



Volume 21, Issue 11  
November 2021

*Happy Thanksgiving*

A detailed still life photograph of autumn produce. A large pumpkin with orange and black stripes is the central focus. To its left is a bunch of dark purple grapes. In the foreground, there is a large red apple and several walnuts. The background is a warm, golden glow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

Map  
Events  
Articles  
Calendar

# **YOGA AT THE CENTER**

**Thursday's at 7 PM**

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center

24 N. Jefferson St., STE 200

Dayton, OH 45402

**The only thing missing is You!**

**NAMASTE**

[www.daytonLGBTcenter.org](http://www.daytonLGBTcenter.org)

# Calendar of Events

Nov 1	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Online/Center
Nov 1	7:00 PM	S.O.A.R.	Center
Nov 2	All Day	Election Day - Get out to vote	Poling place
Nov 3	6:00 PM	Men's Dining Group	Spaghetti Warehouse
Nov 4	7:00 PM	Pozitively Teens	Center
Nov 4	6:00 PM	Center Monthly Board Meeting	Online/Center
Nov 4	7:00 PM	Yoga At The Center	Center
Nov 7		<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>	
Nov 8	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Online/Center
Nov 9	6:00 PM	Men's Dining Group	Spaghetti Warehouse
Nov 9	7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Zoom
Nov 10	11:30 AM	LGBT Lunch - N - Learn	Google/Zoom
Nov 10	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Nov 11	All Day	<b>Veterans Day</b>	
Nov 11	7:00 PM	Yoga At The Center	Center
Nov 13	6:00 PM	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner	Center
Nov 15	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Online/Center
Nov 16	6:00 PM	Men's Dinning Group	Spaghetti Warehouse
Nov 16	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Online/Center
Nov 17	7:00 PM	Pozitively Teens	Center
Nov 18	7:00 PM	Yoga At The Center	Center
Nov 20	7:00 PM	<b>Transgender Day Of Remembrance</b>	Sinclair/online
Nov 22	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center/Online
Nov 23	6:00 PM	Men's Dining Group	Spaghetti Warehouse
Nov 25	1-6 PM	LGBT Center Thanksgiving Drop-In	Center
Nov 26	All Day	<b>Native American Heritage Day</b>	
Nov 28	All Day	<b>Hanukkah (Nov 28-Dec 6)</b>	
Nov 29	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center

Gay Dayton® is published monthly by Gay Dayton®, LLC

Randy Phillips, owner

E-mail: [Advertise@gaydayton.org](mailto:Advertise@gaydayton.org)

Phone: 937-623-1590

All ads must be placed by the 10th of the month prior to inclusion. For Rates call: 937-623-1590 or check out: [www.gaydayton.org/advertise.htm](http://www.gaydayton.org/advertise.htm) Inclusion in this publication does not indicate the sexual orientation of any person or business. All advertisers welcome the business of the LGBT community. All material is copyrighted 2021 by Gay Dayton®, LLC. ©



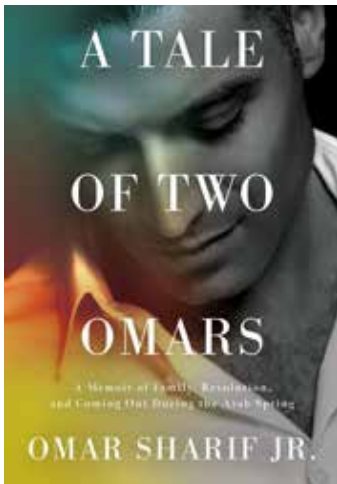
# Book Reviews

by: Terri Schlichenmeyer

aka: "The Book Worm"

bookwormsez@yahoo.com

"A Tale of Two Omars" by Omar Sharif Jr. c.2021, Counterpoint Press  
\$26.00 / higher in Canada 224 pages



You always wanted to make your mark. There'd be no footstep-following in your life. You'd carve your own path, select your own adventures, seize the opportunities that appealed to you, and blaze trails for the sake of others' journeys. You'd take the best of those you knew and loved, and you'd go your own way. As in the new memoir, "**A Tale of Two Omars**" by **Omar Sharif, Jr.**, you'll also make your own mistakes.

Born into a family that had ties on several continents, Omar Sharif, Jr. never had to worry about money or a place to live. On one side of the family – his maternal side – the Holocaust left a mark on his mother's parents, who'd barely escaped the concentration camps. On the other side, Sharif's paternal grandparents were both famous and beloved actors with roots in Egypt. Sharif was close with his entire family, but particularly with his grandfather, Omar Sharif.

Sharif recalls many a dinner party, listening, while his grandfather held court at dinner, laughing and telling stories. Everyone, *everything* seemed so elegant and refined and those meals showed Sharif a life that he could have if he wanted it. As time passed, the lessons he received were paid back: he was one of the few allowed to help his grandfather as Alzheimer's took hold at the end of the great actor's life.

But this is not a story of a famous actor or a grandfather. It's the story of a man who's not just half-Jewish and Egyptian. He's also gay, a part of himself that Sharif kept hidden until well into adulthood, although he says that other children must've sensed it when he was young. It was a part of himself that he feared revealing to his father. It helped him land a dream

job that ultimately became a nightmare.

The title of this book – “A Tale of Two Omars – is a bit of a misnomer. Judging by what author Omar Sharif Jr. writes here, there are several Omars: the activist; a globe-hopper; a son and grandson; a writer; and a grandfather whose life was impactful but who has a surprisingly small footprint in this book.

Which is not to say that readers will like them all.

Indeed, parts of this book may seem as though you’ve read them before: bullied as a child, fear of coming out, the college revelation, the mismatched first love. Those ubiquitous bits are here, but they pale in comparison to Sharif’s ultra-urbane life and the hair-raising, terrifying account of getting and getting out of what seemed like the ultimate job with a wealthy sheikh, a job that slowly grew dangerous. That story-within-a-story is so edgy, so mouth-drying, that you’ll throw away the thriller you bought last week.

Then there’s the part about his life-threatening activism, a tale that starts and ends this book...

And so beware at the unevenness of this memoir, but understand that the tedium doesn’t linger. Skip past the ho-humness of “A Tale of Two Omars” and the rest is remarkable.



Let GayDayton Put An Eye On Your Business

Advertising in GayDayton will put hundreds of Eyes on your ad

Make A BOLD Impact

Reserve Your Ad Space!  
New Customers and Friends Await You!  
Call Randy at 937.623.1590 or [advertise@gaydayton.org](mailto:advertise@gaydayton.org)

# TDOR

Transgender Day of Remembrance

In memory we read their names,  
in hopes their memory helps bridge divides

Sinclair Building 12  
(Ballroom/ Ponitz Center)  
November 20th 2021, 7PM

In Memory of our brothers,  
sisters, and niblings. We  
read their names aloud so  
they are not forgotten.  
(Snacks will also be  
provided)

As of the making of this poster, 45 known trans people have died in the U.S. alone this year, with countless thousands having died internationally.

Government's lack of cooperation coupled with poor media coverage, makes it difficult to know the exact numbers.

*Please use garage under Building 12,  
which enters on 4th Street.*



## Sybastian Smith

*Keynote Speaker*

National Organizer at the National Center for Transgender Equality and Vice President of the I Am Human Foundation. Sybastian is a Black trans man, LGBTQ+ social justice advocate, consultant, organizer, Certified Health Educator and Medical Assistant of fifteen years. A major part of his role involves participation in and the creation of community education, engagement and mobilization projects. Sybastian has many years of expertise working alongside of and organizing outreach events in partnership with national, local, grassroot and community-based organizations. He models his life and advocacy work by this famous quote:

"A man who stands for nothing will fall for anything."  
— Malcolm X

Thanks to our partners, this event will be simulcast online. This way, those that feel safer participating virtually, may do so. It will be on TDOR Dayton's Facebook page as well as shared by our co-hosts



## TDOR

Transgender Day Of Remembrance is November 20th, and once again groups led by the Gatlyn Dame Group have collaborated to bring to our community a remembrance event to honor those lost due to violence within the transgender community.

This event will take place at Sinclair Community College's Ponitz Conference Center/ballroom, Bld 12 at 7 pm 20, November. For those not comfortable with in-person events, it will be live streamed via the TDOR Facebook event page featuring our keynote speaker Sybastian Smith who is the National Organizer for the Nation Center for Transgender Equality.

Since last November, we have lost over 45 people due to anti-trans violence in the United States alone and so many, many more world wide. Some political parties have given rise to such anti-trans endangerment. Here in Ohio, HB 454 has been introduced dubbed Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act, is sponsored by a quarter of the Ohio House. All are Republicans. There are two sponsors — Reps. Gary Click of Sandusky County and Diane Grendell of Geauga County. Twenty-three Republicans are cosponsoring the bill. This bill would prohibit children under the age 18 from obtaining hormone treatments, puberty blockers and surgery to transition genders, even with parental consent. The bill seeks to prevent gender-affirming health of youth under 18 through a handful of actions: Through restrictions on private insurance plans and Ohio Medicaid, potential sanctions on the licenses of medical professionals, potential cuts to public funding of hospitals and clinics, limits to what a school official can keep from parents when a child shares their gender identity in private. This same bill, basically written by Aaron Baer, president of the Center for Christian Virtue, a Christian conservative policy organization formerly known as Citizens for Community Values, said that his group is championing the bill in Ohio which they helped draft HB 454. It contains the same provisions as the Arkansas bill, which the Family Research Council and the Alliance Defending Freedom helped author. While a similar bill passed in Arkansas, before it could go into law was halted by a federal judge due to constitutionality conflicts.

The attacks on our transgender community like HB454 continue to show the need for events such as this TDOR event is necessary. Please come out to Sinclair on the 20th or watch online as we continue to support our transgender brothers and sisters.



# The Annual Greater Dayton LGBTQ Thanksgiving Dinner

**Pre-Boxed For Safety**



**Dine-In or Carry Out**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2021, 6 PM**

**TURKEY, HAM, MASHED & ALL THE FIX-IN'S**

**\$5.00 PER PERSON (PICK UP MEAL-RECEIVE \$10 KROGER GIFT CARD)**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.DAYTONLGBTCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.DAYTONLGBTCENTER.ORG)**

**FOLLOWING DINNER MOVIE FEATURE:**

**THE WIZARD OF OZ**



The Greater Dayton LGBT Center  
24 N. Jefferson ST. STE. 200  
Dayton, OH 45402  
(937) 274-1776



**[www.daytonLGBTcenter.org](http://www.daytonLGBTcenter.org)**



The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Sponsored by the Greater Dayton LGBT Center is to be held November 13th this year. The dinner will be served as a pre-boxed dinner with ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, and all the usual thanksgiving sides. You will have the option to dine-in or carry out your meal. We will start serving dinner at 6 pm. After dinner, for those who chose to dine-in, we will have a short meeting followed by the all time classic film, "The Wizard of Oz." If you wish to wear your rubi red slippers, please feel free to do so. We may offer a prize for the person who wears them best.

In an effort to get an accurate head count of the number of people that will attend, we ask that you purchase a ticket for \$5.00 per person ahead of time. When you arrive to pick up your meal we will give you a \$10.00 Kroger Gift Card in exchange for your ticket. If your budget is tight and you cannot afford the \$5.00 advance ticket, please call the Center at (937) 274-1776 to make your meal reservation, and we will place you on our head count list.

To purchase your ticket please visit:



<https://www.daytonlgbtcenter.org/product-page/thanksgiving-dinner-movie>

Lastly, no one should be alone on Thanksgiving. Should you find yourself alone, please come to the Center on Thanksgiving Day between 1 and 4 pm and join our family gathering. We will share some food, play some games, and perhaps watch a movie together. We will enjoy all the fun of the holiday without stress and judgment from our blood families, only the acceptance of your LGBTQ family.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are. *Joyce Giraud*



# Greater Dayton LGBTQ Center

24 N. Jefferson St. STE 200, Dayton, OH 45402  
(937) 274-1776



## Support Groups

**Transgender Support = Gatlyn Dame Group**  
**Soar = Survivors Overcoming Assault & Rape**  
**LGBTQ AA = Alcoholic's Anonymous**  
**Positive Attitudes = HIV+ support**  
**Men's Groups**  
**Women's Groups**  
**Youth Groups**

## Health Support

**FREE: LGBT Yoga Classes**  
**FREE: Health & Wellness Clinic**

*Blood Pressure & Glucose Testing*  
*HRT Consulting*  
*Adult Vaccines Screenings*

## Sexual Health

**FREE HIV & STI Testing  
Offering**

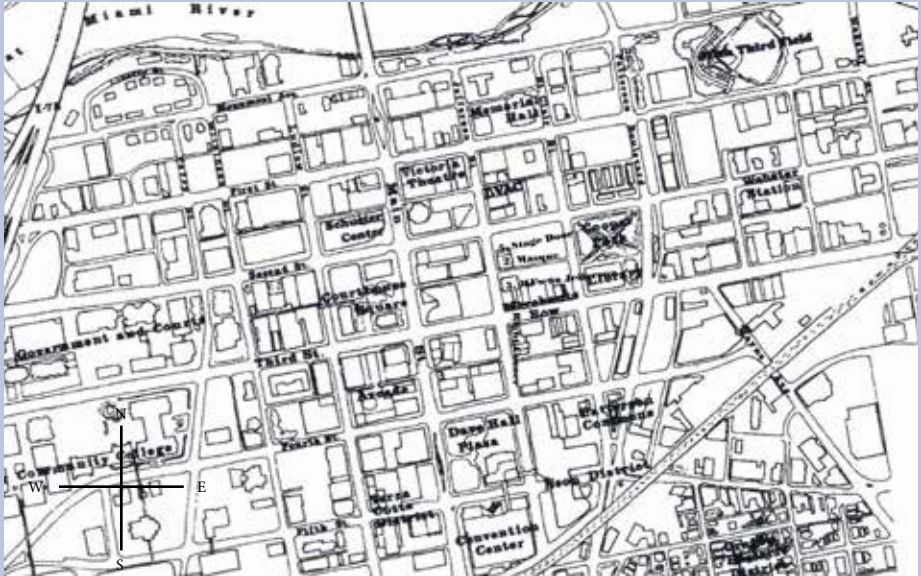
*PrEP - A once-daily pill that prevents HIV*  
*PAPI - A program that helps pay for the cost of PrEP*

## Education

**We offer a lending Library**  
**3,000 + Books**  
**LGBT Historical Archive**  
**LGBT History Classes**  
**Special interest Classes**

**[www.daytonLGBTcenter.org](http://www.daytonLGBTcenter.org)**

# GayDaytonMap



18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Evolution, 130 N Patterson 203-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG)
3. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
4. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
5. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
6. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
7. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson 274-1776

[www.GayDayton.org](http://www.GayDayton.org)

mjsonjefferson.com

**MJ's**  
on jefferson



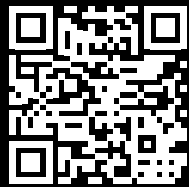
20 N Jefferson St - Dayton, OH - 45402  
Phone (937) 223-7340

**MASKS SUGGESTED**

Open Daily @ 3 pm ~ 2:30 am



Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu