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The JCC Center for Loving Kindness and Civic Engagement to Host Passover Tapas: Bringing Pittsburghers Together with Matzah and Loving Kindness

The JCC Center for Loving Kindness and Civic Engagement is hosting a special seder, **Passover Tapas: Bringing Pittsburghers Together with Matzah and Loving Kindness,** on Thursday, March 30, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, at JCC Levinson Hall, 5738 Forbes Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

This special interfaith and multicultural gathering, featuring a menu of Passoverinspired tapas and wine, will present highlights of Passover, a Jewish holiday where people come together once a year to reflect on achieving freedom and redemption.

Featured speakers will connect these time-honored traditions to the bridge-building that needs to be done in Pittsburgh with loving kindness, right here and right now, to counter antisemitism, racism, bias, and bigotry.

The event will be led by Rabbi Ron Symons of the JCC Center for Loving Kindness and spiritual leader Sara Stock Mayo.

**Featured Speakers** include The Honorable Ed Gainey, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh; Josiah Gilliam, Executive Director, PUMP; Sherree Goldstein, Owner, Square Café; and Jasmine Cho, Artist, Author and Cookie Activist.

"Throughout the generations, the story of the Exodus as told through Passover customs has served as a birth song of freedom for all peoples no matter their background, says Rabbi Ron Symons. "This year, with the help of our guests and in dialogue with our neighbors, we will apply those lessons to Pittsburgh, right here and right now, as we counter antisemitism, racism and bigotry."

We are looking forward to hosting community leaders, friends and engage in rich conversations about freedom and redemption.

## About the Center for Loving Kindness and Civic Engagement

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh's Center for Loving Kindness and Civic Engagement, established in 2017 with the goal of redefining the word \*neighbor\* from a geographic term to a moral concept, works to strengthen the fabric of community and the Jewish value of "love your neighbor as yourself." CFLK serves as a catalyst for social change and connectedness through social action, community building and interfaith work.

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