



CSJO 2018

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Courage, Conviction, and Jewish Resistance

Friday, May 25 (4:00 pm) – Monday, May 28 (10:00 am)

4-H Conference Center
7100 Connecticut Ave
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Keynote Speakers

Herb Silverman
South Carolina

Jordan Shuster
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

We invite you to attend CSJO's annual conference!

We meet in Chevy Chase, Maryland at the wonderful 4-H Conference Center. The campus is designed to give the feel of a hotel. It is located in a beautiful suburb of Washington, D.C. This is just a 10 minute ride to the center of D.C. The weekend will be filled with a variety of topics presented by a well rounded group of presenters.

In the following pages, you will find the information you need to get to the 4-H Conference Center, to stay there, to learn there, to be entertained there, and to enjoy old and new friends.

Dear Friends:

This year's conference organizers are delighted to invite you to another exciting event. We meet at the 4-H Conference Center, in beautiful Chevy Chase, Maryland. The 4-H Conference Center runs like a hotel. It sits on 12 acres in the well known neighborhood of Chevy Chase, Maryland. Staying at this location helps to support a 4-H positive youth development by providing funds and resources to deliver their programs to millions of youth around the world. You can view the rooms and the amenities here <https://4hcenter.org/events/guest-rooms/>. The adults will stay in the traditional rooms, either double or single. The youth will utilize the bunk bed rooms.

You can reach Chevy Chase by plane, train, bus, and car. We suggest you make your travel plans and reservations as soon as possible.

By Plane: Airports are

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport: 12 miles

-Taxicab – available from terminals – approximately \$30

-Metrorail – take Blue Line to Metro Center or Yellow Line to Gallery Place-Chinatown. Transfer to Red Line towards Shady Grove. Get off at Friendship Heights stop. Take Metrobus L8 toward Aspen Hill or the Ride-On Bus #1 or #11, and get off at Connecticut Avenue and Taylor Street. You will have to cross the street to the entrance of the Center.

Dulles International Airport: 26 miles

-Taxicab – available from terminals – approximately \$65

-Airport bus – ask for assistance from Ground Transportation Desk

Baltimore-Washington International Airport: 35 miles

-Airport limo or taxicab available – ask for assistance at the Ground Transportation Desk on the lower level. Taxicab approximately \$65

Ground Transportation:

-Super Shuttle <https://www.supershuttle.com>

Public Transportation

- Take the Red Line to Friendship Heights Metro Station (towards Shady Grove)
- From Friendship Heights, take Metrobus L8, Ride-On #1 or #11, or to the National 4-H Conference Center

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit: <https://www.wmata.com>

Map of D.C. Metro: <https://4hcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/05/MetroMap.pdf>

The conference will open with the *Shabbat Gathering* on Friday evening. The keynote addresses and workshops on Saturday and Sunday will, as always, be top notch, presented by a mix of internal and external experts. On Saturday, we will take a beautiful night tour of D.C. and its monuments.

Please read through this brochure, fill out the forms, and send them to the address on the Registration Form. You can also check our website (www.csjo.org) for the latest information.

We welcome you to the CSJO 2018 Annual Conference!

Sarah Waslow-Washington
Events Coordinator

CSJO 2018 Conference Highlights

Keynote speakers: Saturday May 26 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.



Jordan Shuster:

Jordan Shuster has proudly represented the CSJO Youth for the past two years as the Youth Representative to the Executive Committee. She has been attending CSJO conferences since 2010 and is a graduate of the Jewish Children's Folkshul in Philadelphia, PA. Jordi will graduate from Drexel University in June 2018 with B.S. degrees in Civil Engineering and Architectural Engineering, and she plans to transition one day into a career as an engineering librarian. In her (admittedly limited) spare time, Jordi can be found reading, singing, and walking shelter dogs as a volunteer for the Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS).



Herb Silverman:

Secular Coalition for America President Herb Silverman delivers opening remarks at our briefing with administration officials.

Herb Silverman is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at the College of Charleston, founder of the Secular Coalition for America, founder of the Secular Humanists of the Lowcountry in Charleston, SC, founder of the Atheist/Humanist Alliance student group at the College of Charleston, and a recipient of the American Humanist Association Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1990, a colleague pointed out that atheists were ineligible to hold public office in South Carolina. After an eight-year battle, Herb won a unanimous decision in the South Carolina Supreme Court, which struck down this religious test requirement. He has written for the for the Washington Post, Huffington Post, The Humanist, Free Inquiry, Humanistic Judaism, and other magazines and blogs. Herb has appeared in a number of debates on topics that include: Can we be moral without God? Does God exist? Is America a Christian nation? He has also debated at Oxford University in England on the topic, Does American Religion Undermine American Values?

Herb's books include *Candidate Without a Prayer: An Autobiography of a Jewish Atheist in the Bible Belt* and *An Atheist Stranger in a Strange Religious Land*. You can browse a collection of his public speeches and debates [here](#), and visit his website <http://www.herbsilverman.com>

D.C. Night-View– Saturday May 26 6:30 p.m.

This is a four hour event takes us on an evening tour of Washington, D.C. and many of its monuments. The tour includes a Guide who will do an introduction to the sites we will view as we ride into the city. Our guide will share facts and history related to Washington, D.C., information regarding the buildings of the city and include other stories connected to our route. The group will disembark at the memorials to wander the grounds and learn more information from our knowledgeable guide. There will be time for questions along the way as well as a discussion on the ride back to the 4-H Center.

Conference Schedule

Conference hosted by CSJO

Friday May 25

- 4:00 – pm Check-in
- 5:00 – pm Dinner (packages 1–8; kept out for latecomers)
- 6:00 – pm Welcome, Shabbat/Shabbes

Saturday May 26

- 7:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:00 am Check-in
- 9:00 – 10:15 am Workshop session 1
- 10:30 – 11:45 am Keynote addresses – Herb Silverman and Jordan Shuster
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:15 am Check-in

- 1:00 – 2:15 pm Workshop session 2
- 2:15 – 2:30 pm Break – refreshments
- 2:30 – 3:45 pm Workshop session 3
- 3:45 – 3:55 pm. Break - refreshments
- 3:55 – 5:15 pm Workshop session 4
- 5:30 – 6:15 pm Dinner
- 6:30 – 10:00 pm Night Tour (Intergenerational)

Sunday May 27

- 7:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast
- 8:30 – 8:45 am Check-in
- 8:45 – 10:00 am Workshop session 5
- 8:45 – 10:15 am CSJO Annual Business Meeting
- 10:30 – 11:30 am Workshop session 6
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:15 am Check-in

- 1:00 – 2:15 pm Workshop session 7
- 2:15 – 2:30 pm Break – refreshments
- 2:30 – 3:45 pm Workshop session 8
- 3:45 – 3:55 pm. Break - refreshments
- 3:55 – 5:15 pm Workshop session 9
- 5:30 – 7:30 pm Dinner
- 7:45 - ??? Talent Show

Monday May 28

- 7:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast
- 8:30 – 10:00 am Check-out

Some of Our Scheduled Workshops

The Roots of Jewish Humor- Bennett Muraskin

Why a Jewish Secular Movement: A Facilitated Discussion- Terry Waslow

A Film: Joyful Noise: The Lost Jewish Music of Philadelphia- Jackie Borock

Lobbying 101- Sarah Levin

Through the Eye of the Needle: The Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz- Bernice Steinhardt

Jewish Heretics- Bennett Muraskin

Secular Activism- Herb Silverman

Resistance is the lesson a photographic exhibit by Lawrence Bush will be on display

More to come as we finalize presenters

Registration Packages

All dollar amounts below are in U.S. dollars. Regardless if you make payments from Canada or U.S., all payments must be in U.S. funds.

If not a CSJO member or a member of a CSJO affiliate, please add \$35.00 to listed fees.

Full conference – with lodging

Package 1	\$475.00	Adult full package – all single rooms
Package 2	\$395.00	Adult full package – shared room
Package 3	\$325.00	Teen (13 - 18 High School) full package
Package 4	\$260.00	Second teen sibling (full package) – 20% off
Package 5	\$275.00	Young adult college (age 18 – 24 College) (full package)
Package 6	\$220.00	Second young adult sibling (full package) – 20% off
Package 7	\$195.00	First-time teen/young adult (13-24) (full package)
Package 8	\$365.00	Older young adult (25 – 30) (full package)

Other packages – no lodging (adults only)

Package 9	\$275.00	All weekend with lunch, without lodging
Package 10	\$150.00	All day Saturday with lunch
Package 11	\$150.00	All day Sunday with lunch
Package 12	\$195.00	All day Saturday with lunch and night tour
Package 13	\$175.00	All day Sunday with lunch, dinner and talent show
Package 14	\$45.00	Saturday night tour only
Package 15	\$35.00	Sunday talent show only
Package 16	\$25.00	Saturday morning Keynote speakers only

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Conference fees on Registration Packages #1 – #8 are good through May 10, 2018.

For these registrations, if postmarked after May 10, 2018, add an additional \$35.00 per registrant.

Registration Packages #9 – #16 are good through May 22, 2018.

Registration Form
CSJO 2018 Annual Conference
May 25 – 28, 2018

Please print clearly! Please use one form for each individual. Please sign photo waiver at bottom.

Name _____ Age (if under 30) ____ Gender (housing purposes only) ____
Veg. food (Y/N): ____

If under 18 years of age, you must include a copy of your birth certificate!

Address _____ City _____

St./Prov. _____ Zip/Postal code _____ Phone _____

E-mail address (adult) _____

E-mail address (youth) _____

Primary local group affiliation or Associate Member _____

Is this your first conference? (Y/N) _____ Package # _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

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I wish to share a room with (for packages 2–8 only)

Special housing or dietary needs. We will try our best to accommodate all special needs!

I hereby give permission for images of my child and/or myself, captured during CSJO's annual Memorial Day weekend conference through video, photo and digital camera, to be used solely for the purposes of CSJO's promotional material and publications, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Name of minor: _____ Age: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Please pay by check, money order, or cashier's checks (all in US funds only) or
with credit card on our web site: www.csjo.org

Send this form and, if applicable, copy of birth certificates, medical and other necessary forms, plus a check,
money order, or cashier's checks (all in US funds only) to:

CSJO 2018 Annual Conference
c/o Joan M. Kurtz
359 Main Street
Unit 3B
Easthampton, MA 01027 Registrar

Required Documentation for Youth Registration

Parents/guardians of youth under the age of 18 (teens 13 – 17) must complete and sign the documents on the following two pages: Emergency Medical Form and Declaration of Responsibility.

A separate Emergency Medical Form and Declaration of Responsibility must be completed for each teen attending the conference.

In addition, a copy of the youth's birth certificate must be provided to CSJO.

Please send all three documents — Emergency Medical Form, Declaration of Responsibility and birth certificate — to:

**Joan Kurtz, CSJO Conference Registrar
359 Main St.
Unit 3B
Easthampton, MA 01027
United States**

Questions? Please email yoninajoan@yahoo.com.

CSJO Emergency Medical Form

**Required for everyone under the age of 18.
Send a separate form for each participant under 18 years of age.**

Name of youth _____ Birth date ___/___/___

Allergies _____

Medical conditions _____

Food restrictions _____ Activity restrictions _____

Medicine taken regularly _____ Date of last tetanus shot _____

Health insurance provider (please supply copy of health insurance card – required!)

Policy number _____ Group _____

I hereby authorize the CSJO 2018 Annual Conference organizers to consent to and authorize any necessary emergency medical attention to the youth named above during his/her participation in the CSJO 2018 annual conference. I agree to accept all financial responsibility for any necessary medical attention.

Parent/legal guardian signature _____ Date ___/___/___

Address _____

Phone where I can be reached (include area code) _____

Emergency contact, name _____ Phone _____

Emergency contact, name _____ Phone _____

Conference Rules

National 4-H Conference Center and the CSJO conference organizers have worked hard to ensure an enjoyable, safe, and successful conference. All participants are asked to do their part by using common sense and courtesy and by respecting the rights of others. Below is a set of rules concerning behavior for all individuals using these facilities. They apply to every participant of the conference.

- No one under the age of 18 may leave the campus except for a medical emergency or when accompanied by a designated adult. No exceptions.
- Weapons and controlled substances are not allowed.
- Alcohol is not allowed on the conference center property.
- No animals are allowed.
- Smoking is not allowed by anyone under the age of 18. Smoking is not allowed in any building.
- Only persons who are registered for the conference are allowed in dormitory rooms or in facilities reserved for the CSJO conference.
- Courtesy is required in all dorm areas.

Declaration of Responsibility

**Parents/guardians of youth under the age of 18 (teens 13 – 17) and young adults (18 – 24)
must sign this Declaration of Responsibility!**

Send a separate declaration for each registrant.

I, _____ give my permission for _____

to attend the CSJO 2018 annual conference. I/we have read the conference rules, and agree to honor them. I accept any legal and financial responsibility for my child/ward while he/she attends the conference, and acknowledge that the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (CSJO) and the CSJO 2018 annual conference organizers shall not be responsible for my child's/ward's actions or their consequences. I do understand that the CSJO conference will make the best arrangements possible for the safety of all participants, but that CSJO is not responsible for any injury or loss of property that might occur.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date ____/____/____

By signing this document, I agree to follow the rules of the CSJO 2018 annual conference. I understand that I may be required to leave the conference at my own expense, should I fail to follow the rules.

Teen/Young Adult signature _____ Date ____/____/____



BORDER CROSSING

For minors crossing the US/Canadian Border without parents or guardians

To whom it may concern:

I/We _____, am/are the lawful _____
parental/custodial/guardianship rights

of _____ born on ____ / ____ / ____ in _____
child's full name *dd mm yy* *city, province*

The aforementioned child has my/our consent to travel with _____
full name or group name

to visit 4-H Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland from Friday, May 25-28, 2018, for the CSJO Conference.

Any questions regarding this consent letter can be directed to the person(s) giving consent at:

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

Signature(s) of Person(s) giving consent

Date

CONTACTS

If you have questions regarding the CSJO 2018 Annual Conference,
please contact one of the following persons:

Events Coordinator

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Registrar

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