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WORDS MATTER
Dear Friends,

Thanks to the generosity of individual donors, corporate sponsors, foundations, and incredible volunteers, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage is able to lift history out of books and into life as we explore themes of diversity and inclusion through interactive experiences, historic images, and artifacts.

This year, 30,000 people of all ages and backgrounds joined us to learn about the history of bias and discrimination in order to recognize and prevent hate in all its forms in the present and future.

Thank you for working with us to Stop the Hate in Northeast Ohio.
THE MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE IS THE PREMIERE VENUE IN NORTHEAST OHIO FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION, WHERE SURVIVOR STORIES AND ARTIFACTS BRING HISTORY TO LIFE TO EXPLORE THE FULL RANGE OF HUMAN BEHAVIORS FROM ACTS OF COURAGE TO THOSE OF HATE.

It takes courage to stand up and speak out, and there is no braver person than a Holocaust survivor who tells their story so that others may learn. This past year, the Maltz Museum partnered with USC Shoah Foundation to launch a beta test of new technology that will enable future generations to interact with a Holocaust survivor long after we are all gone.

The Survivor Memory Project, chaired by Ken Liffman, is the Maltz Museum’s response to the universal dilemma of fewer survivors being with us to share their message of resilience and hope in the face of unimaginable tragedy. Clevelander Stanley Bernath, z’l, had been speaking to groups for forty years when he was selected as the fifteenth Holocaust survivor in the world to become an interactive biography. The technology allows a recording of Stanley to share his story and answer questions, simulating the experience of speaking face-to-face with a survivor.

“Years from now none of us survivors will be available, we’ll all be gone,” said Stanley. “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.”

Stanley Bernath passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, just shy of his 93rd birthday. His influence lives in the hearts and minds of countless students and adults who heard him speak, and through cutting-edge technology he will continue sharing his story in perpetuity.

I STAND FOR THE PROMISE TO NEVER FORGET THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST, SO THAT HISTORY DOES NOT REPEAT ITSELF.
“During Stanley’s talk, he repeated three things he had learned, which was to never give up no matter how bad it seems, always believe in yourself, and no one is better than I am and I am not better than anyone else. Hearing him say those three things after surviving the Holocaust, certainly our kids can take that to heart and then do good in the world the same way he did.”

– Miriam Giardina, High School Educator

Students from Facing History New Tech High School meet with Stanley Bernath, Holocaust survivor speaker.

7,400 STUDENTS VISITED THE MUSEUM ON SCHOOL TOURS, LEARNING ABOUT TOLERANCE, DIVERSITY, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING UPSTANDERS.
The contest invests in middle and high school students who are standing up and speaking out against bigotry and bias, providing a platform for young people to let their voices be heard. Since its inception, over 30,000 students have participated in the Stop the Hate® initiative.

Stop the Hate® Youth Speak Out celebrates the voices of young people in Northeast Ohio who are standing up and speaking out against hate. By reflecting on real-life situations and sharing ways to create a more inclusive community, students can win big for themselves and their schools.

Each year, through the generosity of a donor, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage awards $100,000 in scholarships and anti-bias education grants in recognition of 6–12th grade upstanders in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, and Wayne counties.

The contest is now in its second decade and continues to be as timely as ever. “As a minority, I have witnessed and experienced hate and racial bias throughout my life, and it’s embarrassing to say it remains in our society today,” said Stop the Hate® Chair Darrell McNair. “When I see the thousands of children pen their essays on stopping the hate, it brings warmth to my heart to know that these young people will one day be the leadership in our society and work to ensure that inclusion and acceptance become the norm and not the exception. This is why I support Stop the Hate®, one person at a time.”
“I believe that once we educate others and reinforce our shared humanity, we can do away with much of the ignorance, bigotry, and hatred that plague us as a society. While this is much easier said than done, the pursuit of this goal is well worth the work it entails.”

— Samuel Oguntoyinbo, 2019 Stop the Hate® Grand Prize Winner
THE MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE PARTNERS WITH ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS NORTHEAST OHIO TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND EXPERIENCES THAT PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY.

With an interest in reaching new audiences and building relationships with young families, we launched the Everyday Heroes Activity Center, offering children a way to explore the values of what it means to be an everyday hero through books, crafts, music, and more in an interactive play space.

Young audiences made masks and capes, zoomed around the good mood movement area, painted kindness rocks to share, built a better world with jumbo blocks, were heroes of their own stories in a puppet theater, and more!

This first-of-its-kind installation in our special exhibition gallery established new partnerships across the community, deepening relationships with local institutions and helping expand our reach. We re-launched for a second summer, with a 70% increase in partner institutions. Both summers, we kicked off the season with one of our partners, Mandel Jewish Day School who joined us on the last day of school for a pizza lunch and play time.

Seven-year-old Beatrice Halvorson attended the event with her mother, Melanie, who encouraged her daughter to participate in the “Who is your Everyday Hero?” contest. Bea named her first grade teacher, Mindi Goldberg, “She taught me to read and so much more. I love her!”

Bea’s winning contest entry was featured by another partner, Cleveland Jewish News, and the full-page print ad was then shared on social media, spreading the good will of a young girl naming her teacher as someone she admires most.

Seven year old Beatrice Halvorson shares why her everyday hero is first-grade teacher Mindi Goldberg.
EVERYDAY HEROES

“This is just one example of why we support the Maltz Museum’s Everyday Heroes Activity Center. We are proud to participate in giving young people a platform to recognize and share the good they see in themselves and in others.”

— Kevin S. Adelstein, President and CEO, Cleveland Jewish News

Friends celebrate their everyday super powers while playing in the Everyday Heroes Activity Center at the Maltz Museum.

70% INCREASE IN YOUNG FAMILY ATTENDANCE WITH TARGETED MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND CREATION OF STORY TOURS TO COMPLEMENT THE EVERYDAY HEROES AND ISRAEL: THEN AND NOW EXHIBITIONS.
A WORLD PREMIERE SPECIAL EXHIBITION PRODUCED BY THE MALTZ MUSEUM LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER 2018 AND RAN THROUGH MAY 2019, CELEBRATING ISRAEL IN ITS 70TH YEAR.

Israel: Then & Now told the story of a people with no home rejected across the globe for religious beliefs, finding hope in a land they could make their own. In 1948, when Israel was declared a Jewish state, it gave the Jewish people opportunity to return to the land and create a home for themselves and their children— but what would come of this land, the people, and a culture?

Audiences were invited to look back and imagine the future during this world premiere exhibition that combined milestone moments, historic images, interactive media, and film.

Surrounding the special exhibition was a robust season of programming, the result of a new collaboration between two great educational institutions: Case Western Reserve University’s Siegal Lifelong Learning Program and the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage.

“In partnership, we organized a full season of dynamic Israel programs designed to engage, enrich, and educate,” said Alanna Cooper, Director of Jewish Lifelong Learning at CWRU. Gallery talks, lectures and discussions, arts and culture events, and family fun activities offered something for most ages and interests, resulting in record-breaking program attendance.

Cooper said that of the many exciting programs, the new documentary film series stood out. “This series was a reflection of the exhibition — providing a glimpse into the complex lives of Israelis. We discovered the country and the people of Israel —understanding their challenges and joys.”

The exhibition and its coordinating programming invited visitors of all ages and backgrounds to explore Israel beyond media headlines by seeing the landmarks, learning the history, exploring the culture, and meeting the people — without leaving Cleveland.

The exhibition is scheduled to tour, with its first stop in Florida in Fall 2019.
"As an Israeli it’s interesting to see how this exhibit shows Israel. It reminds you that even with all the criticism it’s a quite impressive place to live in. I would even say it’s a miracle. It’s nice to look at yourself from the outside and feel proud. It’s a very positive expression,”

— Or Seri, Maltz Museum Visitor
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The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage is the only museum in Northeast Ohio that provides education and awareness about the struggle, courage, and creativity of Jewish people as a way to teach the value of respect for all humanity.

Your commitment to standing with us in support of educating people of all ages and backgrounds on Judaism, the Holocaust, immigration, and bias means that more Ohioans are prepared to speak out when they see injustice. Because of you, thousands of students and adults are more informed on topics related to our local and global history, more able to recognize hate propaganda when they see it, and more prepared to be upstanders in their communities.

We are only able to do this work thanks to individual donors, corporate sponsors, foundations, and incredible volunteers.

Thank you to our incredible volunteers
Each year we recognize volunteers for their time commitment to the Maltz Museum. The volunteers with the most number of hours served in fiscal year 2019 were Merna Wolfe, Renée Siegel, and Rose Innenberg. Volunteers make our Museum run smoothly and with passion, serving as Survivor speakers or docents and/or working in the store, at the admissions desk, or during special events. In total, all of our 130+ dedicated volunteers worked 8,154.25 hours this past year. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Aaron Bane at 216-593-0587 or wbane@mmjh.org

Thank you to our corporate sponsors
We rely on corporate sponsors to support causes they care about and help us advance our mission. This year, we received a $100,000 contribution from the law firm of Dworken & Bernstein to support its mission to combat hate in all forms through anti-bias education. The firm uses a doctrine known as “Cy Pres” to redirect unclaimed funds generated in class actions to meet the needs of the community, and have distributed funds in excess of $37 million to support literally hundreds of charitable causes. The firm was proud to add the Maltz Museum to its list of beneficiaries.

Thank you to our individual donors
Every gift we receive at any amount makes a difference in our modest budget. We do our very best to stretch each dollar as far as it can go to reach the most number of people possible. Once in a while something incredible happens, when individual donors unite to provide a substantial gift that heavily influences the Museum.

Shelly Hartman, a volunteer docent, talks with students during a group tour at the Maltz Museum.

Irving Rosner of Dworken & Bernstein presents a contribution in support of the Maltz Museum’s Stop the Hate® initiative.
In fiscal year 2019, we received a $77,000 gift from the Shul Boys as part of the Jewish Motorcycle Alliance’s (JMA) Annual Ride 2 Remember, which was held in Cleveland. Remarks were held in front of the Museum; a luncheon was held at The Temple-Tifereth Israel where Milton Maltz, the Museum’s founder, expressed his gratitude for the organization’s long-standing commitment to Holocaust remembrance.

Thank you to the Shul Boys, Cleveland’s local chapter, for naming the Museum and this project as the benefactor of the JMA’s fundraising efforts. Your generosity will preserve Holocaust memory for generations to come.
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The Maltz Heritage Award is presented to a person and/or organization that demonstrates leadership in the Northeast Ohio community and whose values align with the mission of the museum – to build bridges of tolerance and understanding with those of other religions, races, cultures, and ethnic backgrounds.

The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage was joined by 500 guests at the Museum’s largest fundraising event of the year to recognize the accomplishments of Beth E. Mooney, Chairman and CEO of KeyCorp, as she was presented with The Maltz Heritage Award. The award acknowledged Mooney’s leadership in creating a culture of inclusion and diversity at KeyCorp. Past award recipients include: Christopher Connor (2018), Audrey and Albert Ratner (2017), Barbara Snyder (2016), Milt and Tamar Maltz (2015), Sandy Cutler (2014), and Toby Cosgrove (2013). Museum founder Milt Maltz was pleased to present the award alongside board chair Grant Dinner and event co-chairs Sandy Cutler, Carole Hoover, Albert Ratner, and Barbara Snyder, with an invocation by board member The Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.

In a message to guests, the co-chairs expressed their admiration for Mooney, saying, “It is our honor to recognize her ongoing contribution to the vitality of Northeast Ohio.”

Thank you Beth E. Mooney for leaving a legacy that will extend from generation to generation.
JULY 1, 2018, TO JUNE 30, 2019 (PRELIMINARY UNAUDITED)

The total core operating revenue for FY 2019 was $2,209,000. The total core operating expenses not including depreciation expense for FY 2019 was $2,010,000.

* Core operations does not include temporary exhibitions and Stop the Hate revenue and expenses.

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