



MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE PROGRAM/EVENT SCHEDULE January – April 2012

Accompanying *Project Mah Jongg*, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage will present a series of lectures, films and conversations about the game and its connection to Jewish heritage.

All events are at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage unless otherwise indicated. Reservations are suggested.

Sunday, January 22

Project Mah Jongg Exclusive Private Opening and Chinese New Year's Celebration

6 - 9pm

Call 216.593.0583 to find out how you can attend

See an exclusive preview of *Project Mah Jongg*. Taste delicious food and specialty cocktails provided by Pearl of the Orient. Win unique packages in a Chinese Raffle.

Monday, January 23

Fun & Games – Everybody's A Winner

A *Project Mah Jongg* Preview Community Event

6 - 8pm

\$18 at the door; \$5 for children under 12

\$15 Advance Tickets – Call 216.593.0575 to order tickets

Not only will you and your family get a sneak peek at *Project Mah Jongg* and enjoy fabulous Chinese food, but games will be played throughout the Museum...Twister, hopscotch, checkers and more!

Wednesday, January 25

Mah Jongg Memories

7 - 9pm

\$12/\$10 Museum Members at the door - Order in advance and save \$2! Call 216.593.0575

What's so special about mah jongg? Bring your favorite stories, photos, and memorabilia from mah jongg games past and present to share after enjoying the short documentary *Mah-Jongg: The Tiles That Bind*, a light-hearted yet deeply moving portrait of the Asian and Jewish-American women who play this centuries-old Chinese game.



Monday, February 13

Mah Jongg Tournament

12:30 – 7pm

12:30-4:30pm – Tournament

5pm – Project Mah Jongg tour

6pm – Dinner & prizes

\$45 tournament fee

The first Maltz Museum public mah jongg tournament will test the skills of new and experienced players. Meet new people! Learn new techniques! Share your stories! Visit MMJH.org to print out registration form.

Wednesday, February 15

Mah Jongg Cross Cultural Exchange *presented by Li Wah*

10:00am - 2:00pm

\$15 per person

Travel by bus to Li Wah (one Cleveland's most famous and delicious Chinese restaurants) in Cleveland's Asia Plaza for a game of majh in the exclusive back room and a delicious lunch. Purchase tickets now for a trip that's sure to be a blast – or all three! Happening again Wednesday, March 14 and Tuesday, April 17

Wednesday, February 22

Food and the Chosen People

7 - 9pm

\$12/\$10 Museum Members at the door - Order in advance and save \$2! Call 216.593.0575

The old joke goes Jewish history can be distilled down to “They tried to kill us, we survived, let’s eat!” so no wonder some of Cleveland’s best known chefs have Jewish roots! Join a lively conversation with **Chef Sergio Abramof** (Sergio’s and Sarava), **Chef Michael Herschman** (Lopez SouthWestern Food Kitchen), and **Chef Doug Katz** (fire food and drink) about food, family and tradition. Moderated by **Joe Crea** (Food Editor, *The Plain Dealer*).

Sunday, February 26

Family Fun Day

1 – 4pm

2pm—see the Chinese Lion Dance!

Free with Museum admission

Spend the afternoon playing games, making art, and visiting the special exhibition *Project Mah Jongg!* Enjoy Chinese Checkers, card games, Scrabble and an introduction to the game of mah jongg. See **Coiling Dragon Kung-Fu School** perform the **Lion Dance** and enjoy the Museum’s permanent collections, *An American Story* and The Temple-Tifereth Israel Gallery.



Wednesday, March 7

A Brief History of Mah Jongg

7 - 9pm

\$14/\$12 Museum Members at the door - Order in advance and save \$2! Call 216.593.0575

See the world premiere reading of a one-act play written especially to accompany *Project Mah Jongg*!

Noted Cleveland playwright Faye Sholiton revisits an era when four friends shared gossip, offered advice and kept secrets over the tiles. Twenty-two years after their game abruptly ended, they reunite to understand why.

Wednesday, March 14

Mah Jongg Cross Cultural Exchange presented by Li Wah

10:00am - 2:00pm

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Sunday, March 18

A Brief History of Mah Jongg

2 - 4pm

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Wednesday, March 21

The Melodies of Mah Jongg

7 - 9pm

\$14/\$12 Museum Members at the door - Order in advance and save \$2! Call 216.593.0575

Immerse yourself in the uniqueness of Chinese culture as the Cleveland Chinese Music Ensemble presents an intimate evening of graceful and exotic music inspired by the fanciful images on mah jongg tiles—the four seasons, winds, flowers and dragons—played on traditional Chinese instruments. Interspersed between the musical pieces will be selected readings (in Chinese and English) of evocative poems from China's classical antiquity.



Wednesday, April 4

Shanghai Ghetto

7 - 9pm

\$12/\$10 Museum Members at the door - Order in advance and save \$2! Call 216.593.0575

In the years between 1938 and 1941, nearly 20,000 European Jewish refugees fled to the most unlikely of places—Japanese controlled Shanghai, China—seeking a safe haven when other borders remained firmly closed. This fascinating documentary reveals uncommon views of Chinese and Jewish life through evocative images, rare home movies, newsreels and recollections of former refugees.

Tuesday, April 17

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ALSO THIS WINTER AT THE MALTZ MUSEUM

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

11am - 5pm

Free Admission to all Museum galleries and special programs!

Participate in our tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. with guided tours of *An American Story*, where the stories of how individuals overcame discrimination, prejudice and adversity come to life.

1:30pm Special Musical Performance - Young and old alike will enjoy the special jazz, blues and traditional musical performance *Unchained: From Slavery to Civil Rights* featuring vocalist Evelyn Wright accompanied by Roots of American Music artists bass-master Ray DeForest, keyboard player Joe Hunter and guitarist Kevin Richards.

Wednesday, February 8

Antebellum: Performance Preview and Director's Talk

7 - 9pm

\$12/\$10 Museum Members at the door - Order in advance and save \$2! Call 216.593.0575

Join Cleveland Public Theatre director Beth Wood and members of the cast of *Antebellum* as they talk about and perform selected scenes from this provocative drama that unfolds against the backdrop of a southern plantation, a German concentration camp and the 1939 Atlanta premiere of *Gone with the Wind*; a play that resonates with the entwining realities of Nazi cruelty and Hollywood dreams. And don't miss the drawing for complementary tickets to *Antebellum* at Cleveland Public Theatre February 23—March 10.



Monday, February 20

Presidents Day – Museum Open

11am - 5pm

2 – 4pm Special Program Free with museum admission

Meet four of America's most fascinating presidents—George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Harry Truman—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 pie, cherry pie, and sugar cookies! Arts and crafts activities and special “Presidential” scavenger hunts will be held throughout the afternoon.

Wednesday, April 11

Concert for Yom Hashoa

7 - 9pm

\$14/\$12 Museum Members at the door - Order in advance and save \$2! Call 216.593.0575

CityMusic Cleveland illustrates the devastating effect of the Holocaust through the work of six composers. From those who emigrated as the Nazis rose to power, to those who fled as the war broke out, to those who tragically perished in concentration camps, this moving chamber concert celebrates the creative artistry that survives and mourns the works that might have been.