

AT-HOME COMEDY, COCKTAILS, & CONVERSATION

THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 8
7 P.M.



PROGRAM

- Introduction: **Ben Guess**, Executive Director ACLU of Ohio
- Remarks from the Likover Family: **Rachel Likover**
- Special Guest Introduction: **Ebony Speakes-Hall**, ACLU of Ohio Board Member
- Special Guests: **Ike Barinholtz, Abbi Jacobson, Kumail Nanjiani**
- Audience Q&A

PANELIST BIOS

IKE BARINHOLTZ



Ike Barinholtz, an ACLU Artist Ambassador for Voting Rights, is quickly becoming one of the most sought-after comedians, writers, and actors in the comedy world. His 2018 feature directorial debut, “The Oath” – which he also wrote and starred in - is included in Oprah’s list of Best Thanksgiving Movies of All Time. Currently Ike stars in the animated Fox series, “Bless The Harts,” which was renewed for a second season in 2019. Ike also starred in the 2020 horror-thriller “The Hunt,” and was featured in the Golden-Globe nominated comedy, “Late Night” in 2019 alongside friend and co-star Mindy Kaling.

ABBI JACOBSON



Abbi Jacobson is an actor, writer, producer, director, and illustrator, and a co-creator and star of the Comedy Central television series “Broad City” (2014–19). She is the author of I Might Regret This (2018) and Carry This Book (2016) and two coloring books: Color This Book: New York City and Color This Book: San Francisco.

KUMAIL NANJIANI



Kumail Nanjiani is an Oscar-nominated writer and critically acclaimed actor and comedian. Nanjiani was recently seen alongside Issa Rae in the romantic comedy, “The Lovebirds”, released on Netflix, and coming-up in the highly anticipated Marvel film, “The Eternals”. Additionally, it was recently announced that he will star in the political thriller, “The Independent”. Previously, Nanjiani starred in and wrote “The Big Sick”, which was nominated for an Oscar for Original Screenplay. Nanjiani also reprised his starring role as ‘Dinesh’ on the sixth and final season of the Emmy Award-winning HBO comedy series “Silicon Valley”.

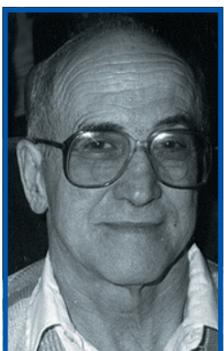
THIS EVENT IS IN HONOR OF BELLE AND ED LIKOVER

BELLE LIKOVER



Social worker and activist Belle Likover worked at the Jewish Community Center for 22 years, advancing through the ranks to become its first development director, and then associate executive director and interim executive director before her retirement in 1982. Belle became an outspoken champion for the elderly as chair of the Western Reserve Agency on Aging and of the Ohio Advisory Council on Aging. Belle was a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. Her advocacy work was recognized by many organizations in our community, including CWRU (Distinguished Alumni Award), the Cleveland Plain Dealer (Ohoian of the Year), and the National Council of Jewish Women (Hannah G. Solomon Award). Belle was honored with the ACLU of Ohio Lifetime Achievement Award on her 90th birthday in 2009. In her nineties, she facilitated a large discussion on community policing in Shaker Heights. She was the subject of the documentary, “Belle”, screened at the Cleveland International Film Festival shortly before her death in 2017.

ED LIKOVER



As a school teacher blacklisted during the McCarthy era, Ed Likover knew firsthand the ramifications of a government’s intrusion into one’s private life. After losing his teaching job, Ed became a house painter, but his true vocation was that of an activist and advocate for civil liberties. He was a longtime ACLU member, Cleveland chapter president, and dedicated volunteer. Upon his retirement, Ed became a full-time volunteer with the ACLU, working as a paralegal and intake coordinator. The ACLU was a part of Ed’s life to the very end. During the last six months of his life, whether in or out of the hospital, Ed had his ACLU of Ohio work with him, assessing intake and personally responding to each inquiry. Few will ever be able to match Ed Likover’s commitment and passion for civil liberties. His unwavering devotion is an inspiration to us all. Ed passed away in 1992.

Thank you for attending the 28th Annual Ed and Belle Likover Lecture.

A special thank you to the Likover family for their commitment to protecting and expanding civil liberties across multiple generations.