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# BayCC Community Newsletter



Welcome to our monthly newsletter! In this newsletter, we will be sharing updates on our current projects, upcoming events, and ways that you can get involved and make a difference.

We hope you will join us at our upcoming events and continue to support our mission to make a positive impact in our community!

## Newsletter Highlights

### Past Events

### High School Girls Iftar

### Mountain View Community Center Iftar

### Iftar Çekilişi

### Iftar at BAYCC Cultural Center

### Ramadan For Me

#### Fun Fact:

1/30th (about 20 pages) of the Quran is recited during every Taraweeh prayer, so in one month the Quran is finished!



# Announcements

## TEBRİKLER!



SEVGİLİ İKBAL ABİ VE YASEMİN ABLA  
AİLENİZİN YENİ ÜYESİNE HOŞGELDİN DER,  
SAĞLIKLI VE MUTLU BİR ÖMÜR GEÇİRMESİNİ DİLERİZ.

EN İÇTEN DİLEKLERİMİZLE

*Dualarımız  
sizinle.*

Gönüllülerimizin yakınlarından hayatını  
kaybedenlere Allah'tan rahmet, yakınlarına sabır  
ve geçmiş olsun dileklerimizi iletiyoruz.

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# HELP VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA!

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Donation!



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# Mobile Health clinic in Afghanistan

We, as Bay Area North California Embrace Relief Volunteers, want to help Afghans with poor health by opening a mobile health clinic. Join this Mobile Health Clinic in Afghanistan, a campaign to save more lives, and share your part of being a human being, and solidarity with this difficult time of Afghan people.

**SCAN QR CODE TO  
DONATE NOW!** →



 [www.theladybird.org](http://www.theladybird.org)

# Past Events



## WEST PLATFORM MEETING

BAYCC hosted members of the West Civic Platform. The event took place on the 4th of March at its center. BAYCC is a member of this umbrella platform which unites non-profit organizations based in the west of the USA. Member organizations presented their reports and discussed new strategies and plans.



## FUNDRAISING FOOD SALE IN SACRAMENTO

On Friday February 24th, Sacramento Turkish and Afghan collaboration carried out food sale after Jumuaah prayer in Salam Masjid for the benefit of an Embrace Relief project: Mobile Health Clinic project in Afghanistan



## SEMINAR AND CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

We celebrated International Women's Day on March 11, Saturday at Los Altos Library, Orchard Room with a "How Women Beautify the World". The event was organized by Women Empowerment & Youthlink groups. We had speakers and an audience from diverse backgrounds gathered together.

# Past Events

Çocuklarımıza Mirac Kandili'nin manevi ortamını bir nebze tattırmak adına onlarla birlikte çeşitli aktiviteler yaptığımız bir kandil buluşması gerçekleştirdik. 18 Şubat Cuma günü kültür merkezinde bir araya gelip kandile dair güzel anıları zihinlerine nakşetmek için çocukların diliyle kandilimizi kutladık. Balonlarla oynayıp, Kabe-Muazzama puzzle'ı, kağıt poşetlerden camilerimizi yapıp, ilahi söyleyip, namazlarımızı kıldık. O güne özel küçük hediyelerini de verip tekrar buluşmak üzere ayrıldık..



# Building Bridges program

Christ Church, Beth Am, and Pacifica Institute congregation members joined for the six-session Interfaith Bridges Program project from November 2022 to February 2023. The participants met once every two weeks on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at faith houses. Each session had a topic with a video presentation, discussion, and learning from each other's faith traditions

Participants had sanctuary tours, observed prayer practices, and interacted with clergy. Each session served food brought by participants as a potluck. It was a wonderful experience enjoying new dishes and sharing thoughts at the assigned round tables. The project aimed to bring people of three faith traditions together, build lasting friendships, and remove stereotypes. Facilitators from all three institutions had done a great job by well planning the sessions.

The Building Bridges program is designed and promoted by Building Bridges Together organization. Dr. Oktay Erbil a volunteer of Pacifica Institute is one of the founding members of the establishment. Advocates of interfaith dialogue can approach the organization through their website <https://www.buildingbridgestogether.net/> to receive resources, guidance, and "rules of the road" in organizing the structured program in their communities and organizations.



# Cooking Classes at Home

Cooking Classes were one of the important events at Pacifica Institute's center in Sacramento where participants learned one Turkish dish at a time. The sessions were organized by Pacifica's women volunteers, announced publicly on Eventbrite, and were attended by guests from different walks of life. Unfortunately COVID-19 pandemic led to the closure of the Pacifica center which also resulted in the ending of Cooking Class events.



However, Ms. Eda Dogan, one of our community member was always been in search of different ways of organizing the cooking class. Spontaneously, she shared her thoughts about this in an iftar with her friends, and the idea of doing classes at home by inviting others and doing this as a workshop has come up. Now, the cooking class group gathers every month in one of the member's houses and the host demonstrates the meal of her culture, becoming into Interethnic Cooking Club.



The group has only 8 members due to limited kitchen space. Performing cooking classes as a small and closed group leads the ladies to have intense conversations and sincere relationships with each other. Sometimes, the group organizes family get-togethers to let all family members get to know each other. Currently, other ladies in the community are discussing creating their small groups by inviting their friends, neighbor, or coworkers who are interested in cultural exchange in cooking.







Wed

[Click here to watch](#)



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## NGO CSW 67 PARALLEL EVENT

# HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND YOUNG GIRLS IN THE DIGITAL AGE



**NILUFER SAGAT**

Coding, Creativity, and Collaboration: Our Project to Empower Girls in Silicon Valley



**AYSE KUBRA YILDIRIM**

Building Bridges to Equality: Providing Online Tutoring to Afghan Refugee Middle School Girls



**MIHA ISIK**

Sparking Activism in Young Girls Through the Use of Technology



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

**DATE:**  
WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 15, 2023

**VENUE:**  
SALVATION ARMY  
221 E. 52ND ST, NEW YORK NY 10022

**TIME:**  
2:30 PM EST  
11:30 AM PST





Wed

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Dear Esteemed Friends,

Pacifica Institute cordially invites you to attend the panel “Harnessing technology to empower women and young girls in the digital age” on March 15, Wed at 11:30 PM PDT, 2:30 PM EST at the Salvation Army in NY for the United Nations NGO CSW67. Our panel will showcase three innovative projects that aim to empower women and young girls through the use of technology.

The first project (HER) is an online tutoring program designed to help and empower Afghan refugee girls at middle school. Through this program, girls are connected with tutors who provide them with academic support and mentorship. The goal of this project is to help these girls overcome the challenges they face as refugees and gain the skills and confidence they need to succeed. The second project (Python4Girls & Hackathon4Girls) is focused on encouraging and motivating young women and girls to pursue careers in the tech field. Through a series of free coding classes and hackathons, we aim to inspire young women to explore their interests in tech and gain the skills they need to succeed. By creating a supportive and inclusive environment, we hope to break down barriers that have traditionally kept women out of the tech industry. Finally, our third project focuses on sparking climate change activism in young girls through the agency of innovation and technology. By providing girls with the tools and resources they need to learn about climate change and take action, we hope to create a generation of young women who are passionate about protecting our planet.

These three projects are just a few of the many ways in which technology can be harnessed to empower women and young girls. Through this panel, we hope to inspire and encourage others to use technology as a means of empowering women and girls and creating a more equitable world.

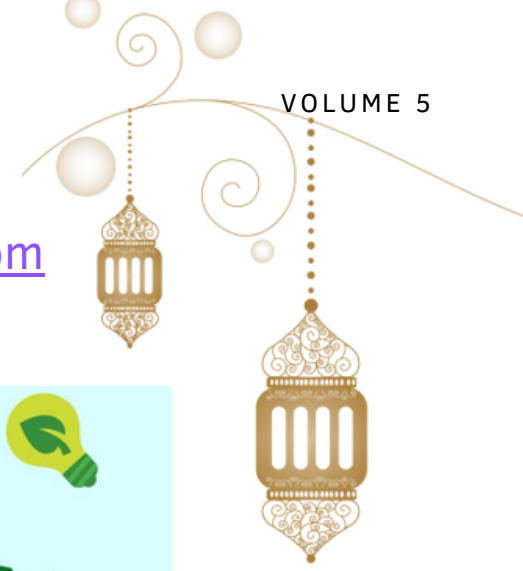
Please join us online or in-person for what promises to be a thought-provoking and inspiring panel discussion. Zoom link information is provided in the flyer.

Sincerely,  
Pacifica Institute WE & Youthlink



Wed

[Click here to join Zoom](#)



**RAMADAN FOR ME**

3<sup>rd</sup>

**INFORMATION SESSION**

Wednesday, Mar 15 8:00 PM PST

**Join the Call**

"Discover "Ramadan For Me" at our info session for students and parents. Our mentors will guide you through the guidelines and purpose of the event, inspiring you to unleash your creativity and celebrate the spirit of Ramadan. Join us this Wednesday!





Saturday

[Click here to watch](#)



**talks**

MAR 18 | SATURDAY  
6:00 | PM PT

**PROF. RYAN RHODES**

join us every saturday  
**@erguvantalks**  
on youtube

CONTACT US  
[erguvantalks@gmail.com](mailto:erguvantalks@gmail.com)

CLICK TO JOIN



[Click here to join Hiking WhatsApp group](#)

# ORMAN TEMİZLİĞİ

19 Mart 2023 tarihinde saat sabah 9'da Redwood City'deki Tafoni hiking parkurunda hem hiking yapmayı hem de orman temizliği yapmayı planlıyoruz. Çöp poşeti ve eldiven temin edilecektir. Zemin son yağışlardan dolayı bazı kısımlarda çamurlu olabilir, o yüzden hiking ayakkabısı ile gelinmesi tavsiye edilir.

**19 MART 2023**

6,4 millik döngü parkurunu yaklaşık bir 4 millik kısmını yapma planımız var. Tamamlanması ortalama 2 saat civarında sürüyor normalde. Bu parkurda köpek dolaştırma izni yok şimdiden belirtelim. Rotaya çok yakın mesafede Methusalah isimli bölgenin en yaşlı Redwood ağacı ve Alice's Restaurant bulunmaktadır.

[HTTPS://WWW.ALLTRAILS.COM/TRAIL/US/CALIFORNIA/TAFONİ-LOOP](https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/tafoni-loop)

# Iftar At Netivat Shalom in Berkley



[Click here for registration!](#)



## INVITATION FOR COMMERMORATION OF PASSOVER AND RAMADAN

Please join us to commemorate two festivals, Passover and Ramadan, and to enjoy iftar dinner in the company of friends and family members.

VENUE: NETIVOT SHALOM IN BERKELEY

ADDRESS: 1316 UNIVERSITY AVE,  
BERKELEY, CA 94702

DATE: SUNDAY, 26TH OF MARCH, 2023

TIME: 6:15 PM

CONTACT: MR. AHMET +1 (510) 692-1371

# Iftar At Peninsula Temple Sholom, Burlingame



[Click here for registration!](#)

**Iftar**  
**Interfaith Program & Dinner**

Thursday, March 30  
6:15 PM doors open • 6:45 PM program  
Presentations by Muslim & Jewish clergy  
Followed by dinner with Iftar and Passover treats

Peninsula Temple Sholom  
1655 Sebastian Drive, Burlingame

RSVP by March 24  
[sholom.org/event/iftar](http://sholom.org/event/iftar)

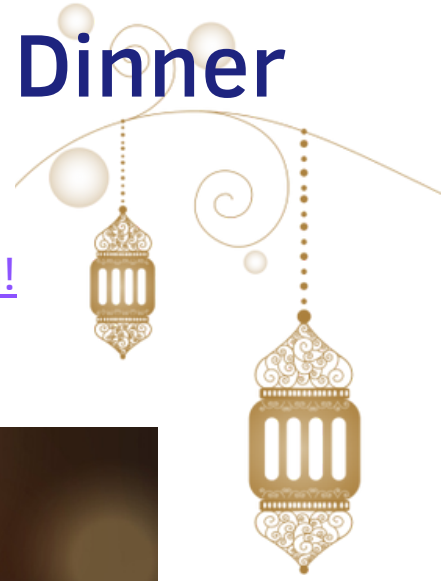
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TEMPLE  
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PACIFICA  
INSTITUTE



# BAYCC Community Iftar Dinner



[Click here for registration!](#)



**BAYCC**

## COMMUNITY İFTARI

[RSVP İÇİN TIKLAYINIZ](#)

31 MART, 2023 CUMA 7:30 PM

QUINLAN COMMUNITY CENTER  
CUPERTINO ROOM

**! Kontenjan sınırlı olduğundan RSVP yapılarak gelinmesi gerekmektedir.**



# High School Girls Ramadan Dinner



Saturday

[Click here for registration!](#)

A dark blue event poster with a geometric pattern. It features several golden lanterns hanging from the top, a crescent moon and star in the center, and a white outline of a mosque at the bottom. The text is in white and golden colors.

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS  
RAMADAN DINNER**

*Come on over and join us for our High School Girls Ramadan Dinner.*

**Music | Dinner | Gifts | Games**

**April 1st  
2023**

The event is free, however due to our limited seating availability:

**at 6.00 PM**

**PLEASE SIGN UP**

4701 Patrick Henry Dr building 18, Santa Clara, CA 95054

# Interfaith Iftar At Mountain View Community Center



Sunday

[Click here for registration!](#)



## *invitation to interfaith iftar dinner*

Pacifica Institute and Bay Area Cultural Connections (BayCC) cordially invite you to the interfaith iftar dinner. The first half of April is rich with special celebrations for many faith traditions Mahavir Jayanti, Passover, Easter, Vaisakhi, and Ramadan. Please join us to mark this festive season in company of friends and family. We will have faith leaders praying and educating us about these special days and enlightening us on "How religious festivals can be celebrated to foster Interfaith Dialogue?".

*organized by Pacifica Institute and BayCC*

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, TIME: 18:30

REDWOOD HALL, MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY  
CENTER, 201 S RENGSTORFF AVE, MOUNTAIN VIEW,  
CA 94040



Contact: 224 830 4855



# Iftar Dinner by Silicon Valley House of Hope



Thursday

[Click here for registration!](#)



YOU ARE INVITED TO

## Ramadan Iftar Dinner

THURSDAY

APRIL 06, 2023

6:45PM - 8:45PM

4701 PATRICK HENRY DR #18  
SANTA CLARA, 95054

ORGANIZER: SILICON VALLEY HOUSE OF HOPE  
SVHOH.ORG



# Youth Iftar Dinner



[Click here for registration!](#)

A vertical poster with a dark blue starry background. At the top left, there are three golden hanging lanterns. The text 'April 8th 2023, 6 pm' is next to a calendar icon. Below that, a location pin icon is followed by '266 Escuela Avenue Mountain View, CA 94040'. The main title 'Bay Area Youth Ramadan Dinner' is in large, golden, stylized font. Below the title, it says 'Come join us for our Youth Ramadan Iftar.' To the right, there are three icons: a musical note for 'Music', a gift box for 'Gifts', and a game controller for 'Games'. At the bottom left, there is a golden outline of a mosque dome. At the bottom right, there is a red bridge icon above the text 'BAYCC' in blue.



Sunday

Kayıt olan aileler içerisinde 3'er ailelik gruplar oluşturulacak. İçlerinden bir aile, diğer iki aileyi misafir edecek. Bu üç aile 9 Nisan Pazar günü iftar yapmak için bir araya gelecek!

[KAYIT OLMAK İÇİN TIKLAYIN](#)

**Misafir ve ev sahibi aileler çekilişle belirlenecektir.**

KÜRŞAT BEYLE İLETİSİME GECEBİLİRSİNİZ  
+1 (413) 250-8802

# Iftar with members of the Interfaith Council of Alameda County



[Click here for registration!](#)



INVITATION TO  
INTERFAITH IFTAR DINNER

This April is a wonderful season of festivals for many faith traditions such as Mahavir Jayanti, Passover, Easter, Vaisakhi, Baha'i New Year, Nowruz, and Ramadan. Pacifica Institute cordially invites members and volunteers of the Interfaith Council of Alameda County, Tri-City Interfaith Council, and Northern California Public Media to an interfaith iftar dinner to meet, interact and commemorate these special days. We will have faith leaders praying and educating us on "Cherishing each other's festivals for interfaith harmony".

Monday, 10th April, 6:30 pm

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<p>Contact: Nurdin Kaparov - 224 830 4855.</p>	<p>4701 Patrick Henry Dr Building 18, Santa Clara, CA, 95054</p>
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Kindly register with the link below



Sunday

[Click here for registration!](#)

**BAYCC Education**

# RAMADAN FOR ME

3<sup>rd</sup> happening ON EARTH DAY

Sunday, April 23

**REGISTER NOW!**

BAYCC is proud to present its 3rd edition of "Ramadan For Me". This unique occasion brings together young artists to showcase their passion and creativity through environmentally conscious artifacts, in celebration of Earth Day.

This year, the event will focus on raising awareness about crucial environmental issues such as global warming, climate change, and drought. Join us in fostering a brighter future for our planet and encouraging the next generation of environmental stewards. Register now and be a part of this meaningful and enjoyable event.

### This Year's Awards

\$100	\$200	\$50

- "Ramadan For Me" event is open to weekend, middle and high school students who will be competing in this exciting contest in separate categories.
- Our experienced mentors will be closely monitoring their progress and providing them updates to ensure a smooth and streamlined experience.
- To simplify the tracking process, each student will be required to submit updates in the form of related charts and prototypes of their projects

"Ramadan For Me" Exhibition

- We invite all participants to join the "Ramadan For Me" exhibition with their unique handcrafted creations that symbolize the essence of the Ramadan Month.
- Each student will have the opportunity to showcase their artwork to a wider audience.
- Mentors will be available to offer guidance and support in understanding the requirements and purpose of the exhibition.

[Click here for Zoom link!](#)

# Ramazan Manevi Programları

رمضان كريم

Her gün gündeğumunda yapılan Risale okumaları Ramazan'da imsak saatinde olacaktır


Hatimli teravih namazı yatsı vaktinin girişinden yarım saat sonra Kültür Merkezinde kılınacaktır

Ramazan boyunca mealli mukabele 12:00 PM'de olacaktır





[Click here to access full resource material!](#)



# RAMADAN Awareness Kit for Schools



## About Ramadan in Schools

Ramadan is a time of great significance for Muslims, providing a unique opportunity to share our faith with coworkers, peers, friends, and neighbors. However, it can be challenging for Muslim students in schools when their peers are not fasting. To promote understanding and inclusivity, we have compiled resources to help educate others about the significance of Ramadan. Please feel free to use these resources and share them with others.

# Bay Area Clubs

Sports enthusiasts have initiated several sports clubs: football, volleyball, hiking, basketball, diving, pickleball, stargazing, tennis, table tennis, fishing, Community Emergency Response Team, fitness & bodybuilding, museum club, winter sports, and surfing! Everyone is welcome to join any sports club they are interested to be part of. Kindly click the links below to join the **WhatsApp community** and choose the club you want to participate in. You can also initiate a new sports, culture, and arts club, kindly fill up the form with your brilliant ideas.

