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## French Jewish Spy to Take Lamorindans Behind Nazi Enemy Lines March 15

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awarded France's highest military honor - the

Médaille Militaire. Now a Palos Verdes, Calif., resident and making her first Bay Area tour, Cohn will share several of her exploits presented in the book, "Behind Enemy Lines: The True Story of a French Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany" at the Orinda Theatre, beginning at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30.)

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door, but are expected to go guickly for this very special event. For information, visit www.JewishContraCosta.com or call (925) 937-4101.

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Her sister perished in the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz. Her fiancé was executed for helping the French Resistance. By the time she was in her mid-20s, she was carrying forged identification papers enabling her to move back and forth into Gestapocontrolled Germany.

And on March 15, Lamorindans will have a rare opportunity to hear Marthe Cohn give firsthand testimony about what life was like in Nazi-occupied France and how she coolly convinced Nazi soldiers that she was a simple German nurse looking for her lost love - all while ferrying key bits of information to Allied forces that helped them break the Nazis' vaunted Siegfried Line and turn the tide of World War II in the Allies' favor.

For her heroism, the 94-year-old Cohn was