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# BAYCC Community Newsletter



It is a summer, time to rejuvenate with nature. California is one of the most brilliant destinations for hikers and discoverers. We wish our readers will have a spectacular time reconnecting with nature and will share their stories with us.

We hope you will enjoy reading about BAYCC activities and continue to support our mission to make a positive impact in our community!

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### Fun Fact:

The name California comes from a 16th-century Spanish novel that describes a mythical paradise called California.





# Embrace Relief Report

EMBRACE RELIEF'S

## Turkey & Syria Earthquake Relief:




**192,300**

ready-to-eat-meals



- Provided in immediate days following the quake



- Six trucks worth of meals distributed in the disaster zone



**18,350**

food packages



- 30 pounds each



- 1-2 weeks supply of nutritious food and cooking supplies

### BASIC NECESSITIES:

**Turkey:**    
Toiletries, paper towels, diapers

**Syria:**    
Food, milk, clothing, shoes for children, feminine hygiene products



**290**

*Tents*

- Shelters are 260 square feet and can house a family
- Huge demand for tents from people displaced



**35**

*Prefabricated container homes*

- Ideal for families in rural areas who lost their homes
- Sturdy, insulated structures that can last for years if needed
- Includes 2 rooms, a small kitchen area, and a bathroom



**140**

*Families receiving rent assistance*

- Covering the costs of rent, plus furnishings
- Giving stability to families seeking to move to new cities within Turkey



# Interfaith Panel Discussion on "Death and Dying"

Dr. Dogan delivered a talk on the Islamic Perspective on Death & Dying at an interfaith panel discussion organized by Peninsula Multifaith Coalition on 27th April. Representatives from six faith traditions shared scriptural viewpoints of demise, last rites, and the afterlife.





# Sunday Sermon by Dr. Dogan at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City invited Dr. Dogan, a Muslim scholar to lead Sunday worship on 30th April. Dr. Dogan read the scriptural text for meditation and reflection, and delivered the sermon on the “Theological Foundations of Interfaith Dialogue in Islam”.





Thursday

## Peaceful Presence Multifaith Prayers for Peace & Strength for the Journey

Congregation Etz Chayim and the Pacifica Institute hosted "Peaceful Presence Multifaith Prayers for Peace & Strength for the Journey" as a part of a monthly prayer gathering on the evening of the 11th of each month called "Peaceful Presence" organized by Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice. Hosts from Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths offered prayers for peace and strength for the journey along with beautiful songs from Jewish tradition. As Pacifica Institute, we offered a prayer for a peaceful dialogue as in the following:

Prayer by Hilal:

*Peaceful presence for Peace and Justice In our tradition, when we want to communicate with God through our individual prayers, we like to call Him with His beautiful names and attributes so I tried to write down a prayer as a believer in dialogue for peace and justice and call Him with some of His beautiful names and attributes in my prayer.*

*Ar-Rahman and Ar-Rahim (You are The Most Compassionate and The Most Merciful), You tell us in the Holy Quran that You made us into races and tribes so that we should get to know one another...(al-Hujurat, 49:13). Help us find ways to get to know one another and celebrate the diversity of all the things in this universe you create so beautifully. Make mutual understanding our pure intention to be at the table. Give us courage to intentionally step up and engage with the world and with others and give us courage to fight with our egos and know to listen and learn from each other.*

*Al-Awwal and Al-Akhir (You are The First and You are The Last) Make us be present at the moment with full of respect to the past and full of hope for the future. Open our hearts such that we feel compassion to all beings and make our hearts resonate with our fellow friends at the table so that we can start our journey towards mutual understanding. Open our minds to convince us that we are human first, before we consider ourselves to belong to a religious or a cultural tradition.*

*An-Nur and Al-Hadi (You are the Light and You are the Guide) Give us opportunities to connect with the world and others for exploration, contemplation and enquiry on the journey of knowing You. We believe that the more we know You, the closer we get to You and Your love. Make our dialogue with each other a chance to have dialogue with You. If restraining himself from people was the way to connect with You, then Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) wouldn't spend any moment with his fellow companions and just worship you for days and nights, but he teaches us that worshiping is a way of having dialogue with You. This is why we commemorate the dialogue he has with You in his miraculous night journey during the Tashahhud where we sit on the ground in our daily prayers and testify our faith. Help us comprehend the value of dialogue and human connections to know You and worship You as You want us the way to know You and worship You.*

*Al-Jami'e (You are The Gatherer, You are The Unifier) On the journey of getting to know one another, make us feel the joy of enriching each other with our various experiences, feelings, and understandings. Give us the pleasure of enabling honest friendship and trustful community.*

*Al-`Adl (You are The Utterly Just) As a dialogue community, help us act together for peace and justice for all humanity.*

*Amen.*



Friday

## Homeless Donation Drive

The Homeless Drive, organized and held by RISE, was an open-community event that ran through the dates of May 19th to May 21st. Throughout the course of this window, RISE was able to gather, sort, and package clothing, toiletry, and household supplies for City Team. The event was a gradual success, with over six boxes of donation material collected and handed over by the end of the drive! We thank everyone who supported the drive by donating to the cause and encourage you to stay posted on similar events in the future.





## Christian School Visit

Christian Schooldan 7. sinif ogrencileri kultur merkezini ziyaret ettiler. Biz onlara islamiyetle ilgili bir sunum hazirladik. Sunumdan sonra ogrenciler islamiyetle ilgili sorularini sordular. Cocuklara yemek ve tatli ikraminda bulunduk. Cok memnun bir sekilde ayrildilar.







Thursday

## Interactive Lecture on "A Thorny Road to Success in Africa: A Personal Account"

Prof. Noah Yusuf, Vice Chancellor (President) of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Nigeria delivered an interactive lecture on "The Thorny Road To Success In Africa: A Personal Account" on May 25, 2023, at BAYCC Center. The speaker talked about social changes happening in African societies and shared his personal experiences of becoming head of higher education.





## Üniversite Mezun Yemegi

Üniversiteli gençler arkadaşlarının mezuniyetini kutlamak için bir akşam yemeginde biraraya geldiler. Mezun olan gençlerimize başarılar diliyor, kendilerini tebrik ediyoruz.





Saturday

## Earthquake Relief Fundraiser (RISE x Embrace Relief)

On June 3rd, 2023, RISE collaborated with Embrace Relief to support the humanitarian efforts to help the victims of the earthquake that occurred in Turkey and Syria in February of this year. RISE collected and displayed books, offered Turkish coffee and baklava all as donation gifts to the busy people of San Francisco right in the middle of Union Square. RISE has a goal of collecting \$1500 (31,632.TL) and will continue creating more fundraising efforts. As their first Earthquake Relief fundraiser, they collected around \$200 (approx 4000 TL). Please look for their next Earthquake Relief Fundraiser event!





Saturday

# 8-12. Sınıflar Yaz Kampı

## Kayıt için tıklayınız



### 8.-12. SINIF **YAZ KAMPI**

TARİH

**10-17**  
HAZİRAN

ADRES

**24145 TOKAYANA**  
**WAY, COLFAX,**  
CA 95713

AKTİVİTELER

- **VOLEYBOL**
- **BASKETBOL**
- **+ FAZLASI**

KONUĞU

**HAKAN GÖK**"SELECTED READINGS  
FROM BEDUIZZAMAN SAID  
NURSI'S RISALE-I NUR"

KAYIT

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Tuesday

# 6-7. Sınıflar Yaz Kampı

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Tuesday

# Open Mic Night

Contact Esra Nur: (650) 963-6982

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**4<sup>TH</sup> of July**

**OPEN MIC NIGHT**

Join us for a night of music, poetry, stand-up comedy, fireworks, and more!

<b>Time</b>	<b>Address</b>
7pm - 10pm	4701 Patrick Henry Dr. BLDG 18, Santa Clara 95054

Also recruiting scheduled performers.  
Contact Esra Nur @ (650) 963 - 6982 If interested.



Sunday

# Meal Service

[Click here to get registered](#)

## MEAL SERVICE

### *On the Occasion of Eid al-Adha*

Congregation Beth David, Peninsula Bible Church Cupertino, and Pacifica Institute invite you to prepare and serve a hot and hearty meal to hungry and homeless neighbors in San Jose.

Volunteers will first prepare dinner at Congregation Beth David (shift 1), then convoy together to serve dinner at a soup kitchen in downtown San Jose (shift 2). After meal service, volunteers will also enjoy a kosher and halal dinner together.

Bring your family. Children ages 10 and older are welcome to volunteer when accompanied by parents. No childcare is provided.

Enjoy good friends, good food, and good fun!

Register now. Space is limited.

Shift 1 only: 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Both shifts: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM – dinner included

**RSVP**



# Aid Campaign





## [Click here to donate](#)



**Aid Campaign for  
Children of Syifa  
Orphanage - Indonesia**

The Syifa Orphanage Foundation, Banten District, Indonesia is **home to 16 beautiful adolescent lives who met the misfortune of losing their parents at a young age.** With your generous donation, we can continue making a difference in their lives by providing essential education and vital food supplies.

**Here's how your Donation will be utilized:**

-  **FOOD MATERIALS**
-  **EDUCATION**
-  **GIFTS**
-  **TRIPS**

**DONATE NOW!** 





# Bay Area Clubs

Sports enthusiasts have initiated several sports clubs: Soccer, Volleyball, Hiking, Basketball, Diving, Pickleball, Stargazing, Tennis, Table Tennis, Fishing, Community Emergency Response Team, Fitness & Bodybuilding, "Art, Science & Culture Club", Winter Sports, Cyclist, Camping, Life on Wheels, Swimming, Life on 2 Wheel, 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.

