

Order of the Program

- 11:30 a.m. - noon: Enjoy latkes and hamantashen
- Noon: Debater Processional
- Introductions: Professor of Ceremonies, Dr. Christopher Kelts
- “Latke Hamantashen Debate” words and music by Rabbi Joe Black. Sung by Shireinu: Nancy Caroline Cubine, Lynne Feinberg, Elana Goldberg, Jackie Perlman and Jai Johnson-Pickett
- Gelt Toss
- Debater Presentations
- Debater Rebuttal
- Audience Questions
- Audience Vote
- Raffle
- Beit Din Presentation and Final Decision

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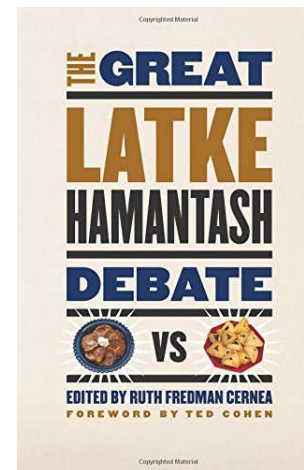
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Ruth Fredman Cernea Great Latke Hamantash Debate



Sunday, December 11th, 2016

11:30 a.m.

White Theatre, Jewish Community Campus

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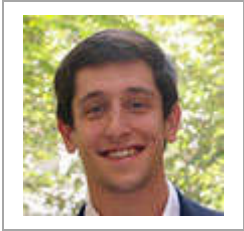
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Please join us next year for the Great Debate on Sunday, December 10, 2017!

Team Hamantash

Josh Allmayer



Josh comes from a robust lineage of Latke Hamantash debaters, as he is the grandnephew of Ruth Fredman Cernea, He is a correspondent for *The Capitol Forum* in Washington, D.C. Blessed with favorable Latke Hamantash Debate genetics, Josh has followed a strict training regimen to prepare for this high caloric showdown: this means NO LATKES.

Samantha Feinberg



Today Samantha faces her husband Samuel - once her high school debate teammate - as her Debate rival. A Kansas City native, she recently completed 3 half-marathons in 14 days fueled entirely by hamantashen, insanity and Powerade. She coached the 2015 National High School Debate Champions and teaches English at Shawnee Mission East High School.

Dr. John Lantos



Dr. Lantos, Director of the Children's Mercy Bioethics Center, took part in the Great Debate in 1993; he argued in defense of the latke ("a youthful indiscretion"). This year, he will elucidate why the hamantash is medically, ethically, musicologically, and gastronomically superior and should be considered the quintessential Jewish ritual food.

Special Thanks

Event Committee: Dan Allmayer, Melanie Allmayer, Audrey Asher, Mary Birnbaum, Sally Gordon, Terri Herman, Kira Lillard, Jennifer Metcalf, Ruth Roth, and Alan Wasserman

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At Ohev Sholom: Steve Berman, Gregg Gillapp, Maggie Link, Toni Page, and Rabbi Scott White

Hamantashen bakers: Melanie Allmayer, Audrey Asher, Mary Birnbaum, Lois Clayman, Sally Gordon, Terri Herman and Louise Siegel

Poster boards: Barb Stras

Admissions: Susan Erenberg, Meredith Farnan, Alan Herman, Lori Klarfeld, Debi Rosenberg, Naomi Silverman, Eric Swim and Nancy White

Raffle Chair: Larry Gordon, Ohev Sholom President

Food display: Mary Birnbaum, Carol Brooks, Lois Clayman, Sally Gordon Ruth Roth

Greeters: Annika Lowland, Elias Lowland, Sagi Rudnick

Team Spirit Leaders: Janice and Alan Wasserman

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Professional expertise: Linda Silver, Victor Wishna and Arvin Zwick

About the Debate & Ruth Fredman Cernea



This event is presented in loving memory of Dr. Ruth Fredman Cernea, aunt of Ohev Sholom member Melanie Allmayer. Cernea edited the book, *The Great Latke-Hamantash Debate*, a collection of some of the best material from debates over the years. She also served as the Director for Publications and Research at the national headquarters of the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life on Campus for much of her professional life.

A tradition in its 70th year at the University of Chicago, the Great Debate began as an informal Hillel gathering and has grown to include numerous college campuses, synagogues and Jewish centers nationwide. Once a year, debaters and their audiences gather to good-naturedly argue the greatness of either the latke or hamantash.

“Jews have always been able to use humor to lighten the load. Jewish humor is not silly, but it is absurd absurdity. It is the opposite of deep seriousness. In Jewish thought absurdity and humor is particularly an antidote to seriousness. . . . It could only happen at a place that is deeply serious.”

Dr. Ruth Fredman Cernea

Team Latke

Samuel Feinberg



Like many Midwesterners, Samuel grew up somewhere else (New Jersey).

After attending BVNW, and KU, he wed his brilliant and beautiful bride, Sam.

Then great things in IT and BIG DATA called.

Know what you are good at, is Sam’s motto.

Eva and her sister Dahlia will tell you: Daddy, first, Husband and Defender of latkes!

Loring Leifer



Loring has shunned processed food since her orthodox grandfather used an orange to justify God’s existence. Now as a freelance writer and compulsive researcher, she delved into religion and science to prove that latkes preserve life while hamantashen destroy it. She’s also written several books, including the just-published *Angels with Angles: The Rogue Nuns behind Operation Breakthrough*.

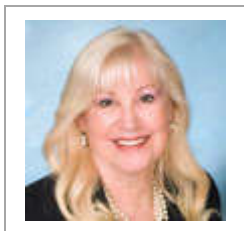
Rabbi Jeffrey Shron



Rabbi Shron has the exact credentials to represent Team Latke. 1. His debating skills: he is both a rabbi and a cantor, making him a Rantor. 2. He was part of last year’s Beit Din and has the inside knowledge of how to win them over. And 3. Rabbi Shron’s skill as a mohel has developed within him a sharp wit that will cut right through Team Hamentasch.

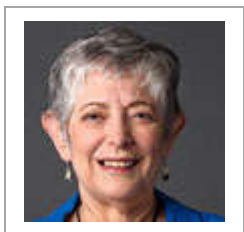
Beit Din

Rabbi Beryl Padorr



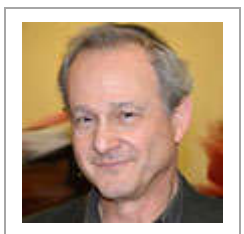
An esteemed member of Team Hamantash for the first KC Great Debate in 2013, Rabbi Padorr is thrilled to sit as adjudicator in this year's Debate. She serves as the Shared Vision Coordinator at The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah, promoting congregational engagement and connections, to help congregants discover and implement individual Jewish paths.

Rabbi Linda Steigman



Rabbi Steigman is delighted to be on a Beit Din where the outcome is converting you to be either a latke lover or a hamantash fanatic. She first encountered the Debate at the University of Chicago in the early 1960s. She currently serves Temple Adath Joseph in St. Joseph, MO on a part-time basis; she teaches and tutors at Congregation Beth Torah and elsewhere.

Rabbi Scott White



Congregation Ohev Shalom's spiritual leader since 2005, Rabbi Scott White was born and raised in our area. He is honored to once again hold the title of Jurist for the Debate, but the titles he holds most dear are Teacher, Counselor, Father to Jacob and Ben, and Husband, of 30 years, to Civia.

Ceremonial Officers

Dr. Christopher Kelts, Professor of Ceremonies



Dr. Kelts, Director of Orchestral Studies & Conducting at Missouri State University, continues as honorable moderator of The Great Latke Hamantash Debate. Joined today in keeping time of, what promises to be some long winded debaters, is his spouse and partner in crime, Maureen Kelts.

Maureen Kelts, Mistress of Ceremonies



Maureen Kelts graduated from Missouri State University in 2004. As if being married to Dr. Chris Kelts were not proof enough of her sense of humor and patience, Maureen taught middle schoolers in Drama and Debate for many years. Ms. Kelts demurs when addressed as Mistress of Ceremonies ("I'm just keeping time."), but we know her metronomic talents guide and inspire our Master of Ceremonies, Professor Christopher Kelts.