

THE WOMEN OF THE ATOMIC BOMB

Common belief holds that women employed by the Manhattan Project (the World War II project to build the atomic bomb), were only employed as secretaries and human "computers," mindlessly tabulating sums. The truth is that women held a wide range of positions. A higher percentage of women were involved in technical activities at Los Alamos than in the later project to reach the moon.



Alex Wellerstein, nuclear historian and author, will discuss the "hidden history" of women and the making of the first atomic bomb, the pressures that led to their increased participation in the project during a time of extreme sexism, and discuss how "masculine" narratives of "male genius" have been used as a deliberate way to limit broader democratic discussion of nuclear issues in the United States.

We hope you will join us, either in-person or on Zoom, to have your horizons expanded on this fascinating topic.

Saturday, May 16, 2026

11:30 AM at Jackie Zev's house / 1:00 PM on Zoom

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To attend in-person: RSVP to Jackie Zev at 818-832-9099 by Thursday, May. 14. Indicate either the Corner Bakery selection you would like (Uptown Turkey Avocado sandwich, Chicken Pesto sandwich, Tomato Mozzarella sandwich, or Chicken Caesar salad) with chips, drinks and dessert (\$20), or that you will bring your own lunch.

Or attend via Zoom. See page 5 for Zoom information, which will also be sent via email the day before the meeting.

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