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Upcoming Events

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2015-2016 Shabbat Programs Schedule Announced

May 20: Speaker: Alanna Cooper

Shabbat Dinner and Program Friday, May 20, 2016

Speaker: Alanna Cooper, PhD., Director, Jewish Lifelong Learning, Case Western Reserve University

Topic: Global Judaism in Focus: Central Asia's Bukharan Jews

Location: First Unitarian Church (Fellowship Hall), 21600 Shaker Blvd (east), Shaker Hts.

In the heart of central Asia, Bukharan Jews occupied the geographical edges of the Jewish world for over a millennium. When the Soviet Union dissolved, the population, which numbered 50,000, left their homes, resettling in the US and Israel. As their history in the region drew to a close, anthropologist Alanna Cooper traveled to Uzbekistan to document Jewish life there before it disappeared. A master story-teller, Cooper draws on intensive field research carried out in

the 1990s and over a decade of following Bukharan Jews' post-migration stories in Israel and the US.

Meet and mingle: 6:15 pm

Shabbat Program: 6:30 pm

Dinner: 6:45 pm

Remembrance: 7:20 pm

Speech and questions: 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Announcements: 8:20 pm

**PLEASE NOTE THE REVISED
SCHEDULE: THE SPEAKER MUST
LEAVE NO LATER THAN 8:20.**

RSVP by Wednesday, May 18 to Karen Tucker by clicking on this link, karenltus@yahoo.com, or calling 440-227-4164 and leaving a message. We will be using a check-in list at all Shabbat programs. Please let Karen know if you plan to bring any guests.

Please don't forget to RSVP!

Last names **A-S** bring a side dish for 10. Last names **T-Z**, bring dessert for 10. Bring a list of ingredients and pre-cut the dish, if possible. The community will provide chicken, challah, drinks and all serving utensils. It is recommended that you label your serving dish or bowl with your name and phone number to avoid any mix-ups or in case you accidentally leave it behind.

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Annual Meeting/Picnic Sunday, June 26



The **JSC Annual Meeting and Picnic** will take place on **Sunday, June 26**, at the scenic Bessie Benner Metzenbaum Park pavilion in Chesterland. Festivities kick off at **11 a.m.** with the business portion of the meeting in which JSC members will vote on the slate of new officers and board members that the Nominating Committee has identified for the upcoming 2016-2017 year

More information on the picnic portion will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. In the meantime, set aside this date.

Suggested directions:

Using Mayfield Rd. (Rt. 322)

Take Mayfield Rd. heading East to Chesterland, turn right (south) at Caves Rd. Take Caves and turn left at Cedar Rd. The Metzenbaum Park Pavilion is a few minutes down on your left.

Using Fairmount Blvd.

Take Fairmount East to Russell Township, turn left (north) at Caves Rd. Take Caves and turn right at Cedar Rd. The Metzenbaum Park Pavilion is a few minutes down on your left.

Community Service

"**Our Community Hunger Center**" is located in Twinsberg and provides assistance to those in need who reside in Northeast Ohio. This assistance takes many forms: food, clothing, paper products, household items, etc.

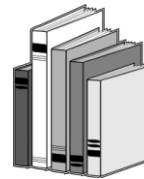
You can help! At our **Friday, May 20 Shabbat**, we are asking you to bring high-protein food donations, such as tuna, peanut butter, canned pastas with beef, canned fruit, boxed cereal and other healthy food items that you can think of.

These food donations will be dropped off at the Good Shepard Church in Lyndhurst and will be distributed to income-eligible families at the conclusion of their Saturday community meal, a once-a-month event.

We've asked for your help before and you've always been very generous.

See you on May 20th.

The Bookshelf



***Why the Right Went Wrong: Conservatism From Goldwater to the Tea Party.* By E.J. Dionne, Jr., Simon and Schuster, 2016. Notes. Index. 532 pages.**

In this absorbing book, E. J. Dionne, one of our most distinguished political journalists, provides us with an engaging history of the American conservative movement within the Republican Party from the rise of Barry Goldwater through the so-called Reagan Revolution and up to the rise of the Tea Party movement. In this rich history are many stories to tell, and Dionne provides some of the best.

In detailing the rise of a conservative movement, Dionne asserts that the conservative ascendancy in the GOP has pushed the party from the center to the margins. There are a number of reasons for this shift. One of the principal reasons is the rise of a billionaire donor class, which has banded together in countless front organizations with dubious and uncertain

funding thanks almost entirely to the 5-to-4 Supreme Court decision in the Citizens United Case (2010) that maintained corporate money was "speech" and that almost all campaign finance regulation was therefore unconstitutional. With right-wing donor network funding increasing dramatically, it soon became apparent that an increasing number of GOP congressmen and senators shifted their positions even further to the right in order to remain in the good graces of the funding organizations of the donor class.

Many of these organizations that pour money into funding for candidates have an agenda that is somewhat to the right of the average GOP voter. Ironically, it would be organizations funded by the donor class that would send out messages to the GOP base, which includes many white, male, nonunion workers especially in the South. These common folk vote for candidates who will pursue not their interests but those of the donor class. It is the funding from the far right donor network that has made the GOP indifferent to the needs of the white working-class whose votes the oligarchs need. It is this new right-wing donor network funding that often exceeds funding from the GOP itself. This produces a new generation of aspiring politicians who see that purity must top pragmatism and that compromise is a dirty word.

It is this GOP indifference to the needs of its white, working-class base and the resulting anger and frustration that gave rise to Donald Trump and this most unusual election year. Dionne hopes for a rebirth of the moderate Republicanism of the past (think...Javits, Scott, Case, Hatfield, etc). I think that ship has already sailed. The few remaining GOP moderates look longingly at one of two paths: becoming a Democrat/independent or retirement. Good Book.

– Mark Weber

Eichmann at the Maltz

Seventeen JSC members and guests gathered at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage on Sunday, April 10 to attend the exhibition of "Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of Adolph Eichmann," a co-production of Beit Hatfutsot, the Museum of the Jewish People (Tel Aviv) and Mossad, the Israeli secret intelligence service.

Our docent, the excellent Leslie Lake, pointed out that Eichmann, perhaps the most notorious of the Nazi war criminals, was a below-average student and did poorly in the workplace as a young man, although his siblings were more successful in the Germany of the early '30s.

On the advice of a friend, Eichmann joined the Nazi party, providing him with employment and the opportunity to play an important role in Germany's immigration department. By the mid-30s, Jews were "encouraged" to leave Germany. Eichmann and his staff provided the means for 200,000 German Jews to immigrate to Palestine, leaving 300,000 Jews behind — a fateful decision for those who chose to remain. Their fate—and that of all European Jewry—was decided at the Wannsee Conference of January 20, 1942, a gathering of 15 Nazi officials who met in this Berlin suburb to launch a debate that has entered the history books as "The Final Solution to the Jewish Problem."

After the war—and the destruction and decimation of European Jewry—Eichmann and his cohorts disappeared into the German populace. Eichmann took on a new persona —Ricardo Klement— and escaped to Argentina in 1950, leaving his wife and children behind. They joined him two years later in his newly-adopted country that was, under Juan Peron, sympathetic to the Nazi cause.

Eichmann held several jobs, working in a metal factory and in a Mercedes-Benz plant. The family lived an anonymous life on Garibaldi Street in Buenos Aires that lacked both electricity and running water. In spite of this secretive existence, the children kept the Eichmann surname, a decision that ultimately led to Eichmann's undoing.

Eichmann's son, Klaus, now a young man in 1956, struck up a relationship with a young woman named Sylvia Hermann, whose father, Luther, was half-Jewish and had fled Germany in 1938 after having spent time in a concentration camp. Klaus boasted about his father's former life. Luther knew that there was a hunt on for former Nazis and informed judicial authorities in Frankfurt of his findings.

Mossad took charge of the great hunt, an endeavor fraught with complications because Eichmann would have to be kidnapped and smuggled to Israel to face trial, a violation of Argentinean legal sovereignty.

On May 11, 1960, Eichmann was identified and captured at his home on Garibaldi Street by Mossad agents and hustled aboard an El-Al flight to Israel. Following a stop at Dakar for refueling, the flight landed in Israel on May 22, 1960. Eichmann was unstrapped from his seat and finally set foot on Israeli soil to face justice. He was found guilty of heinous war crimes against Jews and humanity and was hanged in 1961. Eichmann pled not guilty to the charges against him insisting he was only a "cog in the wheel" and was simply following orders.

The "Capture and Trial of Adolph Eichmann" will continue at the Maltz until June 12. A docent is recommended.

– Allen Guth

A Few Words of Appreciation

My family and I truly appreciate the concern and thoughtfulness so many of you gave us during these difficult times.

We sincerely felt your warmth and compassion. Gary enjoyed seeing so many of you at JSC events, and was proud to be a member of the Community where he always felt welcome.

Thank you so much for the beautiful cookie tray. It was a thoughtful gesture.

Thank you for being Gary's friend.

Fondly,

Marcia Rosenthal and Family

Photo Gallery: Passover Seder, April 24



Photos by Suzette Cohen

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Please fill out the following food identification label and bring it along with your dish. This will allow members to:

- determine whether or not they can or want to eat the food that you brought, due to allergies, sensitivities, or general likes/dislikes
- talk to you about the dish you brought
- thank you if they love the dish you brought
- ask you for the recipe

<p>Food Identification</p> <hr/> <p>Name of Food</p> <hr/> <p>Brought by</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free (contains NO wheat, barley, rye, oats)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian (contains NO animal products)</p> <p>Contains other allergens, including: <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs <input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Soy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Nuts <input type="checkbox"/> Peanuts <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><i>Please list carefully as those with allergies can have severe and harmful reactions.</i></p>

– Lori Berenson

The JSC Mission

The Jewish Secular Community, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, is a non-profit cultural and educational organization whose purpose is to:

- ✧ *Encourage Jewish identification in a non-theistic setting that draws inspiration from the traditional Jewish sources and values*
- ✧ *Educate adults in the history, culture, and tenets of Judaism*
- ✧ *Celebrate and observe Jewish holidays and life cycle events*
- ✧ *Contribute to the betterment of our society through social action and volunteerism*
- ✧ *Provide a link to a world-wide community of secular Jews*

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