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Upcoming Events

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2017 Shabbat Programs Schedule Announced

May 19: Greg Coleridge: Getting Corporate Money Out of Elections

Shabbat Dinner and Program Friday, May 19, 2017

First Unitarian Church, Fellowship Hall, 21600 Shaker Blvd. E.

Speaker: Greg Coleridge

Topic: Getting Corporate Money Out of Elections

Greg Coleridge is a long-time justice activist in the Cleveland area. He directs the American Friends Service Committee's work for economic and political justice in northeast Ohio, and leads in the local efforts to curb corporate spending on elections. This effort is called Move to Amend, and it promotes an amendment to the Constitution that would overturn the 2010 Citizens United decision by the US Supreme Court. Greg lives in Cleveland Heights.

Meet and mingle at **6:30 pm**

Shabbat program at **6:45 pm**

Vote for 2017-18 Slate of Officers at **6:55 pm**

Potluck dinner at **7:00 pm**

Speaker at **8:00 – 9:00 pm**

NOTE: We will be using a check-in list at all Shabbat programs. Be sure to check in at the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Your RSVP is important to help us plan for food and room set-up. Guests may attend two Shabbat programs at no charge. After that, the guest fee is **\$20** for each Shabbat. The guest fee may be applied towards JSC membership dues. After the first two Shabbats, guests should also bring a side dish or dessert.

RSVP by Wednesday, May 17 to Lynn Salzbrenner (330-388-9393) or (lynnsalzbrenner@gmail.com).

Last names **A-D** and **H-Z** bring a side dish or salad for 6 (couples please bring enough for 12); **E-G** bring a dessert for 10 (couples please bring enough for 20). Please bring a list of ingredients and pre-cut if possible. The community will provide chicken, challah, wine, drinks, and all serving utensils.

JSC's 50th Anniversary Party

Set aside Sunday, **June 25**. That's when we are celebrating JSC's 50th ANNIVERSARY at Dino's at Acacia (formerly the Acacia Country Club.) It's going to be a real bash with great food, drinks, entertainment, and a program that will highlight the past fifty years of JSC! You should have your invitation by now!

2017/18 JSC Board of Trustees



Several JSC members will be coming to the end of their terms serving on our Board. Following is our Board of Trustees for 2017-18, subject to approval by members which will take place at our **May 19 Shabbat Dinner and Program**:

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Calendar of Events for 2017/18

Shabbat – Fri. Sept. 15, 2017

Rosh Hashanah – Thurs. Sept. 21, 2017

Yom Kippur – Fri. Sept. 29, 2017

Break-the-Fast – Sat. Sept. 30, 2017

Sukkot – Sun. Oct. 8, 2017 (actual dates Oct. 5 – 11)

Shabbat – Fri. Oct. 20, 2017

Shabbat - Fri. Nov. 17, 2017

Shabbat/Chanukah– Fri. Dec. 15, 2017 (actual dates Dec. 12-20)

Shabbat/Tu B' Shvat– Fri. Jan. 26, 2018 (actual date Jan. 30)

Shabbat – Fri. Feb. 16, 2018

Shabbat/Purim – Fri. March 2, 2018 (actual date Feb. 28)

Passover – Sunday April 1, 2018

Shabbat – Fri. April 20, 2018

Shabbat – Fri. May 18, 2018

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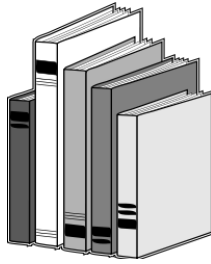
If you want to contact like-minded people and organizations representing the secular point of view . . .

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The Bookshelf



Radical Pacifism in Modern America: Egalitarianism and Protest. By Marian Mollin. University of Pennsylvania Press. 2006. Index. Notes. Acknowledgements. 254 pages.

I.

Marian Mollin, Professor of History at Virginia Tech University, has written a history of the pacifist movement in America from World War II up to the beginning of the 1960's. Her thesis is that while the mostly white male pacifist movement opposed war and segregation in the South, it did not always practice egalitarianism within its own ranks.

For example, according to Professor Mollin, mostly white males were in the leadership of the movement, and nonviolence was seen as a demonstration of "manliness." Pacifists sailed boats into nuclear bomb test zones in the Pacific, engaged in peace walks across the country, and picketed in front of factories where nuclear submarines were being built. During the Vietnam War, some pacifists poured blood onto draft records and were arrested and sent to prison. The most well known of these efforts was that of Father Daniel Berrigan and eight others who broke into a draft board office in Catonsville, Maryland and destroyed draft records of more than 10,000 young men eligible for the draft. They became known as the "Catonsville 9."

II.

At the same time that the pacifists were engaging in their anti-war protests and marches, Civil Rights activists in the South were beginning to challenge segregation and to demand the right to vote for all Southerners. The pacifists joined in the Civil Rights demonstrations, making them the enemies of local Southern whites. However, in one city, racially-charged Albany, Georgia, the peace activists encountered a different challenge. Outside of Albany was a Federal military base.

The peace activists, true to their pacifist convictions, demanded that this military base (and all others) be closed "as an extension of the war machine." Black residents of Albany objected. They argued that the Federal military base was not subject to state segregation laws and thus hired both blacks and whites to work on the base. They proved to the pacifist leaders that the military base was the only desegregated workplace in Albany and they did not want to see it shut down. This pointed up the isolation of many white pacifists from the North who were isolated from the realities of life for Black Americans in the South.

Mollin does demonstrate that women played an important role in the pacifist movement with activists like Marion C. Bromley and Mary Moylan helping "behind the scenes" and also getting arrested along with their male comrades. There were few Black Americans in the pacifist movement, but Mollin does mention Bayard Rustin, who was jailed for his opposition to World War II.

Mollin's book highlights the courage of the pacifists as well as how their movement struggled with the challenges of trying to be egalitarian.

– Mark Weber

The Social Scene

The April 16 Plain Dealer ran a full-page article headlined "The Journey from Richard to Christine," telling the compelling story of Richard Howey and his path in transitioning to Christine Howey, a striking middle-aged woman.

Christine wrote and told her story a few years ago in the one-woman play, "Exact Change", which had a one-night-only performance at the University Circle United Methodist Church in October 2015.

Former Ohio State Sen. Charles "Charlie" Butts attended the performance and was held spellbound by her story--a story that included being trapped in her own house for a year, just as Christine was trapped in the body of Richard all her life.

Sen. Butts pitched the idea to Christine and Director Scott Plate that the play should be turned into a movie, preserving Christine's story on film. The movie "Exact Change" is, as they say, in the can and will have its premiere showing at the Capitol Theater, Gordon Square Arts District, 1390 West 65th St., on **Wednesday, June 21 at 7 p.m.** Ample parking adjacent to the theater.

Co-sponsors include the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Public Theater, and the Sam and Devorah Foundation for Trans Youth.

JSC --being the inclusive organization that it is-- has been contacted to offer its moral support. You can do this by planning to attend the premiere of this engrossing movie. Tickets will go on sale after May 1. Contact: clevelandcinemas.com.



**Photo Gallery:
Passover, April 14, 2017**



Chuck Fink sings the songs of Passover

Photos by Audrey Halpern



Calling All Writers

The editorial policy of the newsletter will be nonpartisan, balanced, and receptive to opposing points of view. Items of opinion do not represent the "official" position of the JSC or its Board of Trustees. We welcome attributed letters with comments, rebuttals, or new information. Subject only to space, time, interest to fellow members, and editorial constraints, your article, told in your own words, will be gratefully acce

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- 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 meat products)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vegan (NO meat or dairy 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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