Theme: "Interconnections: Networking, Supporting and Growing Together."

It is that time of year again!! Our Annual Conference will once again be held virtually over Memorial Day weekend. We have a great group of presenters from many organizations, such as Freedom from Religion Foundation, US Together-Cleveland, Secular Student Alliance, Northern Ohio Freethought Society, and a remarkable young presenter from the Tri-Valley Community in California. We will have an amazing weekend of workshops as well as a fun event on Saturday evening, and our renowned talent show on Sunday night.

Cost:
- Members cost: $10 for the weekend
- Non-Members cost: $18 for the weekend

To register, go to: https://www.csjo.org

When completing the online registration form, you will need to fill in two sections: The first is for payment purposes, the second identifies who is attending the conference.

*If you are interested in attending but have a financial hardship, please reach out to Sarah, sarah.csjo@gmail.com, Terry, terry.csjo@gmail.com, or Joan at yoninajoan@yahoo.com

Schedule Overview:

- Friday night -- Oneg and schmooze
- Saturday – Annual business meeting plus two workshops; one hour each (45 minute presentation with 15 minute Q&A), with breaks in between.
- Saturday night -- Eva Goldfinger offering “Jewish Jeopardy”
- Sunday -- three workshops; one hour each (45 minute presentation with 15 minute Q&A), with breaks in between.
- Sunday night – If you wish to participate in our talent show, please email Madi Burns at madmonkey38@gmail.com and put “CSJO Talent Show” in the subject line.

Workshop Schedule:

**Saturday:**
- Business meeting -- 1pm - 2pm EST (10am – 11am PST)
- Break -- 2pm - 2:15pm EST (11am – 11:15am PST)
- Workshop #1 -- 2:15pm - 3:15 pm EST (11:15am - 12:15pm PST)
- Break – 3:15 pm - 4pm EST (12:15pm – 1pm PST)
- Workshop #2 – 4pm - 5pm EST (1pm – 2pm PST)
Entertainment:  Eva Goldfinger will be hosting “Jewish Jeopardy” from 7pm – 8pm EST (4pm – 6pm PST)

Sunday:
Workshop #3 -- 1pm - 2pm EST (10am – 11am PST)
Break -- 2pm – 2:15pm EST  (11am – 11:15 pm PST)
Workshop #4 -- 2:15- 3:15 pm EST (11:15am - 12:15 PST)
Break -- 3:15 pm – 4pm EST (12:15pm – 1pm PST)
Workshop #5 -- 4pm - 5pm EST (1pm – 2pm PST)
Talent Show: Madi Burns, hosting, 7pm EST- ????  (4pm PST - ????)

Workshop Description, Presenter Bio’s and Schedule

Friday, May 28, 2021
Shabbos Program lead by Terry Waslow  8pm EST / 5pm PST

Saturday, May 29, 2021
CSJO Business Meeting -- 1 pm - 2 pm EST/ 10 am - 11 am PST

Break -- 2 pm -2:15 pm EST / 11 am - 11:15 am PST

Workshop #1 -- 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm EST / 11:15 am - 12:15 pm PST  
Presenter: Mark Tiborsky, Northern Ohio Freethought Society


Summary: Northeast Ohio is, overall, far more moderate in its religiosity than many other areas of our nation (or our state, for that matter). Even so, our founder (Marni Huebner-Tiborsky) saw the need to establish a local chapter of the Freedom from Religion Foundation (FFRF) – the Northern Ohio Freethought Society (NOFS). The FFRF is perceived by many as the most “abrasive” of the secular organizations – how and why was a chapter formed in this region? Who comprises its membership, and what has it done to help advance Freethought and secularism in northern Ohio? Answers to these questions will be provided along with much more. Mark will have an entertaining slide show on hand, detailing NOFS’ activism since its inception in early 2013.

Biography: Mark Tiborsky
A lifelong nontheist who was raised in a nonreligious household, Mark has been very active in the Northeast Ohio Freethought community for 14 years. He has served as co-organizer of the Cleveland Freethinkers, a large independent group, since August 2007. Mark also served as VP of Programming for Center for Inquiry Northeast Ohio from 2012 through 2019 and has shared administrative duties for the Northern Ohio Freethought Society (NOFS) since its inception in 2013. Mark’s other interests include playing and composing music, astronomy, and wildlife watching.
Break -- 3:15 pm- 4:00 pm EST / 12:15 pm-1:00 pm PST

Workshop #2 -- 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm EST / 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm PST

**Presenter:** Rebecca Ireland

**Topic:** Social Action and YOU

**Summary:** Learn more about why Jews play an important role in taking action, and how to support the youth in your life in taking action. We will engage in discussion to determine an issue we will take action for immediately during the workshop, as well.

**Biography:** Rebecca Ireland (she/her) is a high school sophomore, working for a future where liberty and justice are truly for all. Rebecca is the youth representative of Tri-Valley Cultural Jews and Teen Representative of CSJO. She has also created Youth Organize Unite, as her Girl Scout Gold Award, to empower youth to take action for issues they care about.

**Saturday Night Event**

**Jewish Jeopardy and humor with Eva Goldfinger** — 7pm EST / 4pm PST

In 1984, Eva joined the movement and was ordained as a Madrikha in 1989. After achieving a BA and MA in Jewish Studies at Hebrew College, Boston, and completing a Masters in Secular Humanistic Judaism and the Rabbinic program at the IISHJ, she was ordained in 2005 as the first Canadian Humanist Rabbi. She has been a leader at Oraynu Congregation, Toronto, been on the Boards of pretty much every North American and International Movement organization and traveled North America to teach and lead Movement communities and promote Secular Humanistic Judaism. She brings intense Jewish scholarship, the passion from her Chasidic upbringing, her sensitivity as a psychotherapist, and her love of people to all her work.

![Eva Goldfinger](image)

**Jewish Jeopardy and Humor**

If you want to learn a lot and laugh a lot, join Eva for a Zoom Jewish knowledge game. Compete on your own or with a team of family in your bubble. There is a surprise gift for the winners but the point is to have fun and to go away knowing a lot more about the WHERE’S, WHO’S and WHAT’S of Jews and Yiddishkeit, Jewish history, literature, the arts and humor. Once in a while, we'll even touch upon the WHY'S but if you are Jewish, don’t expect to agree on the answers. No googling will be permitted, so be prepared to use your seichl.
Sunday, May 30, 2021

Workshop #3 -- 1 pm-2 pm EST / 10 am-11 am PST
   Presenter: Kevin Bolling

   Topic: Next Generation of the Secular Movement: Are You Ready?

   Summary: The next generation in the United States is more secular and social justice-oriented than previous generations. Kevin will share about the mindset of millennials and Generation Z, what the Secular Student Alliance is doing across the country, about the current tactics of conservative religious campus ministries, and what local secular groups can do to encourage and engage the upcoming generation.

   Biography: Kevin Bolling is the executive director of the Secular Student Alliance, serving since 2017. Kevin brings with him 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience. His career has included over 10 years of student association management and on-campus program development from Los Angeles to Boston. For 10 years, Kevin served as the Executive Director of the California Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Foundation, a charitable trust serving the healthcare needs of the industries’ largely immigrant workforce. Kevin worked in higher education administration in student services and leadership for over 15 years.

Break -- 2 pm - 2:15 pm EST / 11 am - 11:15 am PST

Workshop # 4 -- 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm EST / 11:15 am - 12:15 pm PST
   Presenter: Liv Randall

   Topic: Refugee 101

   Summary: US Together-Cleveland is one of three Refugee Resettlement Agencies in Cleveland, Ohio. As a Refugee Resettlement Agency and an affiliate of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), we welcome refugees from all over the world who are forced to seek refuge in another country due to the inability to stay in their native country. US Together as a whole provides services in our Columbus, Cleveland, and Toledo offices. We serve people who came from many countries where their right and very lives are in danger. They are starting their lives anew in the United States, and we are there to support them through their journey.

   Biography: Liv Randall is the Community Engagement and Development Specialist at US Together. She is one of two Americorps VISTAs at the agency this year, which means that they are serving US Together and helping build capacity until their service year ends in July. She recently graduated from Ohio State University in May of 2020, where she studied International Relations and Middle East Studies. As an undergrad, Liv traveled to Rwanda twice to study 1994 genocide and conduct research on the reconciliation process between women after genocide.

   After graduating, Liv wanted to continue pursuing her passions in learning new cultures and helping people who are rebuilding their lives after facing traumatic events. After some research, Liv found the Americorps VISTA position at US Together Cleveland! She was able to move back to the city where she was born and raised in and give back to the community! As
the current Community Engagement and Development Specialist, Liv’s role is to create all communications for the Cleveland office, create and run fundraisers to support their programs and to conduct community outreach such as spreading awareness of refugee issues through educational presentations in the community.

Break: 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm EST / 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm PST

Workshop #5 -- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm EST / 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm PST

**Presenter:** Rebecca S. Markert

**Topic:** Recent Developments in Religious Liberty Cases

**Biography:** Rebecca S. Markert is the Legal Director for Freedom from Religion Foundation. She attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison and received her B.A. in political science, international relations and German in 1998. Rebecca attended Roger Williams University School of Law in Bristol, Rhode Island, and received her Juris Doctor in 2008. She joined the Foundation staff in October 2008 as the first in-house staff attorney. Prior to joining FFRF, she worked for former U.S. Senator Russ Feingold both in his legislative office in Washington, D.C., and in his 2004 campaign office. She handles a First Amendment caseload that includes matters involving religion in the public schools, religious symbols on public property, and electioneering by churches. She has served as co-counsel in federal lawsuits across the country and routinely assists FFRF’s cooperating attorneys in litigation. She has drafted amicus briefs filed in many federal appellate courts including the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Sunday Night Event**
Talent Show, Madi Burns, hosting (madmonkey38@gmail.com), - 7:00 pm EST / 4:00 PST

Contact Madi if you would like to participate in the talent show.