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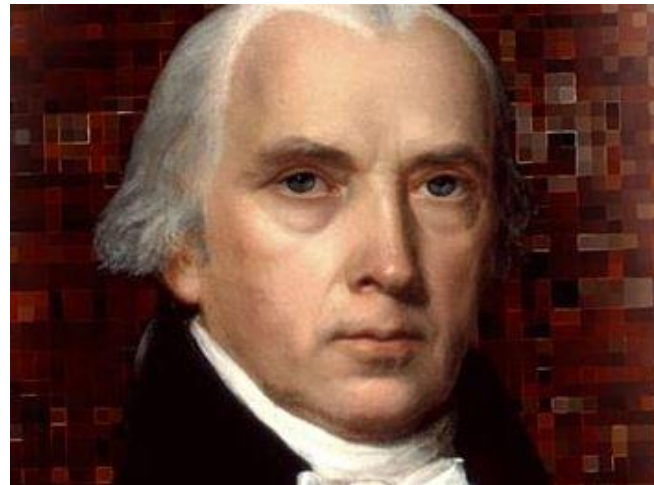
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James Madison

Bill of Rights Day December 15

The first 10 amendments to the constitution protect the most basic rights of Americans. They are known as the Bill of Rights.

Proposed following the often bitter debate over the ratification of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights put limits on the government's power and added specific guarantees of personal freedoms and rights.

Seventeen articles, written by James Madison, were modified and reduced to twelve by congress, and submitted to the states. Articles 3 through 12 were ratified by the states and became the first 10 amendments.

While originally applying only to the federal government the 14th amendment extended these rights to state laws.

Winter Solstice, Ancient and Worldwide

The winter solstice has been celebrated since recorded history.

Throughout, humans have created spiritual and cultural traditions to celebrate the rebirth of the sun after the darkest period of the year. The Romans had the feast of Saturnalia, the Persians celebrated by paying homage to Mithra, the Persian god of light, around the world, in places wild and civilized, this event has not gone unnoticed and uncelebrated.

In the later Roman era, Christians of the time endeavored to attract 'pagans' to their faith by adding Christian meaning to these existing celebrations.

The annual sun return after the darkness of winter is celebrated with all the symbols of light, such as candles, firelight, the glowing tree, strings of lights on our houses and yards, and the humble fruit cake, descendent of the blazing plum pudding. Loved ones gather and gifts are given.

We celebrate the return of the sun on which all life depends

- Sena

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Online Forums

The URL for our Humanist Forums on Zoom has changed. The address can be found on Meetup at [meetup.com/humanistcommunity](https://www.meetup.com/humanistcommunity).





EVENTS IN SILICON VALLEY

Humanist Community

December 2021

Sun

Mon.

Tues.

Wed.

Thu.

Fri.

Sat



1 7:05 PM
Freethought
Discussion

Contact Carl for
location



2 7:15 PM
Academic Video

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location



3 7:10 PM
Silicon Valley
Skeptics

On Zoom

4 3:00 PM

Atheist
Abby



5 11:00 AM Sunday Forum

Humanist Celebrants

Kathy Diedrich



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8 7:05 PM
Freethought
Discussion
Book

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location



9 7:15 PM
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Ada Lovelace
Mathematician Inventor
Engineer Poet
Published the first
Algorithm Born
1815



Visit the
Holidays Displays



12 11:00 AM Sunday Forum

Susan Jacoby Interview on
Secularism and Free Thought

video and discussion

Gingerbread House



Day of the Horse

7:05 PM
Freethought
Discussion
Book

Contact Carl for
location



16 7:15 PM
Academic Video

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location



17 10:AM
Topical Discussion
Ethical Culture
Society

RSVP on Meetup



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Atheist
Abby



19 11:00 AM Sunday Forum

Poems and Tales from a
Heathen Mommy

Megan Rahm



20 7:00 PM

Board
Meeting

Members Welcome



Winter Solstice

22 7:30 PM
Freethought
Discussion
Book

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location



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26 11:00 AM Sunday Forum

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1641
Far
Distant
Planet
Neptune
discovered
by Galileo

29 7:30 PM
Freethought
Discussion
Book

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location



30 7:15 PM
Academic Video

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