



CSJO 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our Tradition of Solidarity

Friday, May 27 (4:00 pm) – Monday, May 30 (9:00 am)

Glendon Campus (York University)
2275 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4N 3M6 Canada

Keynote Speakers

Richard Borshay Lee
Toronto, Canada

Lucah Rosenberg-Lee
Toronto, Canada

We invite you to attend CSJO's annual conference!

We meet in Toronto at beautiful Glendon Campus of York University, located at Bayview and Lawrence, a short bus and subway ride from downtown Toronto. At the same time, the setting of Glendon - the wooded ravine, rose garden, open parklands and the Don riverbank, will make you feel as if you are staying in the countryside.

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

Dear Friends:

All of us organizing this year's conference are delighted to invite you to another exciting event. We meet at Glendon Campus in Toronto, a truly beautiful location, with the serenity and beauty of the countryside and within fairly close proximity to downtown Toronto.

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

Public transit directions

The nearest subway station to Glendon Campus is Lawrence Station (on the Yonge line). From there, take the 124 Sunnybrook Hospital bus. The campus is located at the intersection of Bayview and Lawrence Avenues, only minutes away. The bus stops right in front of the campus.

Driving directions

Glendon campus is 15 minutes south of Highway 401, 15 minutes west of the Don Valley Parkway, 20 minutes north of the Lakeshore, and 25 minutes east of Pearson International Airport.

From Highway 401 - Exit at Bayview Avenue and go southbound to Lawrence Avenue. Take the ramp on the right then turn left at the stop sign. Drive east on Lawrence straight onto the campus.

From the QEW - Take the Don Valley Parkway to Bayview Avenue. Go northbound to Lawrence Avenue then take the ramp on the right. The campus will be on your right, at the stop sign.

Our local conference sponsors are United Jewish People's Order-Canada and the Morris Winchevsky School, whose members will act as hosts and participate in the conference.

The conference will open with the *Oneg Shabbat* 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, the youth go on their usual outing this time to exciting downtown Toronto, and in the evening the adults will have the privilege of being entertained by Josh Dolgin, better known as *Socalled*, a truly talented artist with an awe-inspiring and eclectic mix of hip hop, klezmer and other styles, such as drum and bass and folk music. As usual Sunday's workshops are followed by the traditional banquet, which, in turn, is followed by the world-famous talent show.

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 2016 Annual Conference!

Barbara Blaser
Conference Chair

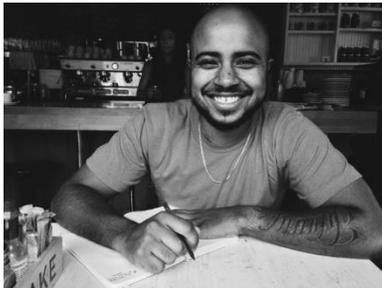
Shlomit Segal & Ester Reiter
Program Co-Chairs

CSJO 2016 Conference Highlights

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS – Saturday May 28th 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.



RICHARD BORSHAY LEE is a University Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the University of Toronto and a long-time member of the United Jewish People's Order. His research interests include human rights and indigenous peoples, ecology and history, and AIDS. He is internationally known for his studies of hunting and gathering societies. His work has been heralded as stimulating a paradigm shift in thinking about deep human history. Lee's research findings—that sharing and cooperation, not aggression, have been the key to our success as a species — have influenced philosophers, political scientists, psychologists and biologists. In addition to his activism with indigenous peoples, Lee has focused on anti-Apartheid work in southern Africa and in Israel and Palestine.



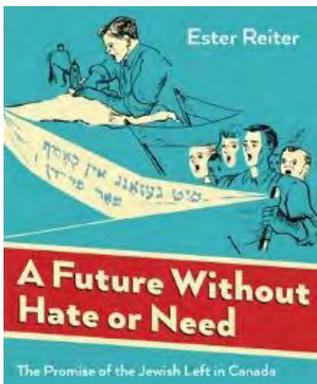
LUCAH ROSENBERG-LEE was adopted by two Toronto-based professors at the age of 2 months old from the Dominican Republic and got to travel with them throughout his childhood as they worked. He has spent time in sociology and equity studies at The University of Toronto and avidly engages his current passion, making documentary films. "*Passing*", which depicts Lucah's experience being a trans-man of colour in society today, premiered at the Inside Out Film Festival in May of 2015, and has continued to be shown in film festivals across the United States, Canada and Europe.

CONCERT – Saturday May 28 – 8:00 p.m.



JOSH DOLGIN, better known as 'SOCALLED'

Josh Dolgin, better known by his stage name Socalled, is a Canadian rapper and record producer, known for his eclectic mix of hip hop, klezmer, and other styles such as drum & bass and folk music.



Cover artwork by
Avrom Yanovsky

EXHIBIT – FREE DISCUSSION IS THE KEY TO PEACE: THE POLITICAL CARTOONS OF AVROM YANOVSKY

Depicting history from a uniquely progressive perspective, Avrom's art was profound, direct and biting without being morose. **Avrom Yanovsky** (1911–1979) was a Canadian political cartoonist whose works have been shown in galleries in Ontario. A political activist and unionist throughout his life, as, his prolific body of work reflected the times.

Forthcoming July, 2016 – Our History

A Future without Hate or Need:

The Promise of the Jewish Left in Canada, by Ester Reiter

Driven from their homes in Russia, Poland, and Romania by pogroms and poverty, many Jews who came to Canada in the wave of immigration after the 1905 Russian revolution were committed radicals. *A Future without Hate or Need* brings to life the rich and multi-layered lives of a dissident political community, their shared experiences and community-building cultural projects, as they attempted to weave together their

ethnic particularity – their identity as Jews – with their internationalist class politics. The author will be at the conference to answer any questions you may have about the book and to pre order if you wish.



Ester Reiter

Conference Schedule

Conference sponsored by the United Jewish People's Order-Canada and the Morris Winchevsky School

Friday May 27

- 4:00 – pm Check-in
- 6:00 – pm Dinner (packages 1–5; kept out for latecomers)
- 7:30 – pm Welcome, Oneg Shabbat/oyneg shabbes

Saturday May 28

- 7:30 – 8:45 am Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:00 am Check-in
- 9:00 – 10:15 am Workshop session 1
- 10:30 – 11:45 am Keynote addresses – Richard Borshay Lee and Lucah Rosenberg-Lee
- 12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm CSJO Board meeting
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm Check-in
- 1:30 – 3:00 pm Workshop session 2
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm Break – refreshments
- 3:15 – 4:45 pm Workshop session 3
- 6:00 – 7:30 pm Dinner
- 7:00 – pm Organized off-campus activity for the youth
- 8:00 – pm Entertainment – followed by refreshments
- 9:30 –pm Youth recreational activity

Sunday May 29

- 7:30 – 8:45 am Breakfast
- 8:30 – 9:00 am Check-in
- 9:00 – 10:15 am Workshop session 4
- 10:30 – 11:45 am CSJO Annual Business Meeting
- 11:00 – 11:59 am Workshop session 5
- 12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm Check-in
- 1:30 – 3:00 pm Workshop session 6
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm Break – refreshments
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Youth Business meeting
- 3:15 – 4:45 pm Workshop session 7
- 6:30 – 8:30 pm Banquet
- 9:00 – pm Multi-generational talent show

Monday May 30

- 7:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 – am *Shalom! Sholem aleykhem! See you next year!*

TIMES PRELIMINARY

Registration Packages

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	\$430.00	Adult full package – all single rooms
Package 2	\$385.00	Adult full package – shared room
Package 3	\$300.00	Teens (13 - 17)
Package 4	\$240.00	Second teen sibling – 20% off
Package 5	\$250.00	Young Adult College (age 18 – 24)
Package 6	\$200.00	Second Young Adult Sibling – 20% off
Package 7	\$190.00	First Time Teen/Young Adult (13-24)
Package 8	\$325.00	Older Young Adult (25 – 30)

Other packages – no lodging (adults only)

Package 9	\$275.00	Full day & evening package – includes everything except lodging and breakfasts
Package 10	\$125.00	Saturday day & evening package – includes Saturday workshops, lunch, dinner, and entertainment
Package 11	\$100.00	Saturday day package – includes Saturday workshops and lunch
Package 12	\$200.00	Sunday day & evening package – includes Sunday workshops, lunch, banquet, and talent show
Package 13	\$100.00	Sunday day package – includes Sunday workshops and lunch
Package 14	\$ 50.00	Sunday banquet & talent show

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A range of options will be available for all meals, including vegetarian and other special needs, providing they are specified on the registration forms.

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For Americans, all amounts are in U.S. dollars.

For Canadians, all amounts are in Canadian dollars.

Fees above are good through May 5th, 2016.

For all registrations postmarked after May 5th, 2016, \$35.00 per registrant must be added to the fee.

Registration Form

CSJO 2016 Annual Conference May 27–30, 2016

Please print clearly! Use one form per registrant.

Name _____ M/F _____ Veg. food (Y/N): _____ Age (pkg 3-8) _____

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 _____

Primary group affiliation _____

Is this your first conference? (Y/N) _____

Package No. _____ \$ _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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For a registration form postmarked after May 5th, 2016, add \$35.00.***

I wish to share a room with (package 2–8) _____

Special lodging or dietary needs _____

We will do our best to accommodate all special needs!

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I hereby give permission for images of my child and/or myself, captured during the CSJO 2016 Annual Conference through video, photo or digital camera, to be used solely in CSJO's promotional material and publications, and I waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Name of minor: _____ Age: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Parent's/guardian's signature: _____

U.S. Registrants

Payment can be made by check, money order, or cashier's check or online through the CSJO's website (www.csjo.org). Online payments will be subject to an \$8.00 convenience fee per package.

Send this and other applicable forms (p. 7-8) and, if applicable, check, money order, or cashier's check to:

CSJO 2016 Annual Conference, c/o Joan Kurtz, 359 Main Street, Unit 3B, Easthampton, MA 01027 USA

Canadian Registrants

Payment can be made by credit card, cheque or bank draft. If paying by credit card, please provide the following information:

Card Number: _____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Expiry: _____ / _____

Name on Card: _____

Please send this and other applicable forms (p. 7-8) and, if applicable, cheque or bank draft to:

**CSJO 2016 Annual Conference, c/o Barbara Blaser, Winchevsky Centre,
585 Cranbrooke Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M6A 2X9**

CSJO Emergency Medical Form

Required for everyone under the age of 18.

Please photocopy and 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 2016 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 2016 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

Glendon College and the 2016 CSJO Annual 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 behaviour for all individuals using the facilities at Glendon College. They apply, mutatis mutandis, 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 college property, except when served according to conference organizers' instructions to individuals of legal drinking age.
- 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 CSJO's dormitory rooms and areas and in other facilities reserved for the CSJO conference.
- Courtesy is required in all dorm areas.

Declaration of Responsibility

All parents/guardians of youth under the age of 18, as well as all teens (13–17) and young adults (18-24), must sign this Declaration of Responsibility!

Please photocopy and send a separate declaration for each teen/young adult.

I, _____ give my permission for _____ to attend the CSJO 2016 Annual Conference. I/we have read the conference rules, and agree to honour 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 2016 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 2016 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, state*

The aforementioned child/ward has my/our consent to travel with

_____ *full name or group name*

to visit Glendon College in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, from Friday May 27, 2016 to Monday May 30, 2016

for the 2016 CSJO Annual 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

PLEASE NOTE:

***Retain this form for presentation at the border crossing.
Do not include it with your registration material.***

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