

A COMMEMORATION & DEDICATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 • 12:00pm EDT

- **Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism, Founded October 1963**
 - **Dedication of Ohio History Marker**
 - **Preserving & Sharing These Stories: Soviet Jewry Movement Archives Project**
- Soviet Jewry**



It all started here.

**Soviet Jewry Movement
60th Anniversary**

Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023
12:00 pm

Beth Israel - The West Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Celebrate the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Soviet Jewry Movement. The Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism (CCSA), the first organization in the world formed specifically to advocate for Jews in the Soviet Union, was founded in October 1963 by members of Cleveland's Beth Israel-The West Temple. Between 1963 and 1991, when the Soviet Union dissolved, countless individuals and organizations in the West joined what became a world-wide human rights campaign for the freedom of Soviet Jews to live as Jews wherever they desired.

"It All Started Here" on October 22nd will feature former activists, refuseniks, and academics who will share stories of the early days of the 30-year long Soviet Jewry Movement and tell of today's work to preserve these stories. The Ohio History Marker, located in front of Beth Israel-The West Temple, will also be dedicated.

LOCATION

Beth Israel-The West Temple • 14308 Triskett Road, Cleveland OH 44111

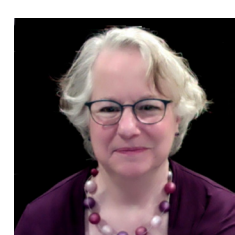
EVENT REGISTRATION

Everyone attending in-person is asked to register in advance. Register [here](#).

LIVE STREAM INFORMATION

<https://youtube.com/live/mkCJHUG0FvQ?feature=share>

SPEAKERS



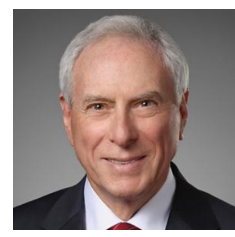
Miriam Rosenblum

Former Soviet Jewry activist in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Boston; Co-Founder & Executive Committee, Soviet Jewry Movement Archives Project (SJMAP); Ohio Historical Marker Planning Group



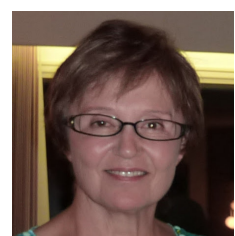
Shaul Kerner

Associate Professor of Sociology and Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt University; Author, numerous papers and chapters about Soviet Jewry movement; Advisory Board, Soviet Jewry Movement Archives Project



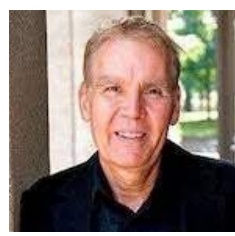
Dan Goldin

Former Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism Coordinator of Youth Initiatives; former NASA Administrator



Eti Ganin

Former activist & refusenik from Kishinev USSR; Board of Directors, Soviet Jewry Movement Archives Project; Ohio Historical Marker Planning Group



John Grabowski

Senior Vice-President, Western Reserve Historical Society; Krieger-Mueller Associate Professor of Applied History, Case Western Reserve University; Advisory Board, Soviet Jewry Movement Archives Project; Ohio Historical Marker Planning Group



Rabbi Enid Lader

Rabbi Emerita at Beth Israel-The West Temple; Ohio Historical Marker Planning Group



Rabbi Rachel Brown

Rabbi at Beth Israel-The West Temple



Walter Wright

President, Beth Israel-The West Temple

SPONSORS

- Beth Israel-The West Temple
- The Jewish Federation of Cleveland
- Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage
- Menorah Park
- Soviet Jewry Movement Archives Project
- Western Reserve Historical Society

EVENT PARKING

Event parking is available on nearby streets and at St. Mel's Catholic Church (starting at 11:00 a.m.), 14436 Triskett Road, Cleveland.

The Temple's small parking lot is reserved for those with mobility needs. If you have mobility needs, reserve a space in advance by email to office@thewesttemple.com or call 216-941-8882.

THE BEGINNING OF THE SOVIET JEWRY MOVEMENT IN 1963

<https://www.sovietjewryarchives.org/>

<https://www.clevelandjewishhistory.net/sj/index.htm>

OHIO HISTORY MARKER

<https://www.sovietjewryarchives.org/news/historical-marker/>

OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS

Hotel

Out-of-town guests are invited to reserve rooms using the CCSA 60 rate (\$119.00 a night) at LaQuinta by Wyndham Cleveland Airport North. This block is being held only until October 6th. The hotel is located for easy access to both the temple and the airport. Access the CCSA 60 room reservation link [here](#).

Associated events – TBA

QUERIES

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