



The JSC Newsletter

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Shabbat Program and Important JSC Members Only Discussion.

Friday, Sept. 13, 2019

**Special Start Time. 6:00 pm.
Catered Dinner. RSVP Required!**

As we begin the new year, for JSC to function successfully we need to fill many important positions. This is your opportunity to add to thoughts generated in earlier discussions with Terry Waslow, Executive Director of CSJO, on the future of our Community. Are Shabbat and holiday dinners enough? What are your thoughts to sustain our growth and future?

We will pass out blank cards for you to fill in your thoughts, and then we will discuss this subject in detail at our October 9 Break-The-Fast.

Shabbat Program: 6:45 pm (members and non-members).

JSC Catered Dinner: 7:00 pm (members and non-members). *You do not need to bring pot luck!*

Speaker: Tim Stallings, the founder of AlerStallings Elder Law Firm. 8:00 - 9:00 pm. **Topic:** “Protecting Your Assets from the Three Big Bad Wolves.”

Location: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cleveland, formerly First Unitarian Church (Fellowship Hall), 21600 Shaker Blvd (east), Shaker Hts.

2019-2020 Fri. Shabbat Programs

Sept. 13, Tim Stallings, “Protecting Your Assets from the Three Big Bad Wolves.”

Oct. 18, David Beach, “The Green New Deal.”

Nov. 15, Roy Berko, Ph. D., “Yes, Words Matter.”

Dec. 27, Jackie Herriman and Marilyn Burns, “Friendship Force and Citizen Diplomacy.”

Jan. 17, Brian Johnson, Ph.D., “Theatrical Portrayals of Nazis Can Cause Us to Forget Nazism’s True Evil.”

Feb. 7, Sunny Simon, “Cuyahoga County’s New Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags.”

Mar. 6, Steve Cagan, “Columbia After The Peace Treaty.”

Apr. 3, Emma Renfrew, “Foundation Beyond Belief.”

May 1, Hannah Servedio, “The Fight for Reproductive Rights in Ohio.”

RSVP required by Friday, September 6th, to Peg Fishman, (440) 349-1330 or [Click here to RSVP](#). We will be using a check-in list at all Shabbat programs. Please let us know if you plan to bring any guests. First-time guests may attend Shabbat two times without being asked to bring a potluck dish or pay a fee.

Be green and remember to bring your own silverware and plates!

The Holidays

ROSH HASHANAH

Solon Community Center, 35000 Portz Pkwy., Solon, Ohio 44139

Monday, September 30, 10:00 a.m.

Please join us in this New Year celebration that will highlight and express the unity and cohesiveness of our secular community.

Rosh Hashanah program to be followed by a luncheon.

RSVP's are necessary and must be received by Wed., Sept. 25. **Contact:** Peg Fishman at (440) 349-1330 or pegfishman@gmail.com.

The Rosh Hashanah program and lunch are "gratis" for members. For guests, there is a customary fee of **\$20.00** for this holiday celebration, which can be credited toward a JSC membership. If paying by check, make it payable to Jewish Secular Community.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

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

Tuesday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.

The Kol Nidre will be played. Feel free to bring a personal reflection (poem, reading). Please keep it brief (3 minutes or less) and non-theistic. There will be time to share memories about deceased loved ones.

NOTE: Holiday programs are free for JSC members. For non-members, a customary donation of **\$15.00** (per person) is requested for Yom Kippur celebration. If paying by check, please make it payable to Jewish Secular Community. This fee can be credited toward a JSC membership.

YOM KIPPUR BREAK-THE-FAST & PROGRAM

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

Wednesday, October 9, 4:00 p.m.

RSVP required by Thursday, Oct. 3.

Contact Peg Fishman at (440) 349-1330 or pegfishman@gmail.com.

Our program will consist of a discussion of how to ensure the future and well-being of the Jewish Secular Community.

Break-The-Fast is free for JSC members. For non-members, a customary donation of **\$20.00** is requested. If paying by check, please make it payable to Jewish Secular Community. This fee can be credited toward a JSC membership.

SUKKOT CELEBRATION

Home of Edie and Walker Todd

1164 Sheerbrook Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH

Sunday, Oct. 13, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Schedule: **1.** 11:00 a.m., meet, mingle, and set out dishes for the buffet; **2.** 11:30, Sukkah building and decorating; **3.** 12:00, secular celebration of Sukkot; **4.** 12:30, buffet lunch

RSVP required by **Thursday, Oct. 10.** Call Peg Fishman at (440) 349-1330 or pegfishman@gmail.com.

Directions:

Take extension Route 422 East, exit at the sign for Aurora/Bainbridge/South Russell. Turn left as you exit the expressway onto State Route 306 North, then turn left onto Sheerbrook Drive. Sheerbrook Drive is about 3 miles north of Route 422 exit. **OR**

Take State Route 87 East (continuation of South Woodland); turn right onto State Route 306 South. Sheerbrook Drive is about 3 miles south of Route 87.

NOTE: The sign for Sheerbrook Drive is on the lower part of the sign that says "Chagrin Lakes Club." Members and Guests:

Please pull into the driveway, drop off your food and other items, then park on the street.

BYOC (Bring your own chair); also gourds, winter squash and other decorations for the Sukkah.

JSC will supply grilled frankfurters, etc.
 For potluck lunch:
 Bring for 10-12 people.
 Please list ingredients.

- A-J**—casserole, soup or stew
- K-V**—salad or vegetable side dish
- W-Z**—dessert.

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Debbie Schwab 1952-2019

JSC member Debbie Schwab passed away on Tuesday, July 30, after a brave 2-year battle with cancer. Debbie persevered in spite of these health challengers, dedicating herself to causes like Our Community Health Center and Menorah Park. We will miss her cards and calls as our Good and Welfare chair. Our condolences to children Amy and Jeff, sister Susan and the entire Schwab family.

JSC Calendar for 2019-20

- Shabbat – Fri., Sept. 13 6:30 – 9 pm
- Rosh Hashanah – Mon., Sept. 30 10 am – 1 pm
- Yom Kipper – Tues., Oct. 8 7:30 – 9 pm
- Yom Kipper Break Fast – Wed. Oct. 9 4 pm – 6 pm
- Sukkot – Sun. Oct. 13 (Todds' house) 11 am
- Shabbat – Fri., Oct. 18 6:30 – 9 pm
- Shabbat – Fri., Nov. 15 6:30 – 9 pm
- Shabbat/Hanukkah – Fri., Dec. 27 6:30 – 9 pm
- Shabbat – Fri., Jan. 17 6:30 – 9 pm
- Shabbat/Tu Bishvat – Fri., Feb. 7 6:30 – 9 pm
- Shabbat/Purim – Fri., March 6 6:30 – 9 pm
- Shabbat – Fri., April 3 6:30 – 9 pm
- Passover – Sun., April 5 5:30 – 9 pm
- Shabbat – Fri., May 1 6:30 – 9 pm

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

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| <p>Food Identification</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Food</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Please list carefully as those with allergies can have severe and harmful reactions.</i></p> |
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– 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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