



The JSC Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Fri., Feb. 10 – Tu B'Shvat/Shabbat Program

Sun., Feb. 12 – Board Meeting

Fri., Mar. 10 – Purim

2016-2017 Shabbat Programs Schedule Announced

Feb. 10: Tu B'Shvat. Brett Jones: Cooperative Ownership: The Oldest New Model

March 10: Purim. Greg Malkin: Teaching Kids To Be Capitalists

April 21: Lisa Schattinger: Ohio End-of-Life Options

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

Tu B'Shvat/Shabbat Program Friday, Feb. 10, 2017

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

Brett Jones will speak to the JSC on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017. His talk is titled "Cooperative Ownership: The Oldest New Model."

Brett Jones joined the Evergreen team in 2013 as the Director of Strategic Projects for Evergreen's four business units, and in 2015 stepped into the

role of President for Evergreen Energy Solutions. As President, Mr. Jones directs the day-to-day business activities focusing on continuous improvement, safety and quality. A former Fulbright Fellow, he is a graduate of Ohio State University and holds an MBA from DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of Management. He also serves as chairman of the school board for Harvard Avenue Performance Academy, a local community school.

Meet and mingle at **6:30 pm**
Shabbat program at **6:45 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, Feb. 8 to Lynn Salzbrenner (330-388-9393) or (lynnsalzbrenner@gmail.com).

Last names **A-Sh** and **U-Z** bring a side dish or salad for 6 (couples please bring enough for 12); **SI-T** 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.

How to Access the JSC Facebook Page

1. The JSC Facebook page can be found by clicking on or typing the following web address: <https://www.facebook.com/jewishsecularcommunityCLE/>
2. If that's too much typing, you can simply go to the Facebook site (www.Facebook.com) and then next to the "F" in the blue banner at the top of the page, type in Jewish Secular Community of Cleveland and it will come up. Actually, as you type, it may come up before you finish.
3. Or you can go to the JSC website (www.jewishsecularcommunity.org) and on the right side you will see the JSC logo – click on that and it will take you to the Facebook page.

The Social Scene

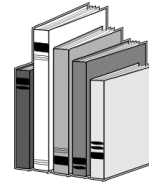


Your Social Committee is setting aside a block of seats at Eldred Theater on Sunday, February 26. That's when this venerable theater on the campus of Case Western Reserve University will be staging its production of "The Illusion," a classic French play by Pierre Corneille that's been adapted by award-winning playwright Tony Kushner. Plot summary: a distraught father seeks the power of dark magic to help him cope with love and loss of a missing son. Don't be scared off! The critics called this same production in its New York run "a special baroque brand of magic."

This is a matinee performance starting at **3 p.m.** (a 2-hour production.) **\$7.00** per person. Free parking near-by. After the theater, we'll gather for dinner and socializing at Maggiano's Beachwood Place.

Make your reservations now (before you forget!): Allen Guth, (216) 291-5869 or allenguth@gmail.com. Make check payable to: JSC.

The Bookshelf



Killing A King: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel. By Dan Ephron. W.W. Norton and Company. 2015. Index. Notes. 290 Pages.

Sometimes the bullet from an assassin's gun can truly alter the course of the history of a nation. This is but one of the messages we find in Dan Ephron's engaging narrative about the murder of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on November 4, 1995, at the conclusion of a rally in Tel Aviv.

The killer was Yigdal Amir. Born in 1970 into a Yemenite Jewish family, he was one of eight children. He attended Bar Ilan University and was a student in "advanced Torah studies" at the time of his murder of the prime minister. He had planned with others to murder Rabin and made three earlier attempts, but each one was called off at the last minute.

Yitzhak Rabin was born in 1922 in Jerusalem to a Ukrainian Jewish family. He served in the military and was prime minister twice: in 1974 he was appointed prime minister following the resignation of Golda Meir. He resigned in 1977. He was elected prime minister in 1992 and served until his assassination in 1995. It was Rabin who ordered the famous raid on Entebbe and who also signed the Oslo Accords with Yasir Arafat.

In some ways, the book is both a study in the politics of Israel in the 1990's and an old-fashioned crime thriller. Through Ephron's pen, we get inside the right-wing settler movement and see the rationale developed by Amir and a close contingent of co-conspirators to murder the prime minister for signing a treaty that would, in their eyes, divide the historic land of Israel. They accused Rabin of being a Nazi and of "seeking to destroy Israel." The author also

deals with the rise of Benjamin Netanyahu and revanchist nationalism in Israel.

Dan Ephron has written a gripping story of the murder that changed the course of Israel. For those who are interested, the other book on the topic is *Murder in the Name of God: The Plot to Murder Yitzhak Rabin* by Michael Karin and Ina Friedman (1988). Ephron's book is to be preferred because it used some police files that had not been available to earlier scholars.

– Mark Weber

New Edition of *Mein Kampf* Is Best Seller in Germany

Hitler's notorious manifesto, *Mein Kampf*, has sold over 85,000 hard-cover copies in Germany since it hit the book shelves last year in a new edition, the first since the copyright of the original book, held by the Bavarian state government, expired at the end of 2015.

The publisher, the Munich-based Institute for Contemporary History (IfZ), is quick to point out that this heavily annotated two-volume set contains 3,700 footnotes that expose the dictator's propaganda and falsehoods.

Andreas Wirsching, a spokesperson for the publisher, notes that "the new annotated publication is needed at a time when the well-known formulae of far-right xenophobia are threatening to become socially acceptable again in Europe."

IfZ reviewed data collected by regional bookstores about the book's buyers: The buyers tended to be "customers interested in politics and history as well as educators and not reactionaries or right-wing radicals."

The Central Council of Jews, Germany's most influential Jewish organization, indicated that it does not object to this critical edition of *Mein Kampf*, but strongly opposes any future publication without annotations.

– Allen Guth

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! Look for more announcements in the coming months!

Jottings

Mazel tov to **Mike** and **Bobbie Varble** who have a beautiful new granddaughter, Audriana Hope, born January 10. The proud parents are son Ben, and wife Michelle who reside in Chicago.

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Another mazal tov is extended to **Ken** and **Kathy Weiss**, who have a beautiful new grandson Elliott Benjamin born December 14. The proud parents are Adam and Lauren Weiss of Cleveland.

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A belated mazal tov to **Audrey Halpern** who became a great-grandmother in October, 2016 when Sophia Herbert came into the world. The proud parents are Dan and Rachel Herbert.

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 accepted.

**Photo Gallery:
January 20, 2017 Shabbat**



**Speaker Dennis Sutcliffe discusses
"Abba Hillel Silver and the Nazis"**

Photos by Audrey Halpern



**Noah Budin entertained us
with the songs of Chanukah
in December. Here he is
holding "Noah Budin's Ark,"
so named by Arnie Pearl.**

Photo by Arnie Pearl

Please fill out the following food identification label and bring it along with your potluck 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 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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