In a year with many milestones, a proud moment came in November when we worked with Cleveland City Council to honor Jesse Owens, East Technical High School graduate and four-time Olympic gold medalist. East Roadway, just off Public Square, now carries the honorary designation Jesse Owens Way.

Owens is featured in our permanent collection, An American Story, and is an important part of the special exhibition The Nazi Olympics Berlin 1936, produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Thousands of visitors saw the powerful story of Adolph Hitler’s rise and how Owens and other African-Americans dashed his dreams of making the ’36 games a showcase for Aryan superiority.

The road dedication featured performances by The Cleveland Metropolitan School District’s All-City Drumline and All-City Cheerleaders and athletes from East Technical, John F. Kennedy, James F. Rhodes, John Adams, and Collinwood high schools. A lit torch passed by the student athletes ended in the hands of Owens’ eldest daughter, Gloria Owens Hemphill, who came from Chicago for the ceremony and spent the morning at the Museum, touring the galleries and sharing stories of her father and her childhood.

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Gloria Owens Hemphill, Jesse Owens daughter, raises the Torch as media looks on

CMSD’s All-City Cheerleaders/Drumline get the ceremony started

DON’T MISS IT - FINAL WEEKS - THE NAZI OLYMPICS BERLIN 1936 CLOSES JANUARY 23
FROM THE SHELVES OF THE MUSEUM STORE

JUDI FENIGER

For as long as there’s been recorded history, there have been slaves. From ancient times, like the story of enslaved Israelites retold each year at Passover, to more modern examples like the United States’ shameful history until slavery’s abolition by the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865, there are no shortage of cautionary tales.

While slavery is no longer legal in the U.S., that doesn’t mean it’s ceased to exist. During our recent exhibition, Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America, we learned about the Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking, and have joined this group of concerned persons and organizations in northern Ohio whose mission is to educate and advocate for its prevention and abolition.

If you think it doesn’t happen here, look at recent headlines about the arrest of a Solon nail salon owner or an FBI crackdown in Cleveland in November. It is estimated there are as many as 800,000 victims a year, some 15,000 of them in the U.S., and the number is growing.

As of this writing, Ohio remains one of only a handful of states without a law prohibiting human trafficking.

Want to know more? Call the Collaborative at 440-356-2254 or visit collaborativeinitiative.org, where you can learn about human trafficking, what’s going on in Ohio and the many ways you can help advocate and educate, including hosting a presentation.

For thousands of sales made at the Museum Store, the best seller is Vasu Vases - portable, colorful Israeli plastic vases in assorted patterns, just $6. Be one of the five closest guesses on how many we sold in 2010 and win a $20 store gift certificate, redeemable in 2011.*

Every nook and cranny is filled with treasures, not the same old cookie-cutter merchandise you see everywhere else. For instance:

- Items designed expressly for us: glass candlesticks by Tamara Baskin, necklaces by Don Drumm, Museum catalogs
- Looking for jewelry with a twist – a bracelet made of Mah Jongg tiles, mitzvah necklaces, Anju earrings?
- Ready to drift away with Ahava Dead Sea Salts, scrubs, lotions and soaps?
- Looking for different children’s toys, games and books, including Curious George and Dr. Seuss (in English or Hebrew)?
- Want to express yourself with magnetic poetry, attend Medical School in a Box, read a New York Times best seller about events that stopped the world?

You get the picture – this is the place - the area’s most interesting selection of Judaica, gifts, housewares and jewelry, at every price range, with free, close-in parking, free gift wrap and worldwide shipping available. Come visit!

*E-mail your entry to msivertson@mmjh.org by February 1, 2011.

WHEN THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL

As another of Cleveland’s famous winters begins, how will you know if the Museum is closed for weather? It happens just a few times each winter, when local conditions and predictions make it unsafe to be here. So before you get in your car and make the trek to the Museum, here are a few things you should know.

The first thing we do is notify the i-alert system, and within minutes we’re on the crawl on local television channels. Or call 216.593.0575, which will have a message.

And if you’re out on the roads, our new sign at the Museum entrance on Richmond Road will always carry the news if the Museum is closed.
**THOUSANDS OF STOP THE HATE ENTRIES POUR IN**

The unsung heroes of the *Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out* essay contest are more than 200 volunteer readers who devote their time and talent to read and score thousands of essays, looking for the very best. The electronic process is unbiased: readers don’t know students’ name or school, so scoring is ‘blind’.

Each essay is reviewed by three readers. More than 3,000 essays were received in the contest’s first two years. This year, more than 1,000 were received from 6-10 graders by their December deadline. Juniors and Seniors competing for scholarships had an early January deadline.

Students submit a 500 word essay on how to stop hatred and discrimination and compete for $100,000 in scholarships and prizes. For details or to read winning essays from the first two years, visit maltzmuseum.org.

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**MUSEUM HAPPENINGS...**

Centenarian Ruby Levine reminisced about the jazz era at a recent visit with Jean Brown (left) and his grandson Michael Dobrin (right) and wife Jody, visiting from Nashville.

For more than 50 years, the Kol Israel Foundation has supported Cleveland’s Holocaust Survivors, and they are strong partners with the Museum. They received a Charles Eisenman Award for Exceptional Leadership from the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, hung in the lobby of the Museum. Leo Silberman of Kol Israel and Albert Ratner, both Museum Trustees, participated in the ceremony.

Noah Leavitt lights a candle during the First Night of Hanukkah. The program included an exhilarating music experience with Rabbi Shawn Zevit. Young and old sang and learned about the holiday through music.

5th grade boys from The Hebrew Academy of Cleveland on a “Cleveland history” scavenger hunt.

Docent Ellie Goldstein talks with students from St. Rocco School about growing up in Cleveland. The children especially enjoyed pictures of people swimming in bathing suits of the times, having a hard time believing people really dressed that way.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
FREE ADMISSION TO ALL MUSEUM GALLERIES
Monday, January 17, 11am-5pm
Honor the spirit of Dr. King, Jr. at our annual free admission day. Don’t miss your chance to see the special exhibition Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936. And visit An American Story and The Temple-Tifereth Israel Gallery where stories of those who have overcome prejudice and discrimination come alive. Celebrate the Museum’s fifth anniversary of building bridges of understanding between people of all religions, races, cultures and ethnic backgrounds.

FILM: STRANGE FRUIT
(57 MINUTES)
Wednesday, January 26, 7pm
$10/$8 members
“Southern trees bear strange fruit; blood on the leaves and blood at the root.” These haunting lyrics made famous by Billie Holiday were penned by a Jewish schoolteacher from the Bronx. Discover the fascinating story behind Strange Fruit, the anti-lynching anthem of the 1940s that inspired millions during the civil rights movement and endures today as one of the world’s most famous protest songs. Social worker and music enthusiast John Harvis-Bey leads a post-viewing discussion.
Co-sponsored by Roots of American Music.

OPERATION WARM-UP
January 17-20
Donate NEW adult and child hats, gloves, scarves and socks to those in need. Drop-off in the Museum Lobby.

FEBRUARY

CONVERSATION:
AVERY FRIEDMAN TALKS WITH MICHAEL BENNETT
Wednesday, February 16, 7pm
$10/$8 members
Cleveland attorney and CNN legal analyst Avery Friedman recently became the first Jewish inductee named to the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame. Friedman has appeared as an expert on civil rights and constitutional law before Congressional committees and has prosecuted thousands of civil rights cases, including as Special Counsel to the Texas Commission on Civil Rights in anti-Klan efforts. He will discuss his career with Michael Bennett, Publisher and Editor, Cleveland Jewish News.

PRESIDENTS DAY
Monday, February 21
Special Program, 2-3pm
Free with Museum admission
Meet three of America’s most fascinating presidents—George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt—as they tell you in person about their life, times and relationship with the Jewish people. Have your picture taken with one or all of these famous men and enjoy some of their favorite desserts – apple, peach, and pecan pies!

HOURS
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday ..........11am - 5pm
Wednesday .................. 11am - 9pm
Saturday ....................... Noon - 5pm
Monday ..................................... Closed
Museum open daily for group tours and private events beginning at 9am and on Mondays.
MaltzMuseum.org

DROPP-IN TOURS
Sundays at 2pm
Groups of 10 or more, please schedule in advance. (groupsales@mmjh.org)
For FREE admission every day, exclusive events and reduced program fees, become a Maltz Museum member today!
To purchase tickets or become a member, please call 216-593-0575 or email info@mmjh.org

"George Washington" poses with “Winston Churchill"
FEBRUARY

PERFORMANCE PREVIEW: MY NAME IS ASHER LEV

Wednesday, February 23, 7pm
$10/$8 members

Enjoy a “sneak peak” at Chaim Potok’s fascinating coming-of-age story that seamlessly explores art, family, religion, and loyalty. Members of the cast will perform brief excerpts from the play and you’ll hear from Cleveland Play House Artistic Director Michael Bloom and the play’s director, Laura Kepley. See My Name is Asher Lev at the Cleveland Play House March 4-27.

MARCH

FILM: YOO-HOO MRS. GOLDBERG!
(92 MINUTES)

Wednesday, March 9, 7pm
$10/$8 members

The funny and surprising story of radio and television pioneer Gertrude Berg. Creator, star and writer (12,000 scripts!) of the hit sitcom The Goldbergs, Berg was a beloved trailblazer, the Oprah of her day. Berg’s blend of comedy and social commentary—with Jewish characters at the center—endeared audiences and made her an American cultural icon. Deborah L. Bobrow, Mandel JCC Jewish Film Festival Coordinator, leads a post-viewing discussion.

MUSIC: LIFE, LOVE AND SONG - CELEBRATING AMERICAN WOMEN

Wednesday, March 23, 7pm
$15/$12 members

Cantor Paula Pepperstone explores the many facets of American womanhood in this musical tribute to mothers and daughters, doers and dreamers, immigrants and entrepreneurs. Bring your mother, sister, daughter, friend or even the man in your life for a delightful evening of songs both familiar and new.

COMING IN APRIL!
CURATED BY THE PROGRESSIVE ART COLLECTION

ABOUT THE RIGHT OF BEING DIFFERENT

This fascinating multi-media work explores issues of diversity through the lens of contemporary art. The Maltz Museum is proud to be the first to display it to the public.
Friends Support Museum with Fun and Funds

The Friends of the Maltz Museum continue their busy schedule - next up:

- **Shabbat dinners** are held with area congregations who bring groups of 25 or more to learn about Jewish customs and enjoy a delicious shared meal, catered by Mr. Brisket.

- **Does your Rabbi blend humor with Torah or include parables to keep the congregation engaged?** Why not submit his or her name for the Friends Purim event to select Cleveland’s Funniest Rabbi? The party happens on Wednesday, March 16th at 7pm. Call for details!

- Later this year, join the Friends on a visit to the new National Museum of American Jewish Heritage in Philadelphia. On this once-in-a-lifetime trip, you’ll see not only the Museum but many area Jewish sites.

VISITOR INFORMATION

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- Wednesday ....................................... 11am – 9pm
- Saturday ........................................ 9am – Noon – 5pm
- Monday ........................................... Closed

*Open* Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Presidents Day

**DROP-IN TOURS**
- Wednesdays and Sundays at 2pm
- Groups of 10 or more, please schedule in advance.
- (groupsales@mmjh.org)

**Still not a member? Join today!** Members receive FREE admission every day, exclusive events (like Member receptions), discounted program fees and discounts in the Museum Store. Don’t wait - call or stop by to enjoy your benefits immediately.

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