

CSJO 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Four Creative Decades
With Roots In A Glorious
One Hundred Year History –
1910 - 2010

Friday, May 28 (4:00 pm) – Monday, May 31 (9:00 am)
Ursuline College, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Keynote Speakers

Hershl Hartman
Los Angeles, USA

Samantha Brandt-Scott
Vancouver, Canada

We welcome you to attend the CSJO 40th anniversary conference!

Again we meet in one of the small big cities in America,
at a beautiful college with great accommodations, friendly staff,
and plenty of Frisbee grounds.

In the following pages, we give you the information you need to experience
a great weekend with workshops, entertainment and camaraderie
among like-minded old and new friends.

See you at the shore of one of the Great Lakes!

Dear Friends:

In keeping with the times, we are sending this year's conference brochure to most of you via e-mail. In years to come, our entire conference planning process will be computerized and done with the help of the Internet. However, while virtual conference calls and meetings are becoming more and more popular, they cannot replace our warm CSJO conference settings. They require close proximity.

We therefore urge you to reserve a "flying-plane" ticket, prepare your ol' faithful station wagon, or walk over to the bus or train terminal to purchase your third-class ticket (wood benches) to Cleveland. We are waiting for you with great anticipation.

When you arrive at the airport, you will take the Rapid train to a station near us, where we will pick you up. For those of you who drive, Ursuline College has ample parking. If you come by bus or train, we'll figure something out too.

Our local Jewish Secular Community of Cleveland will host this years Oneg/mixers on Friday evening. They know how to throw a party, so it will be fun! On Saturday evening, after the enlightening workshops, there will be top-notch entertainment for the adults and fun on the town for the youth. Sunday offers another set of great workshops, followed by the more formal banquet, finishing off with the not so formal talent show.

Please read through this brochure, fill out the forms and send them to the address on the Registration Packages page. You can also check our website (www.csjo.org) for the latest information.

We welcome you to the CSJO 2010 annual conference!

Roberta 'Rifke' Feinstein
Conference co-chair

Marcia Rosenthal
Conference co-chair

Hans Leander
Conference coordinator

Workshops

Again, this year (last time was in 2007), we have put together a workshop program that we think reflects the interests and values of our conference participants. The presenters constitute an unusually knowledgeable group of people from all walks of life, including the Secular Humanistic movement (IISHJ, CSJO and, locally, JSC).

As always, the views expressed by the presenters and during the discussions are not shared by everyone. And that is good ... that is what makes for good and lively discussions.

What we are looking for is learning and mutual understanding, exchange and acceptance, community building and bridging of the generational gap. And, particularly these days, tikkun olam.

Workshop topics

Exploring Our Jewish Roots Through Film • Sandra Arndt

Jews In The Military • Nate Arnold

Do (Jewish) Newspapers Have A Future? • Michael Bennett

Yiddish/Jewish Theatre – Where Did It Come From And Where Is It Going? • Roy Berko

Atheism As An Expression Of Humanism • Brent Bowen

A Taste Of The International Institute For Secular Humanistic Judaism • Adam Chalom

The Jews Of India – Ancient Origins and Current Observations • Linda Tobin & Stephen Pepper

Jewish DNA: What Have We Inherited? • Leslie Cohen

Portrayal: Lodz' Judenrat leader M.C. Rumkowski On The Defense • Sol Factor

Secular Jewish Education • Adam Chalom

LGBTQQI – What Has Judaism Got To Do With It? • Brynna Fish

Can 21st Century Jews Observe Holidays Culturally AND Spiritually? • Hershl Hartman

The Jewish Community under the Moors • Muhammed Hassanali

Jewish Life On Campus • Jennifer Chestnut

Immigration And Jewish Values • David Leopold

Techno Kids – Alert Parents Needed! • Chris Link

“Hidden Letters” – Another Approach To The Holocaust • Kathe Mayer

Jews And The Left: A Natural Affinity? • Bennett Muraskin

Jews In China • Erik Resnick

Life Cycle Ceremonies For Secular Jews • Rhea Seagull

Secret Medical School In The Warsaw Ghetto • Harold Ticktin

Columbia 2010: Counting The Dead • Mark Weber

Peace in Israel/Palestine – J Street • Sue Wolpert

The Evolution of Yiddish • Annabelle Weiss

Conference Schedule

FRIDAY – MAY 28, 2010

4:00 – 8:00 pm Check-in
6:00 – 8:00 pm Dinner
8:30 – pm Oneg Shabbat/oyneg shabbes and mixers

SATURDAY – MAY 29, 2010

7:30 – 8:45 am Breakfast
9:00 – 10:15 am Workshop session 1
10:30 – 11:45 am Keynotes
12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch
1:30 – 2:45 pm Workshop session 2
3:00 – 4:15 pm Workshop session 3
4:30 – 5:45 pm Workshop session 4
6:00 – 7:30 pm Dinner
6:45 – pm Off-campus activity for youth
8:15 – pm Entertainment

SUNDAY – MAY 30, 2010

7:30 – 8:45 am Breakfast
9:00 – 10:15 am Workshop session 5
10:30 – 11:45 am CSJO annual business meeting
12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch/CSJO board meeting
1:30 – 2:45 pm Workshop session 6
3:00 – 4:15 pm Workshop session 7
3:00 – 4:30 pm Youth annual business meeting
4:30 – 5:45 pm Workshop session 8
7:00 – 8:30 pm Banquet
9:00 – pm Multi-generational talent show • Hosted by the youth
Everyone is encouraged to showcase their talents
(e.g., music, dance, storytelling, sketches, stand-up)

MONDAY – MAY 31, 2010

7:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Goodbye! Shalom! sholem aleykhem!

Schedule is subject to change!

Registration Packages for Cleveland Local Participants

All prices listed are for members of CSJO/JSC. If not a member, please add \$35.00 to listed prices.

Full conference – with rooming

- Package 1 – \$295.00 Adult full package – includes everything
(All adult rooms are single rooms within a suite.)
- Package 2 – \$260.00 Teen/young adult package (age 13 – 24) – includes everything
- Package 3 – \$130.00 First time teen/young adult package (age 13 – 24) – includes everything
- Package 4 – \$205.00 Older young adult package (age 25 – 30) – includes everything

Other packages – no rooming (adults only)

- Package 5 – \$195.00 Full day & evening package – includes everything except rooming
- Package 6 – \$105.00 Saturday day & evening package – includes Saturday workshops, lunch, dinner and entertainment
- Package 7 – \$75.00 Saturday day package – includes Saturday workshops and lunch
- Package 8 – \$105.00 Sunday day & evening package – includes Sunday workshops, lunch, banquet and talent show
- Package 9 – \$75.00 Sunday day package – includes Sunday workshops and lunch

Packages only for Cleveland local participants

- Package 10 – \$40.00 Sunday banquet & talent show package

No meals are included in the packages below!

- Package 11 – \$25.00 Saturday morning workshop and keynote speeches
- Package 12 – \$65.00 Saturday afternoon workshops
- Package 13 – \$25.00 Saturday evening entertainment (program, see separate sheets)
- Package 14 – \$25.00 Sunday morning workshop and CSJO business meeting
- Package 15 – \$65.00 Sunday afternoon workshops

The prices are good through May 17th 2010. All registrations postmarked after May 17th must include an additional \$25.00 per registrant.

Registration Form

CSJO 2010 Annual Conference
May 28 – 31, 2010

Please print clearly!

Name _____ Age (pkg 2-4) _____ M/F _____ Veg. food (Y/N): _____
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If under 18 years of age, you must include a copy of your birth certificate!

Address _____ City _____
St./Prov. _____ Zip/Postal code _____ Phone _____
E-mail address(es) _____
Primary group affiliation _____
Is this your first conference? (Y/N) _____

Package No. _____ \$ _____ Package No. _____ \$ _____
Package No. _____ \$ _____ Package No. _____ \$ _____
Total fee enclosed \$ _____

**All registrations postmarked after May 17th 2010 must include an additional \$25.00 per registrant!
See page "Registration Packages" for prices for non-CSJO members.**

I wish to share a room with (package 2-4) _____
Special housing or dietary needs _____

We will try our best to accommodate all special needs!

Please send check, money order, cashiers checks (all in US \$ only) or enter credit card information below.
VISA or MASTERCARD No. _____
Exp. Date (mm/yy) ____/____ Verification number _____ (located on back of card)
Name on card (please print clearly) _____
Billing address (if different from above; include postal/zip code) _____

Send the form with credit card information or the form and check, money order, cashiers checks (all in US \$ only) to:

CSJO 2010 Annual Conference, c/o Joan M Kurtz, PO Box 448, Intervale, NH 03845, USA

CSJO Emergency Medical Form

Required for everyone under the age of 18.

Please photocopy and send a separate form for each participant under 18 years of age.

Name of teen _____ Birth date ___/___/___

Allergies _____

Medical conditions _____

Food restrictions _____ Activity restrictions _____

Medicine taken regularly _____ Date of last tetanus shot _____

Health insurance provider (please supply copy of health insurance card – required!)

Policy number _____ Group _____

I hereby authorize the CSJO 2010 annual conference organizers to consent to and authorize any necessary emergency medical attention to the teen named above during his/her participation in the CSJO 2010 annual conference. I agree to accept all financial responsibility for any necessary medical attention.

Parent/legal guardian signature _____ Date ___/___/___

Address _____

Phone where I can be reached (include area code) _____

Emergency contact, name _____ Phone _____

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Conference Rules

Ursuline College and the CSJO conference organizers have worked hard to ensure an enjoyable, safe, and successful conference. All participants are asked to do their part by using common sense and courtesy and by respecting the rights of others. Below is a set of rules concerning behavior for all individuals using the facilities at Ursuline College. They apply, mutatis mutandis, to every participant of the conference.

- No one under the age of 18 may leave the campus except for a medical emergency or when accompanied by a designated adult. No exceptions.
- Weapons and controlled substances are not allowed.
- Alcohol is not allowed on College property, except when served according to conference organizers instructions to individuals of legal drinking age.
- No animals are allowed.
- Smoking is not allowed by anyone under the age of 18. Smoking is not allowed in any building.
- Only persons who are registered for the conference are allowed in dormitory rooms or in facilities reserved for the CSJO conference.
- Courtesy is required in all dorm areas.

Declaration Of Responsibility

**All teen parents/guardians, as well as all teens and young adults,
must sign the Declaration of Responsibility!**

Please photocopy and send a separate declaration for each teen/young adult.

I, _____ give my permission for _____
to attend the CSJO 2010 annual conference. I/we have read the conference rules, and agree to honor
them. I accept any legal and financial responsibility for my child/ward while he/she attends the conference,
and acknowledge that the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (CSJO) and the CSJO 2010 annual
conference organizers shall not be responsible for my child's/ward's actions or their consequences. I do
understand that the CSJO conference will make the best arrangements possible for the safety of all
participants, but that CSJO is not responsible for any injury or loss of property that might occur.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date ___/___/_____

By signing this document, I agree to follow the rules of the CSJO 2010 annual conference. I understand
that I may be required to leave the conference at my own expense, should I fail to follow the rules.

Teen/young adult signature _____ Date ___/___/_____

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If you have questions regarding the CSJO 2010 annual conference, please contact one of the following persons:

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