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[Scott Gelfand, Executive Director, Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp](#)

"An update on Berkeley camps, planting trees and the rebuilding of Tuolumne"

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[Dr. Lewis Feldman, Executive Director, UC Botanical Garden](#)

"The UC Botanical Garden: Its History and Impact - A Unique Resource During a Time of Climate Change"

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[Mark Sapir, M.D.](#)
"A Single-Payer System for Healthcare"

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March 11th

Welcome New Member Nicky Lindquist

By Lynne Henderson



Yanick Louis-Lindquist (Nicky) was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti under the brutal dictatorship of Dr. Jean-Francois Duvalier. She immigrated to Boston, MA, at the age of 12 where she joined her family. Education played a huge role in her life even as she struggled in school to learn a new language and adapted to a new culture. Her mom always instilled in her that she must strive to do her best in school at all times because no one will ever be able to take her knowledge away from her. Her mom also taught her that she had the responsibility to help those she left behind in her homeland.

Nicky moved to Miami, Florida after she earned her Bachelors in French and Spanish at Notre Dame College in Manchester, N.H. There, she

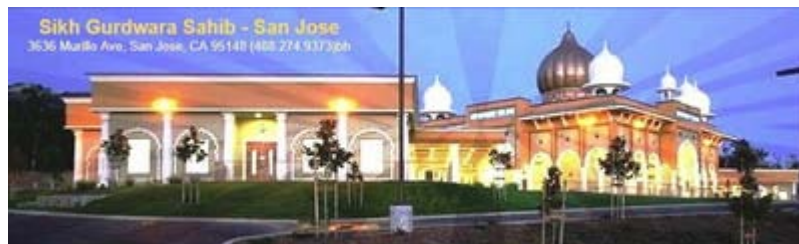
pursued a career in education and met her husband Oran, also a teacher, and had three sons together. While pursuing her career, Nicky managed to continue her studies and made her mother proud when she earned a PhD in Bilingual Education. She also wrote a children's book on Haiti to make it easier for newly arrived Haitian children to feel a sense of belonging in the classroom environment and feel both valued and validated when they see their own experiences reflected in a book.

One of Nicky's most significant achievements of which she is very proud is her establishment of a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Oasis for Haiti's Children was established on her family's land after the 2010 devastating earthquake. This facility is now a Sport and Education Center where children in distant villages are exposed to a variety of sports and given a nutritious meal each day, which may be the only one for many of them. This is a true oasis in this community where children can come and play sports, socialize, and be children for at least part of the day and forget their everyday hardships. This is also a family operation where her own sons have become passionate about volunteering yearly and mentoring children who grew up less fortunate.

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A Little Bit of India and Holla Mohalla

By O'Neil Dillon



The Gurdwara Sahib of San Jose is the largest Sikh temple in North America, serving the Sikh and larger community in the Santa Clara Valley. On March 15 not only will we have a guided tour of the temple itself, but also we will be able to observe an important Sikh festival on that day, "Holla Mohalla".

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020

Time: 10:00 am, tour starts 10:30 am. Tour will be 1-1/2 hours.

Cost: \$10 (pay O'Neil Dillon)

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Place: Gurdwara Sahib of San Jose, 3636 Murillo Ave., San Jose. Meet outside of entrance to main lobby.

Parking info: Arrive by 10:00 AM (or earlier), especially for parking close to the temple. Carpooling is advised since 10,000 people attend over the course of a day.

This will be a very crowded, slightly chaotic, and colorful event, filled with music, like India itself. The festival is a combination of exhibitions of martial arts, poetry, and competitions. The Sikhs have a proud history of militantly resisting, and freeing others, from oppression, and this festival celebrates that history.

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Not Here! Not Now!

By Irene R. Hegarty



Ben Stern is a survivor of the Holocaust. A Polish Jew, he survived 2 ghettos, 9 concentration camps, 2 death marches, and horrendous deprivation and abuse at the hands of the Nazis. When his camp was liberated by the U.S. Army in May 1945, Ben was 24 years old and weighed 78 lbs. Now 98, Ben Stern is the subject and narrator of the award-winning documentary *Near Normal Man*, produced and directed by Ben's daughter Charlene, a Berkeley Rotarian. The film describes Ben's experiences under Nazi rule, but also shows his determination to survive while remaining human and his lifelong activism against hate and oppression.

After the war, Ben met his future wife Helen, also a Holocaust survivor, and settled in Skokie, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago with a post-war population that was 60% Jewish. As many of us remember, in 1977 an extreme, pro-Nazi group applied for a permit to hold a march in Skokie and in several other small towns. Ben attempted to stop the group from gaining the permit; when that was unsuccessful based on first amendment grounds, he organized his neighbors to plan a massive counter-demonstration. Ultimately, the pro-Nazi group decided not to march in Skokie.

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