

# J-West

West Coast Conference  
for Cultural, Humanistic,  
and Secular Jews



## A World of Jewish Music Come learn, enjoy and sing!

WELCOME!

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews (TVCJ) and the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism (IISHJ) are proud to welcome you to J-West, a West Coast gathering of Cultural, Humanist and Secular Jews. The conference is a time to see old friends, make new ones, and build connections among individuals and communities. It is a forum for sharing resources, ideas, and inspiration for sustaining and promoting Jewish culture and history. The 2019 conference will give us the opportunity to learn about our broad musical history and share the songs that move and inspire us today. Featured speakers are Cantor Dr. Jonathan Friedmann, Dr. Andrea Fishman, Dr. Ezra Donner and Cantor Deborah Davis. Songleaders will lead practical workshops in which everyone is invited to participate.

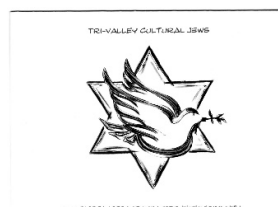
The conference will be held **January 18-20** at the La Quinta Inn in Hayward, California, an easy distance from all three Bay Area airports, and will begin with a TVCJ-hosted *shabbes* dinner at the home of a member.

We hope to make this conference affordable for all people. To help us in making this possible, we invite you to make a tax-deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund. There is space on the registration form to make a donation. Even if you can't come, please consider a donation to help others attend.

If you have any questions, please email [CulturalJews@gmail.com](mailto:CulturalJews@gmail.com). For reservation questions, please call Karen Knecht at 714-739-1366 or email [knechtfour@aol.com](mailto:knechtfour@aol.com).

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sponsors: TVCJ, IISHJ, Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, Kol Hadash (CA), Pacific Community of Cultural Jews, Kol Shalom, Linda Fisher and Rick Schwartz, Ethel Seid, Karen Furst



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### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE\*

**Friday** evening *shabbes* dinner – hosted by TVCJ. 6:00-8:00 p.m.

#### Saturday

8:00 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 am – 5-15 pm

- **Welcome and Keynote  
On Beyond Klezmer**  
*Cantor Dr. Jonathan Friedmann*
- **Famous and Unknown Jewish  
Composers - Dr. Ezra Donner**
- **Songs for Holidays and Shabbes**  
*Rabbi and Cantor Judith Seid*
- **Sephardic Music (Spain/Balkans)**  
*Dr. Andrea Fishman*
- **The Newest Jewish Song**
- **Jews Rock! - Jerry Zwick**
- **Songs of Social Justice**
- **Group Sing**

5:30-6:45 Dinner

7:30 – 9:00 Evening Entertainment:  
“Gefilte Fish and Chips”  
*Stories and music by Daniel Cainer*

#### Sunday

8:00 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

- **The Liturgical Traditions-** *Dr. Ezra Donner*
- **Teaching Language Through Songs**
- **Molly Picon & the Jewish Musical Theater - Cantor Deborah Davis**
- **Getting Kids to Sing**
- **Mizrakhi Music (Middle East/N. Africa)**  
*Cantor Dr. Jonathan Friedmann*
- **How to teach and lead rounds and part-singing**
- **Easy Songs Everyone Can Sing**  
*Rabbi and Cantor Judith Seid*

5:30-6:45 Dinner

7:30 – ? Evening Entertainment:  
**Sharing our Songs** - our traditional  
“talent show” and MORE SINGING!

*\*Schedule subject to change.*

*Two topics will be presented concurrently for most sessions.  
You can choose whichever appeals to you.*

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## CONFERENCE PACKAGES

### **Two-Day Registration:**

*Includes: 2 lunches; 2 dinners; evening entertainment; choice of workshops*

**\$185 if paid by November 30**  
**\$205 if paid December 1 or later**

### **Saturday or Sunday only:**

*Includes: lunch; dinner; evening entertainment; choice of workshops*

**\$105 if paid by November 30**  
**\$115 if paid December 1 or later**

Friday evening *Shabbat*/Dinner  
No charge for conference registrants  
but we need to know you're coming  
so please check the box!

**Hotel not included**

*If finances are the only thing holding you back from coming,  
please contact the conference organizers to request scholarship assistance  
or home stay accommodations.  
We want you to be able to come!*

### **Hotel Reservation Information:**

**La Quinta Inn**  
**20777 Hesperian Blvd. Hayward, CA**  
**510-732-6300**

Friday, January 18 – Sunday, January 20  
Double room: \$89.00/day plus tax. Breakfast included.  
**Just tell them "J-West Conference" to get the conference rate.**

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### REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly!

Early bird discount due by: November 30, 2018

Full name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary group affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to share a hotel room? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, we will put you in contact with other attendees who would like to share a room.

Special housing or dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending: Will you be coming to dinner on Friday? \_\_\_\_\_

Full conference (\$205 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (early bird \$185 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday only (\$115 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (early bird \$105 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday only (\$115 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (early bird \$105 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Scholarship Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Early bird reservations must be*

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *received by November 30, 2018*

**Send forms and check in US dollars payable to:**

**"TVCJ" with "J-West" in the memo line to:**

**TVCJ, 1817 Sinclair Drive, Pleasanton CA 94588 USA**

For information, or to register online, go to: <http://bit.ly/JWest-2019>