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15,000+ VISITORS EXPLORED JEWISH & MEDICINE IN AMERICA

*Beyond Chicken Soup: Jews & Medicine in America, presented by Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation, told the story of how Jews were forced to create access to their own health care in the face of discrimination. 15,000+ visitors explored over 200 artifacts, photographs, and documents, including highlights from Cleveland’s own Mt. Sinai Hospital, learning about the historic fight for equality in health care and looking toward the future of medicine in America. This special exhibition received local and national attention, from the Cleveland Jewish News and Plain Dealer to the Washington Post and Tablet Magazine. Thank you to everyone who supported bringing history to life this year in Cleveland!
4,800+ CELEBRATED EVERYDAY SUPERPOWERS

This summer, we launched a first-of-its kind installation at the Maltz Museum, focusing on children and families. In combination with thematic programming, 4,800+ visitors joined us to celebrate people and organizations standing up and speaking out in the name of diversity and inclusion. The Everyday Heroes Activity Center used the special exhibition space to explore the values of everyday heroes through books, crafts, and movement. We welcomed individuals and groups from camps, schools, churches, synagogues, and community centers to make their own masks and capes, zoom around the good mood movement area, paint kindness rocks to give and share, build a better world with jumbo blocks, become the hero of their own story at our puppet theater, and so much more! Plus, our youngest visitors explored the Museum’s core exhibition, An American Story, on a newly designed self-guided children’s tour called the Everyday Heroes StoryWalk. Support for Everyday Heroes generously provided by Cleveland Jewish News, Gross Schechter Day School, jHUB, The Lillian and Betty Ratner School, Macaroni Kid, Mandel Jewish Community Center, Mandel Jewish Day School, Northeast Ohio Parent Magazine, Northeast Ohio Family Fun, One Seven, PJ Library, and Playmatters.

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450+ HONORED HERITAGE AWARD RECIPIENT
CHRISTOPHER M. CONNOR

Each year, The Maltz Heritage Award recognizes a Cleveland leader whose vision and humanity has created a force of positive change in the community. This year, 450+ guests joined together to honor 2018 recipient Christopher M. Connor, retired Executive Chairman of The Sherwin-Williams Company and notable philanthropist. During his acceptance speech Mr. Connor said, “The Maltz Museum stands as a beacon in our community, reminding us of the importance of having an understanding heart, remembering and respecting our history, and welcoming people of all walks of life with open arms.” We thank Mr. Connor for his exemplary leadership in the community and extend additional thanks to event co-chairs Richard J. Buoncore, Managing Partner of MAI Capital; James A. Ratner, Chairman of Forest City Real Estate Investment Trust and Chairman of Playhouse Square; and Thomas F. Zenty, Chief Executive Officer of University Hospitals. We also acknowledge the generosity of the many event sponsors and guests. It was an honor!
30,000+ STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN STOP THE HATE OVER TEN YEARS

At a milestone 10-year-anniversary event, ten high school juniors and seniors competed for the title of grand prize winner at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage’s 10th Annual Stop the Hate® Youth Speak Out essay writing contest. The contest, focused on students speaking out in support of diversity and inclusion, has engaged an estimated 30,000 student participants across 12 Northeast Ohio counties and awarded $1 million to students and schools in scholarships and anti-bias education grants over the last ten years.

The top ten essays, selected from thousands of entries, were read for an audience of 600+ at The Cleveland Museum of Art as junior and senior high school students vied for a chance to win the grand prize of a $40,000 scholarship. Hannah Shuffer of Orange High School was named grand prize winner. In her essay she wrote of her brother Nathan, who has cerebral palsy, saying, “It is inexpressibly hard to watch people treat my brother like he has no feelings, like he is lesser than, like he is not human. I soon began to realize that like most forms of discrimination, people’s preconceived notions had blinded them from truth.”

Congratulations to all of the participants, finalists, and winners. Also, to the schools, educators, readers, judges, sponsors, and guests who help stand up and speak out against hate. You are our heroes!
1 EXPERIENCE WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Each year an estimated 10,000 students from across Northeast Ohio visit the Maltz Museum for student tours. Many of these students hear from a local Holocaust survivor who shares their personal and powerful story. This is one of the most meaningful ways students can experience history, by listening to the real-life stories of people who lived through that period of time.

In order to preserve the experience, the Maltz Museum has launched a first-of-its-kind effort in Cleveland that uses cutting-edge technology to simulate speaking to a living survivor. Partnering with the USC Shoah Foundation's Dimensions in Testimony, local survivor Stanley Bernath's story and memories were recorded using state-of-the-art technology. The technology allows Stanley to share his story and answer questions about his past, simulating the experience of speaking face-to-face with a survivor.

"Years from now none of us survivors will be available, we'll be all gone," said Stanley Bernath, who is honored to be the fifteenth survivor in the world to record his story as an interactive survivor biography. He has been telling his story to groups for over forty years and now his story will live on in perpetuity. "Children or adults can always ask questions. They'll be able to see it and hear what I have to say about what I went through," he said.

Thank you to the Holocaust survivors who speak to students nearly every day of the year, to educators who continue to value Holocaust education and testimony, and to the generosity of donors and sponsors who make this work possible. Together, we will never forget.
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