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MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE PRESENTS
Zap! Pow! Bam! The Golden Age of Comic Books, 1938-1950
Opens September 16, 2008

Sponsored by BNY Mellon, Irv & Gloria Fine, RSM McGLadrey and ShoreBank

Cleveland, Ohio (August 12, 2008) — What do Superman, Batman, Green Lantern, The Spirit, Captain Marvel and The Hulk all have in common? If you said they have alter egos, look good in spandex, and helped shape American values, you're right.

More importantly, the creators of the original superheroes were predominantly Jewish, as were the comic book publishers of that era, and their characters became beloved symbols of human potential and the triumph of good over evil. While most were from New York, the boys who dreamed up Superman hailed from the Glenville neighborhood in Cleveland, Ohio.

Step into the Maltz Museum September 16, 2008 – January 4, 2009 and you'll be enveloped in an entertaining and illuminating world, at once a nostalgic look at the origins of the still-vibrant superhero genre and a glimpse into the 'story behind the story' – their invention as America recovered from the Depression and entered World War II.

"This is one of our most entertaining exhibitions yet," comments Judi Feniger, Executive Director. "It has something for everyone – history, drama, adventure. Kids will have a blast trying on costumes, drawing in the Comic Studio and riding the Batmobile while their parents and grandparents can relive the thrill of sneaking off to the movies to see serials and hiding comics under the covers after lights out."

Zap! Pow! Bam! The Superhero includes vintage artwork, rare early comic books, scripts, multi-media presentations, original toys and games, videotaped conversations with some of the leading comic book creators of their time, and colorful interactive displays. Through never-before exhibited art and objects culled from private and institutional collections, the exhibition explores the genesis of these important cultural icons and how they shaped popular opinion, then and now. A season-long offering of public programs delves further into issues like gender and racial stereotyping in the comics and how a comic is created.

“There is great pop culture history here,” notes Feniger, “wonderful vintage pins, puzzles, games and toys, scripts and postcards. One of my favorites is the first concept sketch of The Joker from the *Batman* series. When I think of The Joker, I picture the film version played by Jack Nicholson, and now we have Heath Ledger’s performance in *The Dark Knight* – but the original was from a much simpler time.”

The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage is at 2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood, Ohio, 44122, online at www.MaltzJewishMuseum.org. Docent-led tours of the Permanent Collection and this Special Exhibition are available. The Museum Store carries Superman items year-round, and, during this exhibition, a wide range of colorful and kitschy superhero-themed merchandise.

The Museum is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., and Saturday Noon – 5 p.m. It is also open daily including Mondays for group tours. For more information on the exhibition, admission, programs, the Museum Store, membership, sponsorships, group tours and hosting private events, visit the website or phone 216.593.0575.

Zap! Pow! Bam! The Superhero: The Golden Age of Comic Books, 1938-1950. Organized by The Breman Museum, Atlanta, GA.

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About the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage: An American Story

Opened in 2005, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage has welcomed more than 100,000 visitors from across the country and around the world, including 20,000 school students. It introduces visitors to the beauty and diversity of Jewish heritage in the context of the American experience, promotes an understanding of Jewish history, religion and culture and builds bridges of appreciation, tolerance and understanding with those of other religion, races, cultures and ethnic backgrounds serving as an educational resource for Northeast Ohio's Jewish and general communities.

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The Joker, first concept sketch, 1940. Artist: Jerry Robinson. Collection of Jerry Robinson



Detective Comics #69, cover art featuring the two-gun Joker in battle with Batman and Robin, November 1942. Artist: Jerry Robinson; Publisher: DC Comics. Collection of Jerry Robinson.



Wonder Woman #1, Summer 1942. Publisher: DC Comics. Collection of Michigan State University Libraries.

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Quick Facts

Background

- Developed by The William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum, Atlanta, Georgia. Guest Curator Jerry Robinson (who, when working with Batman creator Bob Kane, named Batman's young protégé Robin and co-created Batman's nemesis, The Joker).
- During the Golden Age of Comic Books, superheroes took on the role of repairing the world, their exploits reflecting the issues of the time.
- In the midst of economic and political turmoil, these comic books brought not only entertainment, but also hope and pride through the champions who would shape the values of an entire generation.
- The writers and illustrators who created the majority of the original superheroes were Jewish. *Zap!* educates visitors on prejudice and societal restrictions put upon Jews in the 1930s and 1940s, and provides insight into the role of the superhero, whose alter ego was an ordinary person.

Exhibition Features

- An immersive, interactive world of superheroes, illuminating the creative processes that drove their originators to conceive America's timeless icons including Superman, Batman, Captain America and Wonder Woman.
- More than 70 never-before-displayed comic books and memorabilia, including items from Jerry Robinson's personal collection.
- A theater showing 1940s serials.
- Video interviews of legends Will Eisner (the 'father of the graphic novel', creator of *The Spirit*), Bob Kane (co-creator of Batman), Jack Kirby (co-creator of Captain America), Stan Lee (co-creator of Spider-Man), Jerry Robinson, Jules Schwartz (editor of *Green Lantern*) and others.
- An original, working, collector-edition child-sized Batmobile ride, vintage interactive phone booth, a comic drawing studio, child-sized costumes that kids can wear, Kryptonite and more.
- Clothing that belonged to Superman co-creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, and several facsimiles of their original drawings.

Exclusive at the Maltz

- Permanent Collection display of Superman and his creators, Siegel and Shuster, with memorabilia from their Glenville neighborhood.
- A viewing room in the exhibition gallery featuring exhibition-related video.
- Participation in planning by an Advisory Committee including Irv Fine (cousin of Jerry Siegel) and Leigh Goldie (cousin of Joe Shuster).
- Lots of Superhero-related merchandise in the Museum Store, including an exhibition catalog that features essays by Jerry Robinson, Jules Feiffer and Michael Chabon (author of the best-seller *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*).
- Collaborations with community partners including local artists, schools and universities.
- Funding available for Cleveland Metropolitan School District and Catholic Diocese of Cleveland student group visits.
- *Discover Your Inner Superhero* activities around town, with discounts on admission to participants.
- Bring your ticket from *The Dark Knight* at any Cleveland Cinemas theater for \$2 discount on admission.
- An art and comic book contest, *Superheroes Repair The World*, which invites children 5 – 18 years old to create a drawing or comic strip identifying a problem within their community or world and an imaginative solution (deadline for entries: Friday, August 22).
- Educator's Preview and events in August and September.
- Docent-led tours scheduled throughout the exhibition.

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Story Ideas

Who's your favorite comic hero(ine) – and why?

Which Superhero are you most like? (visit www.thesuperheroquiz.com)

Why were so many of the creators of the original Golden Age Superheroes Jewish?

What were the forces that shaped them?

The battle of good and evil – Superheroes as simplistic creatures.

Gender and race stereotyping in the comics – what does it say about America?

Why is Superman in the Maltz Museum year-round? (According to one young visitor, because he, too, was an immigrant).

The Cleveland Comic Connection – how did one city yield so many great cartoonists, from Siegel and Shuster's creation of Superman through Harvey Pekar, Tom Batiuk and others?

The Alter Ego – why do all Superheroes have mild-mannered alter-egos?

Will Eisner, the Father of the Graphic Novel – how did his early work with Superheroes inform the creation of the art form that's just as popular today as superheroes were in the 1940s?

Find your inner Superhero – what qualities make humans heroes?

Why are comics so popular? (Note: in 1973 the *Kansas City Star* reduced the size of its comic strips and omitted its editorial page due to a newsprint strike and resulting paper shortage. During the following 2 days the paper received 122 complaints about the size of comics, only two about the absence of the editorial page)

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Admission & Tours

ADMISSION

Admission rates include access to both the permanent and special exhibitions.

- Adults: \$12
- Seniors and Students ages 12+: \$10
- Children ages 5-11: \$5
- **NEW! Family Plan - \$30 for up to two Adults and up to three children under age 18 (additional pay regular price)**
- Maltz Museum members and children under 5 years: FREE

Purchase a Maltz Museum membership and receive FREE admission to *ZAP!*, among other privileges.

!!Save your Cleveland Cinemas ticket stub from *The Dark Knight* and receive \$2 off Museum admission!!

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.

- Advance reservation required for groups of 10 or more.
- Special discounted rates for groups of 15 or more.

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

Drop-In Tours

Starting September 16, Drop-In Tours will be available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at 2p.m. for *ZAP! POW! BAM!*; Wednesdays at 2 p.m. for *An American Story*. Groups of 10 or more should secure an advance reservation.

Museum Hours Open for group tours and private events beginning at 9 a.m.

Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday: Noon – 5 p.m.

Monday: Closed (open for group tours, by advance reservation)

HOLIDAY HOURS: 11 a.m.-3p.m. - Erev Yom Kippur (Wednesday, October 8)

CLOSED - Rosh Hashanah (Tuesday, September 30th), Yom Kippur (Thursday, October 9),
Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 27)

NOTE: The Maltz Museum will be open regular hours with special activities Thanksgiving Weekend, Christmas, New Years Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 19)

Seating is limited.

To reserve tickets to Maltz Museum programs or for more information, call 216.593.0575.

DROP-IN TOURS

OUR FAVORITE THINGS WEDNESDAYS AT 2PM

Free with admission

Meet your volunteer docent in the lobby for an insider's look at the American Story or Temple-Tifereth Israel galleries. There's always something new to see at the Maltz Museum.



ZAP! POW! BAM! THE SUPERHERO

Tuesdays, Thursdays
and Sundays 2pm

Docents will be on hand to lead tours of our latest special exhibition. Tours last approximately 40 minutes.

Groups of ten or more, please schedule in advance (groupsales@mmjh.org).

For more information about upcoming programs call 216.593.0575 Or please visit our website www.MaltzJewishMuseum.org

SEPTEMBER

FILM: SUPERHEROES UNMASKED (90 MINUTES)

Wednesday, September 24, 7pm

\$10/\$8 members

Although often dismissed as "kid's stuff" a look beneath the capes and colored spandex reveals another story. Comic book superheroes reflect the best and worst of humanity, tackling personal, political and social stories.

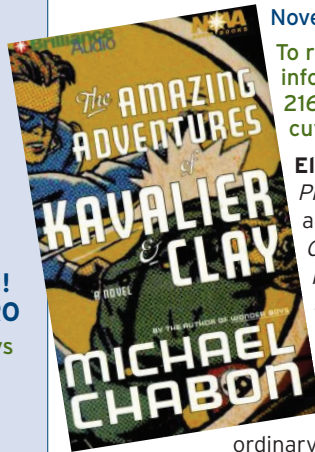


OCTOBER

HEROES IN FICTION BOOK GROUP

At the Cuyahoga County Public Library,
Beachwood Branch, 25501 Shaker Blvd.

Thursdays October 2, 16, 30 Free



November 6 tour \$7

To register or for more information,
216-831-6868 or www.cuyahogalibrary.org

Eleanor Mallet, former *Plain Dealer* columnist and author of *Tevye's Grandchildren: Rediscovering a Jewish Identity*, leads a book discussion series that addresses heroes, heroism and ordinary people with extraordinary powers.

- Oct. 2 *Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon
- Oct. 16 *Imagining Argentina* by Lawrence Thornton
- Oct. 30 *Snow in August* by Pete Hamill
- Nov. 6 Guided tour of *Zap! Pow! Bam!* at the Maltz Museum



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CONVERSATION: WHO KNEW? SUPERHEROES (AND THEIR CREATORS) ARE JEWISH!

Wednesday, October 22, 7pm

\$10/\$8 members

Calling all fans! Did you know that Spider-Man creators Stan Lee and Jack Kirby were born Stanley Leiber and Jacob Kurtzman? Join comic veteran **Jordon B. Gorfinkel** (writer/editor *Batman*, Jewish cartoonist *Everything's Relative*) and journalist/comic writer **Michael Sanjiacono** (*The Plain Dealer* and writer/creator *Tales of the Starlight Drive-In*) as they "out" other Jewish comic heroes, artists and writers past and present in this astonishing, amazing, no-holds-bar-mitzvah of a conversation!

CONVERSATION: THE SPLENDOR OF GRAPHIC NOVELIST HARVEY PEKAR

Sunday, October 26, 1:45pm

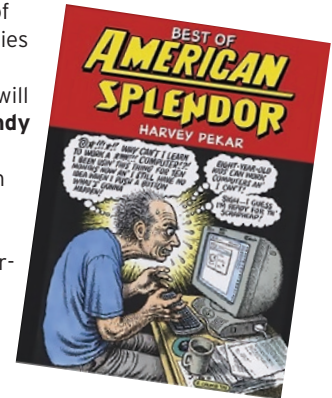
At Bertram Inn and Conference
Center—only 20 minutes from Beachwood
600 N. Aurora Road, Aurora

\$15/\$10 Maltz Museum
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Seating is limited.
Call 216-593-0448 to
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GUEST LECTURE: WHAT'S SO FUNNY? RACE, GENDER AND STEREOTYPES IN COMICS

Wednesday, October 29, 7pm

\$10/\$8 members

From little green men to burly superheroes, tough girls to evil villains, exaggeration is often used for comic effect. **Bradley Ricca**, author, comic aficionado and lecturer at CASE, takes an in-depth look at the racial, ethnic and gender stereotypes so common in comic books, and how they've evolved to depict a more realistic view of difference.



Are We So Different?

See *Race: Are We So Different?* at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History
September 27, 2008–January 4, 2009.

NOVEMBER

GUEST LECTURE: IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE! IT'S SIEGEL AND SHUSTER!



Wednesday,
November 5, 7pm
\$10/\$8 members

How two Jewish teens from Glenville High School created the greatest superhero of all time is one of Cleveland's richest legacies.

Join **Marc Tyler**

Nobleman, author of *Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman*, for this lively, illustrated presentation. You'll encounter surprising research discoveries Marc made while in Cleveland, authentic touches put into the text and illustrations, and the debunking of a few curious Superman myths.

KID'S STUFF: SUPERHEROES FANTASY WORKSHOP

For Kids Ages 7-11

Four sessions: Tuesdays and Thursdays
November 11, 13, 18, 20, 3:30-5pm

\$60/\$50 members for four sessions (all supplies included)

Hey kids! Become a Superhero in this rock'um, sock'um fun-filled workshop combining creative movement, costume making and theatrical games led by **ArtHouse** artist/educator **Melissa Nilsen**. You will finish with your very own, custom-created Superhero identity outfitted in mask and cape with unique special powers. Join the fun!



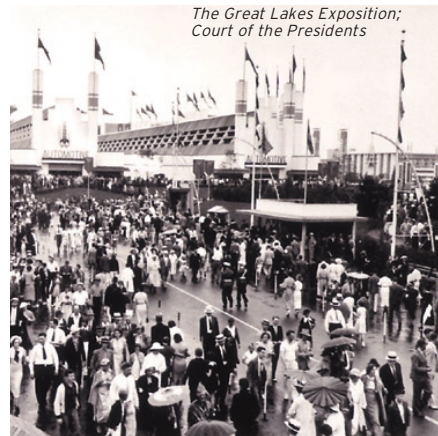
Super Hero Workshop
at ArtHouse, 2008



GUEST LECTURE: METROPOLIS REVISITED: CLEVELAND IN THE PRE-WAR YEARS

Wednesday, November 19, 7pm
\$10/\$8 members

Eliot Ness and the torso murders, the Great Lakes Exposition, and the nightlife at Euclid and 105th all contributed to an atmosphere that led two young boys to create Superman. Relive those golden days of yesteryear with noted urban historian **Dr. John J. Grabowski's** fascinating illustrated lecture about our town's glorious and sometimes shady past. Join us at 6pm (free with lecture admission) to share your Cleveland memories with Dr. Grabowski and Sean Martin, associate curator for Jewish history at WRHS.



The Great Lakes Exposition;
Court of the Presidents

DECEMBER

GUEST LECTURE: COMICS INSIDER SCOOP WITH TERRY STEWART

Wednesday, December 3, 7pm
\$10/\$8 members

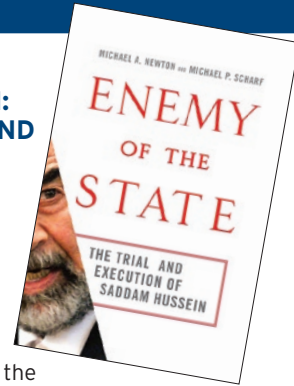


Ever wonder what's it really like inside the fantastical world of comic books? Before **Terry Stewart** became President and CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, he was President of Marvel Entertainment's comic book group, best known for *Spider-Man*, *X-Men*, and *The Incredible Hulk*. Terry will share his insider's perspective on the history of Marvel Comics and the rise and fall of the comic book industry.

CONVERSATION: HIGH CRIMES AND HIGH DRAMA

Wednesday,
December 10, 7pm
\$10/\$8 members

In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the United Nation's adoption of the Genocide Convention, join a stimulating conversation with Case Law Professor and Pulitzer Prize nominee **Michael Scharf**, author of *Enemy of the State: The Trial and Execution of Saddam Hussein* and Public Radio commentator Dan Moulthrop. The program will be introduced by Nuremberg Prosecutor **Henry T. King, Jr.** A book signing will follow.



MUSIC: THE JEWISH VIOLIN

Wednesday,
December 17, 7pm
\$15/\$12 members



Nothing has captured the soul of East-European Jewry as the music of the violin. The traditional sounds of violin, *tsimbl* (Jewish hammered

dulcimer) and accordion are rendered by three of the world's leading masters of Klezmer music; **Steven Greenman** (violin), **Alexander Fedoriouk** (cimbalom) and **Walter Mahovlich** (accordion). Together they capture the sound and heart of the old world in this holiday-themed concert for the entire family.

CHINESE FOOD & A MOVIE DAY: MACCABEES: THE ORIGINAL SUPERHEROES!

Thursday, December 25th, Noon-4:00pm
Free with Museum admission

Celebrate Hanukkah at our 3rd Annual "**Chinese Food & A Movie Day.**" Dress up like a Maccabee or superhero and have your photo taken! Watch Hanukkah short movies and vintage superhero films! Make your own Hanukkah candles and join in candle lighting and songs! Eat egg rolls, latkes, donuts, chocolate and Jewish/Chinese fortune cookies. Then visit our special exhibition to learn about the Jewish roots of *Batman*, *Spider-Man*, *The Hulk* and more. Make this a Hanukkah your family will never forget!

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Programs Around Town

The Superhero in Fiction Book Group

At the Cuyahoga County Public Library, Beachwood Branch

25501 Shaker Blvd, Beachwood

Thursdays October 2, 16, 30

1pm

Free

Tickets for November 6 tour, \$7 per person

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The Splendor of Graphic Novelist Harvey Pekar

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600 N. Aurora Road, Aurora

Sunday, October 26

1:45pm

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Things you never read in the Funny Papers

The creators of most of the Golden Age comic superheroes were Jewish

- **Will Eisner** – ‘the father of the graphic novel’; creator of *The Spirit*
- **Bill Finger** - best known as the uncredited co-creator, with Bob Kane, of Batman
- **Bob Kane** (born Robert Kahn) - creator of Batman
- **Jack Kirby** (born Jacob Kurtzberg) - co-creator of Captain America, The Hulk, Fantastic Four, X-Men, The Fly and many others
- **Stan Lee** (born Stanley Lieber) -co-creator of Spider-Man, Fantastic Four, X-Men, Iron Man and others
- **Jerry Robinson** – named Batman’s sidekick Robin; claims to have created The Joker, though that is disputed
- **Joe Shuster** - co-creator of Superman
- **Jerry Siegel** - co-creator of Superman
- **Joe Simon** - co-creator of Captain America, Newsboy Legion and The Fly

Most of the Golden Age creators were from New York, often products of high schools with refugee teachers fleeing Nazi persecution on their faculties. Superman’s creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster were a major exception.

Northeast Ohio has boasted a wealth of cartoon and comic strip talent, including:

- **Tony Auth** (born 1942, Akron) is a Pulitzer-prize winning editorial cartoonist for *The Philadelphia Enquirer*.
- **Tom Batiuk** (born 1947, Akron) is best known for the syndicated strips *Funky Winkerbean* (first appeared in print in 1972) and *Crankshaft* (began syndication in 1987). He is a graduate of Kent State University, and lives in Medina.
- **Robert Crumb aka R. Crumb** (born 1943; moved to Cleveland in the early 1960s) is best known for his *Keep on Truckin’* comic and the characters *Fritz the Cat* and *Mr. Natural*, and worked at American Greetings.
- **Jordon Gorfinkle**, a DC Comics editor for more than a decade, is best known in the Jewish community for *Everything’s Relative* which is published internationally since 1996. He lives in University Heights.
- **Ed Kuekes** (1901 – 1987) was a cartoonist and comic artist who studied at Baldwin-Wallace College and the Cleveland Institute of Art and worked at the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* from 1922 until 1966.

- **Charles Macauley** (born 1871, Canton - 1934) drew his first cartoons for the *Canton Repository* before winning a \$50 prize from the *Cleveland Press* in 1892. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his cartooning in 1930.
- **Raymond Harold Osrin** (1928-2001) was an award-winning editorial cartoonist who moved to Cleveland in 1963 to work for *The Plain Dealer*, where he remained until his retirement in 1993. He donated collections of his cartoons to Cleveland State University and to the Cartoon Research Library at the Ohio State University.
- **Harvey Pekar** (born 1939, Cleveland) is best known for his autobiographical *American Splendor* series that documents daily life in the aging neighborhoods of Cleveland, where he worked throughout his life as a file clerk in the Veteran's Administration hospital. He lives in Cleveland.
- **Arthur B. "Art" Sansom** (born 1920, East Cleveland – 1991) created *The Born Loser* in 1965. His son, **Arthur "Chip" Sansom** graduated Case Western Reserve University, began to assist his father in the 1980s, and now lives in Lakewood.
- **Jerry Siegel** (born 1914, Cleveland – 1996) and **Joe Shuster** (born 1914 Toronto, moved to Cleveland 1992) were friends at Glenville High School when they began the collaboration that would result in America's first superhero, Superman.
- **Bill Watterson** (born 1958, Washington, D.C.; moved to Chagrin Falls at age 6, where he still lives) is the author of *Calvin and Hobbes*, published 1985 – 1995.

There are Ohio ties to many other renowned cartoonists, including:

- **Jim Borgman** (born 1954, Cincinnati, attended Kenyon College), is a political cartoonist whose work is nationally syndicated and has won a Pulitzer Prize.
- **Tony Cochran**, creator of the worldwide syndicated *Agnes*, lives in Columbus.
- **Cathy Guisewite** (born 1950, Dayton) created the nationally syndicated *Cathy*.
- **Walt Handelman** (attended University of Cincinnati) is a Pulitzer Prize-winning and nationally syndicated editorial cartoonist for *Newsday*.
- **Richard Felton Outcault** (born 1863, Lancaster, Ohio) created "*Hogan's Alley*" starring "*Yellow Kid*", generally acknowledged as the first newspaper comic strip.
- **Mike Peters** draws syndicated cartoons that appear around the US, including *Mother Goose and Grimm*, and has won the Pulitzer Prize for cartooning. His home paper is the *Dayton Daily News*.
- **Jeff Smith**, based in Columbus, created *Bone*, selected by *Time Magazine* in 1995 as one of the ten greatest graphic novels of all time.

There are dozens of Jewish comic strip and cartoon legends, including:

- Al Capp (*Li'l Abner*)
- Jules Feiffer
- Rube Goldberg
- Herblock (has won three Pulitzer Prizes)

- Al Jaffee (*MAD Magazine*)
- Gil Kane (co-creator of the modern-day versions of Green Lantern and The Atom)
- Harvey Kurtzman (founding editor, *MAD Magazine*)
- Art Spiegelman (*Maus*)
- William Steig
- Saul Steinberg

Sources: Wikipedia, Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library, other internet sources and exhibition catalog for *Zap! Pow! Bam! The Superhero – The Golden Age of Comic Books 1938-1950*

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Museum Store

During *ZAP! POW! BAM! – The Superhero*, the Museum Store will offer an assortment of colorful, kitschy and fun merchandise sure to bring out the superhero (and the kid) in you.

Featured items include:

Zap! Pow! Bam! The Superhero Catalogue

a fascinating look at the 'rest of the story' with essays by Jerry Robinson, Jules Feiffer and Michael Chabon

Books on cartooning and superheroes for all ages!

Decorate your "Fortress of Solitude" or "Batcave" with Superman and Batman cardboard life-size stand-ups and posters!

Be the envy of your school with superhero lunchboxes, stationary, magnets, wastepaper baskets, mousepads and more!

The Maltz Museum Store is conveniently located just a few steps inside our front door, with free, close-in parking, open during all Museum hours and helpful assistance always available. Entry is free if you're visiting the store only. The Museum Store offers free gift wrapping and can ship your purchases worldwide by UPS, US Mail or FedEx. An amazing selection of gifts, books, clothing, toys and games await you year-round!

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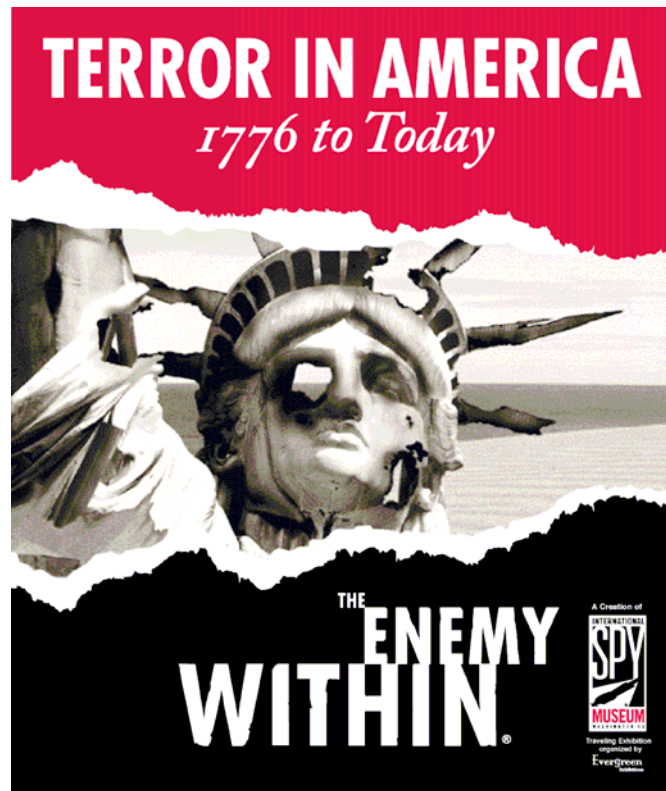
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