non-museum members**

**You will need to purchase your own tickets, but Suzy will make the
reservations for lunch on the 14th and the 26th.**

**Please contact Suzy Baron at Bryonbaron@sbcglobal.net or
657-274-3440 ASAP**

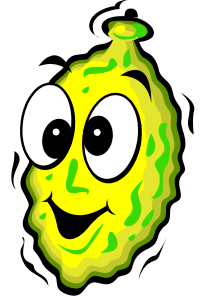
**Please join Pacific Community as we observe the High Holi-
days together. All of the information can be found at the
back of this issue of Chai Lights**

SUKKOT / SUCCOS

On Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 12:00 pm, please join us for a Sukkot holiday celebration. As in previous years, we will enjoy a potluck meal in a real Sukkah at a PCCJ Member's home. Part of the fun will be decorating the Sukkah.



We will be decorating the sukkah at
Lee & Zena Jacobi's home
23 Alameda
Irvine



RSVP to Lee & Zena Jacobi at: LeeJacobi123@gmail.com by October so you can let us know what food you plan to bring to share.

We are looking forward to hosting you!

In honor of the marriage of their daughter,
Rebecca Kaminsky to Jonathon Rossiter,
Eric and Isabelle Kaminsky made a donation to
Pacific Community in her honor.



Congratulations to the Kaminskys and
their daughter, Rebecca.

Co-Presidents' Message



The Co-Presidents, Jim and Sylvia Rothman are traveling during the month of August. Their message will return in the next Chai Lights, which will be in November.

**Jim and Sylvia Rothman
Co-Presidents, Pacific Community of Cultural Jews**



DINE OUT

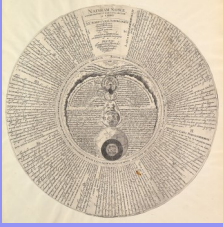
November 2, 2024

1:00 p.m.

**Stonefire Grill
18727 Brookhurst
Fountain Valley
714-968-8300**



**Please RSVP to Knechtfour@aol.com no later than
October 30, 2024. No exceptions!**



Philosopher's Café

(Our Friendly Discussion Group)



September 27, 2024

7:30 p.m. Via Zoom

and

October 18, 2024

The Zoom link will be sent out to those who RSVP to Jim Rothman by Sept. 25th and Oct. 16th. Look for it in your email. Then on Sept. 27th and Oct. 18th, 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!

Bert Bonem - 9/15

Bernice Stein - 10/7

Nancy Zeltzer - 10/12

Vince Gonzales - 10/14

Josh Moss - 10/15

Karen Knecht - 10/31

Happy Anniversary!

Dave & Nancy Okamoto - 9/7

Libby Frolichman & Vince Gonzales - 9/12

Eric & Isabelle Kaminsky - 9/19

Bob & Karen Knecht - 10/29





Jews To Know

Doug Emhoff 1964- The First “Second Gentleman”

Douglas Emhoff was born to Jewish parents in Brooklyn, NY. His great-grandparents had immigrated to the US from Gorlice, Poland in 1899, due to discrimination against Jews. Doug had a brother, Andy, and a sister, Jamie. The family moved to New Jersey, where they were congregants at a Reform synagogue and Doug had his bar mitzvah. Doug was an athletic boy. When Doug was 17, the family moved to Southern California, where he graduated from Agoura HS. He earned a BA in communication studies from CSU Northridge and then a JD from USC Gould School of Law in 1990.

Emhoff became a lawyer, specializing in the entertainment field. Emhoff rose in his career. He and a partner founded their own firm that was bought out 6 years later. In 2017, Emhoff joined the DLA Piper law firm and worked in its California and Washington DC offices.

In 1992, Emhoff married film producer Kerstin Mackin. The couple had 2 children, Cole and Ella, before divorcing in 2008. In 2013, Emhoff was set up on a blind date with a woman named Kamala Harris who was then Attorney General of California. They married in 2014. Kamala became step-mother to his 2 children.

In 2020, Harris was tapped by then-Senator Joe Biden to be his running mate in the 2020 US presidential election. After the Biden/Harris team won the election, Emhoff left DLA Piper to avoid any conflict of interest. Emhoff was soon after hired by Georgetown University Law Center as a distinguished fellow of the school’s Institute for Technology Law and Policy.

When Harris was sworn in as Vice President (VP) in January 2021, Emhoff became the very first “Second Gentleman” i.e. husband of the US VP, and also the first Jewish spouse of a US VP. Emhoff assisted the Biden/Harris administration by “representing” at a few minor diplomatic events. In 2023, Emhoff visited the Auschwitz concentration/death camp alongside Holocaust survivors. Later in 2023, Emhoff provided input to the Congressional Dads Caucus that discussed co-parenting, paid family leave, expanding the Child Tax Credit, and affordable childcare. In 2024, Emhoff was part of the US legation at the summer Olympics.

In August 2024, after Kamala Harris had suddenly become the Democratic Party’s presidential candidate, Emhoff made a speech at the Democratic Convention in support of the Harris/Walz candidate team.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Sept. 14, 2024	- Bower's Museum
Sept. 27, 2024	- Philosopher's Café
Sept. 29, 2024	- Rosh Hashanah Observance
Oct. 5, 2024	- League of Women Voters Presenta
Oct. 12, 2024	-Yom Kippur Observance
Oct. 18, 2024	-Philosopher's Café
Oct. 20, 2024	- Sukkot/Succos Observance
Nov. 2, 2024	- Dine Out

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PACIFIC COMMUNITY OF CULTURAL JEWS

Calendar of Events 2024 - 2025

EVENTS

Sept. 14, 2024 -	Bowers Museum
Sept. 29, 2024 -	Rosh Hashanah Observance
Oct. 5, 2024 -	L.O.W.Voters - Propositions
Oct. 12, 2024 -	Yom Kippur
Oct. 20, 2024 -	Sukkot/Succos & Potluck
Dec. 12, 2024 -	Klezmaties
Dec. 22, 2024 -	Chanukah Party
Dec. 25, 2024 -	Nature Walk and Lunch
Jan. 12, 2025 -	Discussion of Sherwin Wine Video
Feb. 9, 2025 -	Song Circle
Feb. 16, 2025 -	Tu B'Shvat Hike
Mar. 16, 2025 -	Purim Celebration
Apr. 13, 2025 -	Passover Seder
Apr. 26, 2025 -	Yom Ha Shoah Observance
May 18, 2025 -	Book sharing Program
June 21, 2025 -	Year-End Party

DINE - OUT

Join us for lunch or dinner at a variety restaurants once a month. All locations will be decided upon the month before and announced in our newsletter. All lunches are at 1:00 p.m. and dinners are at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

All dates are always tentative.

August 10, 2024
November 2, 2024
December 14, 2024
January 18, 2025
February 8, 2025
March 8, 2025
May 10, 2025
June 14, 2025
July 19, 2025

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



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.

Schedule subject to change.

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

29th Annual
Rosh Hashanah Observance

Sponsored by the
Pacific Community of Cultural Jews
Please join us for a secular observance of the
Jewish New Year on

Sunday, September 29, 2024

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(Bagels, Lox, and Fruit to follow observance)

**Program includes the blowing of the Shofar,
an emotional candle lighting, and a
meaningful celebration.**

**Debby Penley's Clubhouse
4552 Michelson Dr.
Irvine**

**For further information, please email Pacific Community at
Knechtfour@aol.com**

Please RSVP no later than Sept. 23, 2024

39th Annual Yom Kippur Observance

sponsored by the

Pacific Community of Cultural Jews



Saturday October 12, 2024

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Debby Penley's Clubhouse
4552 Michelson Dr.
Irvine**

Our Program Consists of the Following:

- A Secular Kol Nidre
- A Secular Niskor (Let Us Remember)

No Host Break the Fast Dinner (Golden Dragon Restaurant)

**For more information, please contact
Pacific Community at Knechtfour@aol.com**

Please RSVP no later than Oct. 5, 2024

Pacific Community of Cultural Jews

High Holiday Observance

Rosh Hashanah - September 29, 2024 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur - October 12, 2024 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Price Information

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

Members Price included in 2024/2025 membership Dues

Non-Members Price

Rosh Hashanah	Yom Kippur	Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Package
45.00 pp	25.00 pp	60.00 pp

Once again, there will not be a meal served at Yom Kippur, so for those interested in participating in a “Break the Fast” Dinner, Pacific Community is organizing a No-Host dinner (\$25.00 per person, pre-paid by separate check). Reservations must be made on the registration form for the High Holidays.

The filled out registration form (attached), accompanied by

TOTAL FEES DUE, should be sent to:

Leslie Zwick

6182 Pickett Ave

Garden Grove, CA 92845

All registration checks should be made out to: Pacific Community

All “Break the Fast” checks should be payable to Karen Knecht

For further information, please email at Pacifcomm@aol.com

No Refunds Will Be Made after
Sept. 10, 2024 for Rosh Hashanah or Oct. 5, 2024 for Yom Kippur.

Rosh Hashanah / Yom Kippur Registration Form

Sponsored by the Pacific Community of Cultural Jews

September 29, 2024

October 12, 2024

Family Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (____) _____

Email _____

Please indicate which observance you will be attending.

First Name(s)	Member **	Non- Member (per per-	Rosh Hashanah 09/29/24	Yom Kippur 10/12/24	Total Fee
					\$
					\$
Memorial Donation (optional)					\$
Total amount					\$

** If you sent in your 24/25 dues, your admission to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are already paid. If you include your dues check with this registration, no further fees for your admission to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are required.

Please complete the above registration form, and send it along with your membership form and a check for registration, payable to Pacific Community for the full amount to:

Leslie Zwick
6182 Pickett Ave
Garden Grove, CA 92845
Break the Fast Dinner - Payable to Karen Knecht
Golden Dragon Restaurant
2023 Harbor Blvd. #A
Costa Mesa - 949-642-7162
\$25.00 per person

Name _____ Attending Dinner - Yes _____ No _____

Name _____ Attending Dinner - Yes _____ No _____

Check # (payable to Karen Knecht) _____ Amount \$ _____