



MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE

SPOTS OF LIGHT:

To Be a Woman in the Holocaust

March 19 - June 9, 2013

Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

Admission, Tours & Hours

ADMISSION

Includes access to entire museum, including special exhibition

- Maltz Museum members and children under 5 years: FREE
- Adults: \$12
- Seniors 60+ and Students ages 12+: \$10
- Children ages 5-11: \$5
- Ticket Packs of 35 or more: \$7 per ticket

TOURS

Group Tours are available by advance reservation daily, including Mondays. Admission includes a guided tour of the permanent or special exhibition led by knowledgeable docents, seamless, no-wait access to the exhibitions and a 10% discount to the Museum Store.

- Special discounted rates for groups of 15 or more...Adults: \$8; Seniors/Students: \$6
- Additional discounts available for groups 35 and above. Call for details.
- School groups are \$3/student (1 teacher/chaperone per ten students admitted free).

Contact groupsales@mmjh.org or call 216.593.0575 to schedule a tour or for more information.

Drop-In Tours

Drop-In Tours available for *Spots of Light* or the permanent collection Wednesdays and Sundays at 2pm. Groups of 10 or more should secure an advance reservation.

HOURS

Open to the public Sun/Tue/Thu/Fri: 11am – 5pm; Wed: 11am – 9pm; Sat: Noon – 5pm; Mon: Closed (open by reservation for tours and events); Store open all regular Museum hours.

Holiday Hours: First Day Passover – Tuesday, March 26 (CLOSED)

Seventh Day Passover – Monday, April 1 (CLOSED)

Shavuot – Wednesday, May 15 (OPEN 11AM – 9PM)

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27 (OPEN 11AM – 5PM)



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All events are at the Maltz Museum unless otherwise indicated. Many programs sell out and there is a discount for advance ticket purchases for most programs. Call 216.593.0575 to buy your tickets.

Meet Me at the Maltz Movie Series

Group companionship in the Holocaust was a phenomenon unique to women. The healing powers of female bonding are universal and have existed since the beginning of time. Let's celebrate this theme with a movie series all its own. \$5 each/\$10 for all three in advance.

Wednesday, March 20

6:45pm

Beaches (1988) starring Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey.

Wednesday, April 10

6:45pm

Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (2002) starring Ellen Burstyn, Ashley Judd, and Sandra Bullock.

Wednesday, June 5

6:45pm

Steel Magnolias (1989) starring Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine, and Julia Roberts.

Sunday, March 24...1 – 3pm

Community Day – Get Ready for Passover

Free with Museum admission

\$20 additional fee for floral arranging materials

Spend a family-friendly afternoon with a horticulturalist from Plantscaping creating a beautiful centerpiece for your Seder table while kids make a unique decoupage Seder plate. Want something less hands-on? Take a guided “freedom tour” of *An American Story*.

Tuesday, April 9...1:30pm

Guest Lecture - Recipes Remembered with June Hersh

Free with admission

While at its heart *Recipes Remembered* is a cookbook, in its soul it is a book of life affirming and uplifting stories about a community of remarkable people who have nourished and nurtured their families for decades. Join author June Hersh as she discusses and signs this moving compilation of food memories from Holocaust survivors and their children.



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Sunday, April 14...11am – 5pm

Free Admission

Our gift to the community around the Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)/Yom HaAtzmaut (commemorating the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948) season. In lieu of admission, the Museum asks visitors to make a contribution to the Jewish Family Service Association Care at Home: Holocaust Survivor Support Program at the door.

Wednesday, April 24...7 pm

Play Reading - *The Interview*

\$14/\$12 Maltz Museum members

Purchase tickets in advance and save \$2

Beachwood playwright Faye Sholiton brings a staged reading of her post-Holocaust drama—the story of a survivor and a stranger (the daughter of survivors) who comes to take testimony for a video archive. Their introductory meeting moves quickly beyond a project to a story about mothers and daughters forgiving and being forgiven.

Wednesday, May 1...7pm

Guest Lecture - *Different Voices: Women and the Holocaust*

\$12/\$10 Maltz Museum members

Purchase tickets in advance and save \$2

Dr. Carol Rittner, RSM, a member of the MidAtlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy and Distinguished Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is the author of numerous books and essays about the Holocaust and other genocides of the 20th and 21st century. She will lecture on the topic of her book *Different Voices: Women and the Holocaust*. Sponsored by the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland.

Wednesday, May 8...7pm

Movie Night - *Irena Sendler: In the Name of Their Mothers*

\$12/\$10 Maltz Museum members

Purchase tickets in advance and save \$2

The story of young Catholic social worker Irena Sendler who saw the suffering of Warsaw's Jews, reached out to her most trusted colleagues for help, and outwitted the Nazis during WWII. Together they rescued over 2,500 Jewish children. This film expertly captures the will and character of the women of the resistance against the backdrop of occupied Poland.



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Sunday, May 12...11:30am-2pm

Mother's Day Brunch at the Maltz

\$18 per person – Museum admission and brunch included

Reservations required by May 8

This Mother's Day celebrate your Mom and join us for brunch and conversation with local Holocaust survivor Erika Gold as she shares the story of her mother's courage during the war.

Wednesday, May 22...7pm

How We Survive: A Panel Discussion

\$12/\$10 Maltz Museum members

Purchase tickets in advance and save \$2

Join us for a panel discussion with three extraordinary women, each speaking about survival and keeping the faith under extremely difficult circumstances. Moderated by former WKYC Medical Reporter Eileen Korey, participants will discuss surviving cancer, the Holocaust, and faith. A joint program with The Gathering Place.

Sunday, June 9...2pm

Movie Night - *Lost Town*

Free with admission

Reservations required

Trochenbrod, the only all Jewish town to ever exist outside of Palestine was obliterated by the Nazis in 1938. This moving documentary tells the story of one man's obsessive search to get closer to his deceased father by uncovering the story of his family's town. Betty Gold, one of the few Trochenbrod survivors, will speak about her experience after the film.



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Program Schedule - Partnerships

In partnership with Case Western Reserve University's Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program

Let Our People Go: Freeing Soviet Jewry

Thursdays March 7—28...12—2pm Rescheduled for Fall 2013

\$60/\$50 Museum members

Register at www.case.edu/lifelonglearning or by calling 216.368.2090

This course examines immigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union to the United States in the late twentieth century. The analysis of this phenomenon will consider the lives of Jews in the USSR before coming to the U.S.; the role of American Jews, including those in Cleveland, in the movement to free Soviet Jewry; and the experiences of Soviet Jewish immigrants once in the States. Sessions led by Sean Martin, Associate Curator of Jewish History at the Western Reserve Historical Society.

Spots of Light: Representations of Women in the Holocaust

Mondays April 22 – May 13...10am – 12pm

\$55/\$45 Museum members (includes guided tour of Spots of Light on May 13)

Register at www.case.edu/lifelonglearning or by calling 216.368.2090

These four sessions address images of women in the Holocaust that appear in art, literature, and film. This mini-course allows for unique comparison between artistic representations and the documentary materials incorporated into the exhibition *Spots of Light*. Sessions led by Learning Program Executive Director Brain Amkraut, Professor of Art at CSU Samantha Baskind, and Maltz Museum staff.

All sessions to be held at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

SPOTS OF LIGHT: TO BE A WOMAN IN THE HOLOCAUST

Acclaimed International Exhibition Opens March 19 at the Maltz Museum

Cleveland, OH (February 21, 2013) Love. Womanhood. Friendship. Faith. These are some of the themes explored in the Maltz Museum's upcoming exhibition *Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust* (March 19 - June 9, 2013). The first exhibition to focus exclusively on Jewish women and their experiences in the Holocaust, *Spots of Light* is a large-scale video installation - images move and change before the visitor's eyes, giving historical material a contemporary feel and perspective.

A production of the Museums Division, Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, the exhibition attempts to reveal the human story that lurks behind the historical account. The multimedia concept is used in this exhibit because of how rare physical objects representing the Holocaust are. "*Spots of Light* is a unique exhibition in that it is focused on the actions and responses of Jewish women to the horrific and unprecedented circumstances into which they were thrust," says Yehudit Inbar, Director of the Museums Division at Yad Vashem. "The range of women's responses to the Holocaust, was broad and diverse, reflecting the complexity of their situation, and was characterized in particular by taking responsibility of taking care of others."

Stories of 45 women are told through ten thematic sections; Love, Motherhood, Caring for Others, Womanhood, Partisans and Underground, Everyday Life, Friendship, Faith, Food, and Arts. Through these women's initiative, creativity, and courage, the exhibit demonstrates that human beings are strong enough, even in the most difficult of circumstances to maintain those values which are the foundation of humanity. "This is a rare opportunity to see the Holocaust from a unique and unexpected point of view. We are so pleased to collaborate with Yad Vashem on this project." says Museum Executive Director Lynda A. Bender. *Spots of Light* garnered international acclaim having been on display in Austria, Australia, Germany, and Spain. Nationally, the exhibition was recently viewed at UNC Charlotte and the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Skokie, Illinois.

The Maltz Museum will add its own contributions to the exhibition. In *To Be a Woman in the Holocaust: Cleveland Stories*, produced exclusively for the Maltz Museum, area filmmaker Steven Hacker interviews several Northeast Ohio women survivors about their family's experience. Additionally, the Maltz Museum will include artifacts on loan from the Illinois Holocaust Museum, including two women's uniforms worn by camp prisoners and precious items hidden by women and retrieved after the war. Additional artifacts from Cleveland survivors are regularly on display in the Museum's permanent collection, *An American Story*. These items, along with the short film and a season-long offering of programs at the Museum, add greater depth to the themes of Womanhood, Motherhood, and Friendship.



Docent-led tours are available daily for adult and student groups of ten or more, with discounts for groups of 15+. Reservations are required for group tours. Parking adjacent to the Museum is free, and includes close-in handicapped spaces. Wheelchairs are available by advance reservation. The Museum is available for a range of private events with exclusive viewing of the exhibition, details and pricing on request.

Curated by Yehudit Inbar, Director, Yad Vashem Museums Division

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Spots of Light is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from [Cuyahoga Arts & Culture](#).

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[Visit the official Yad Vashem *Spots of Light* website](#)

[View selected galleries of the exhibition](#)



About Yad Vashem

As the Jewish people's living memorial to the Holocaust, Yad Vashem safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations. Established in 1953, as the world center for documentation, research, education and commemoration of the Holocaust, Yad Vashem is today a dynamic and vital place of intergenerational and international encounter.

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About the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

The [Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center](#) is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Holocaust by honoring the memories of those who were lost and by teaching universal lessons that combat hatred, prejudice and indifference. The museum fulfills its mission through the exhibition, preservation and interpretation of its collections and through education programs and initiatives that foster the promotion of human rights and the elimination of genocide.

About Steve Hacker

Steven Hacker is an Emmy Award© winning Director and Cinematographer. A native Clevelander, he has worked for ABC News, New York, Entertainment Tonight and has produced several films and documentaries for prestigious museums, institutions and corporations.

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