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WINTER PROGRAMS + EXHIBITIONS AT THE DERFNER JUDAICA MUSEUM

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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Museum hours: Sunday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Gilbert Pavilion Gallery & Grounds: Daily, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Jewish Art History - A Five-Part Class with Richard McBee
Begins on Thursday, December 15th at 2:15 p.m. in the Biederman Library
Continues on: January 5, January 12, January 19 and January 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Join Richard McBee for the first of a five-part series of classes in Jewish Art History. Explore, "Hanukkah Menorahs and Beyond," in the first class and come back in January to learn more about the role of Jewish art and artists throughout history.

Richard McBee is a painter of biblical subject matter and writer on Jewish art. He was Program Director of the Alliance of Figurative Artists in the 1980s and member of the Biblical Painters Group. For the last 11 years he has written an art column for the *Jewish Press*. He also curates Jewish art exhibitions and in 2008 he was a founding member of the Jewish Art Salon.

Poetry and Memoir Writing Workshop with Maxine Silverman
Monday, December 26 at 1 p.m. in the Derfner Judaica Museum

Poet Maxine Silverman will lead a poetry and memoir writing workshop exploring themes such as home, refuge and femininity inspired by Jane Trigrère's installation, *Women of the Balcony*, currently on view in the Museum. Take some time to reflect on the work, and get inspired to create a little word art of your own. A poet by trade, Maxine Silverman has also written essays, fiction for children, and commentary on the weekly Torah portion. Her work has appeared as a chapbook of poetry (*Survival Song*) and in journals and anthologies.

Family Fabric Collage Workshop
Wednesday, December 28 at 11 a.m. in the Derfner Judaica Museum

Get inspired! View Jane's Trigrère's textile installation, *Women of the Balcony*, created from vintage textiles and get creative. Recommended for children ages 5 and up.

Emma Lazarus: The Poet of Exiles
A Talk by Melissa Martens
Monday, January 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Derfner Judaica Museum

Melissa Martens will discuss the exhibition, *Emma Lazarus: Poet of Exile*, which she organized at the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust to coincide with the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty. Known for the lines "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to

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breathe free . . . ," the poet Emma Lazarus gave voice to the Statue of Liberty and generations of newcomers to America. Come learn her fascinating story - her Sephardic background, her American roots, and her work for Jewish causes and a Jewish homeland.

Melissa Martens is the Director of Collections and Exhibitions at the Museum of Jewish Heritage-A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City. For ten years prior, she was the Curator of the Jewish Museum of Maryland where she curated exhibitions on Jewish department stores, Jewish fashion & beauty, synagogue architecture, and Jewish vacation culture. She has also worked at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum, and the Newberry Library. At the Museum of Jewish Heritage, she created the exhibitions, *The Morgenthau: A Legacy of Service* and *Project Mah Jongg*, which is currently on national tour.

As a member of the American Association of Museums, The Hebrew Home at Riverdale is committed to publicly exhibiting its art collection throughout its 19-acre campus, including the Derfner Judaica Museum and a sculpture garden overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades. The Derfner Judaica Museum + The Art Collection provide educational and cultural programming for residents of the Hebrew Home, their families and the general public from throughout New York City, its surrounding suburbs and visitors from elsewhere. The Home is a nonprofit, non-sectarian geriatric center serving more than 3,000 elderly persons through its resources and community service programs. The Art Collection, Gilbert Pavilion Gallery and grounds are open daily, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Derfner Judaica Museum is open, Sunday - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please call (718) 581-1596 for holiday hours.

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