

San Francisco Atheists October Meeting

This month we'll kick off your Halloween weekend festivities with a presentation by SFA member Richard Hillegas on **Child Sacrifice to Yahweh**. "Down until the end of the kingdom of Judah, the ancient Judeans sacrificed children to their chief god, Yahweh. This talk explores the history of that practice, touching on all references to it in the Hebrew Bible." Richard is a student of ancient history, religion, and literature. He is the editor of the [Evolutionary Tanakh](#), a secular introduction to the Hebrew Bible. He lives in San Francisco with his husband William Condon.

Please join us on **Saturday October 29, 4:30 pm, at Schroeder's Restaurant, 240 Front St., rear dining room, San Francisco.**

Near the Embarcadero BART & Muni station. Parking available on the street or at the nearby Embarcadero Center.

Meet at 4:30 to eat, drink & socialize. Formal program will begin around 5 pm.

Our meetings are free and open to all. Donations are requested to help us grow and thrive.

"Come Out and Celebrate Reason!" Sunday October 23 is the 10th Annual **Sacramento Freethought Day**, a day-long celebration of reason. Education, activism, entertainment, film, music and more. Speakers include Fred Edwards (Coalition of Reason), Elisabeth Cornwell (Richard Dawkins Foundation), Dan Barker (FFRF), Michael Newdow, and Glenn Branch (NCSE), plus leadership workshops, comedian Keith Lowell Jenson, and activities for the kids with Camp Quest West. It's all free, but please register in advance. For all the details, directions, schedule, etc. visit <http://freethoughtday.org/>

Also coming soon, the **Bay Area Science Festival**. Ten days, a hundred events, **October 29 - November 6**. "In an effort to raise awareness and engage our residents in the amazing science of the region, the Bay Area's museums, cultural institutions, universities, and corporations have joined forces to create the Bay Area Science Festival." Programs and events for everyone-- children, families, teachers. Schedule & details at <http://www.bayareascience.org/>

Save the date: the **Reason Rally**, a nationwide celebration sponsored by the top secular organizations in the United States will be held **March 24, 2012**, in Washington, DC. "With the intent to unify, energize, and embolden secular people nationwide, the Reason Rally is a FREE event, slated to be the largest secular event in world history. The rally will be filled with music, comedy, and addresses by leaders of the secular movement. This event will give secular Americans an opportunity to unite under a banner of reason and community at a level of impact that has never been seen before." <http://reasonrally.org/>