



JEWISH SECULAR COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 26: Virtual Shabbat Program, 6:45 PM

Sunday, February 28: Board Meeting, 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY'S VIRTUAL SHABBAT & PURIM:

Don't miss this month's special guest speaker and discussion on February 26, "Dr. Seuss Goes to War and Before" with Gregg Philipson. This virtual event will be held through Zoom. For more information visit our website, www.jewishsecularcommunity.org/resources/shabbat-programs/. RSVP by Feb. 24 to pegfishman@gmail.com or on our website.

2021 VIRTUAL SHABBAT PROGRAMS

March 19, 2021: Lisa Griffis, photo editor, graphic designer and business owner. "Rescue Your Photos." (Lynn)

April 23, 2021: Marcy Darnovsky, Ph.D. "Use Gene Editing to Treat Patients, Not Design Babies" (Lynn)

May 21, 2021: Hannah Servedio, Field Organizer for NARAL, Ohio. "Reproductive Rights in Ohio." (Karen)

To learn more & RSVP, visit jewishsecularcommunity.org



JEWISH SECULAR COMMUNITY OF
CLEVELAND PRESENTS:

**"DR. SEUSS GOES TO WAR
AND BEFORE"**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021, 6:45 PM

This Month's Guest Speaker:

Gregg Philipson,

Gregg lectures nationally and internationally on Jewish-related subjects including the Holocaust, propaganda art and Jewish military history.

His collection and archive are regularly exhibited at major museums, universities and U.S. military installations.

This Shabbat program will be followed by a brief Purim reading.



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Did you miss one of our past Zoom Shabbat recordings?

You can now find them on our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB1pu7_EsH00w1pNrqaE15g

BOOK REVIEW: "THE ORCHARD" BY DAVID HOPEN

The author of this novel is a student at Yale Law School, and his main character – Ari Eden – is also a student at Torah Teminah, a yeshiva in Brooklyn, New York.

Ari's father is a traditional Torah-quoting Orthodox Jew, but his mother grew up in a less rigorously traditional household and encouraged her son to read secular works to supplement his yeshiva's unending focus on religious studies. Thus, Ari finds himself confronted by opposing philosophies.

Then circumstances change, making these opposing positions even more apparent. Ari's father loses his accounting job and is offered a new position in Florida by a shady family connection. Zion Hills, Florida, is a wealthy suburb of Miami full of mini-mansions and Olympic-sized swimming pools.

Ari is confronted with the many privileges of his new yeshiva classmates. His religious piety is soon challenged by these secular distractions. He seeks out the "tragic grandeur" of this Florida experience, even as he realizes that it challenges his ideals and sense of self. "I'd been filled finally with experience," he says, after a night out in Key West. "And along the way, I'd been emptied out."

JSC readers have probably encountered these young adult thoughts before in previous readings, but "The Orchard" would be a useful book to recommend to young readers in your family.

-Allen Guth

50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORY BOOKS AVAILABLE

JSC's 50th anniversary celebration was a memorable occasion, one that you will not want to forget. We have a number of 50th anniversary memory books available that you will want to add to your bookshelf.

Contact Jim Mayer: 216-371-9937 or jim.mayer69@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL WRITERS!

The editorial policy of the newsletter is 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.

GOOD & WELFARE

When you're having some medical issues, it's nice to get a little cheering up. If you know of a JSC member who fits this description, contact Ellen Schwartz -- Good and Welfare, 440-449-4418, or eschwa7500@yahoo.com -- and Ellen will get out a personal, "Hope You're Feeling Better" greeting. Be sure to send Ellen good news, too.

THE JSC MISSION

The Jewish Secular Community, affiliated with the Cultural and Secular Jewish Organization, 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 worldwide community of secular Jews

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