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## The Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust Presents Family-Friendly Concerts for the Holidays

New York, NY— Start celebrating the season early with concerts for the whole family at the **Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust**. On **Sunday, November 22 at 1 p.m.**, **The Mama Doni Band** will perform a high-energy rock concert for children in celebration of their new album *Chanukah Fever*. On **December 25, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**, *Challah-lujah: The Tradition Continues* will feature Museum favorite **Joshua Nelson and his Kosher Gospel Choir**. The first of his two shows will be an hour-long family sing-along.

Tickets to *Chanukah Fever with the Mama Doni Band* are \$15 general admission, and \$7 for children 12 and younger; tickets for Museum and JCP Members are \$12 general admission, and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

Tickets for the 11 a.m. presentation of *Challah-lujah: The Tradition Continues* are \$20 general admission, \$15 for Museum and JCP members, and \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets for the 1 p.m. show are \$35 general admission, \$25 students/seniors, and \$20 for Museum Members.

All tickets are available online at [www.mjhnyc.org](http://www.mjhnyc.org) or by calling the Museum box office at 646.437.4202.

### About The Mama Doni Band

The Mama Doni Band is made up of leader Doni Zasloff Thomas; Justin Goldner, guitar; Alexander Tyshkov, bass; and Cliff Ramsay, drums. Their first album, *I Love Herring*, was released in 2008. Winner of the Simcha Award at the 2008 International Jewish Music Festival in Amsterdam, the band has been recognized in *The New York Times*, *New York Post*, *The Star-Ledger*, *The Record*, *Time Out New York Kids*, *New Jersey Jewish News*, *The Jewish Week*, *Jewish Woman International Magazine*, and more. In addition to producing funky, family-friendly CDs and videos, Mama Doni and her team present an array of live concerts and workshops. The band is excited to be on their first national tour this year and to return to Amsterdam for this year's International Jewish Music Festival. Their concert at the Museum of Jewish Heritage is funky with a Jewish twist and perfect for all ages — from babies to bubbes. Highlights of *Chanukah Fever* include “Latke Man,” “The Legend of Sour Cream vs. Applesauce,” “Dear Hanukah Harry,” and “La Vida Dreidel.”

This concert is co-sponsored by the JCP.

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### **About Joshua Nelson**

Joshua Nelson has been performing at the Museum on December 25 for the past four years to sold-out audiences. Melding Hebrew tunes with African soul tradition, Nelson celebrates the spirit, tradition, and diversity of Jewish culture. His unique style and compelling voice have been proclaimed “the next big thing in music” by Oprah Winfrey. An African-American Jew known as the Prince of Gospel Music, Joshua has been praised by critics across the world for his unique voice, which bears a strong resemblance to the legendary singer Mahalia Jackson’s passionate vocal stylings. He has performed in concert halls, synagogues, churches, both solo and with such musical luminaries as Wynton Marsalis, Billy Preston, Aretha Franklin, and Stephanie Mills; Gospel greats Albertina Walker, the Barret Sisters, and Hezekiah Walker; and late jazz greats Cab Calloway and Dizzy Gillespie, among others. Joshua performed for the first time at the Museum of Jewish Heritage with the Klezmatics in 2004. The concert, titled, *Freedom Songs for Passover*, was the beginning of collaborative works of the two groups which would ultimately lead to a concert tour in Germany, and creation of the live album, *Brother Moses Smote the Water*. He was the subject of the 2000 documentary *Keep on Walking*.

The 11 a.m. show is co-sponsored by the JCP.

### **About the JCP**

Founded in 2001, the Jewish Community Project (JCP) is an open and organic Jewish community that enables individuals and families to become a creative force in the life of the organization, to explore their Jewish identity, and to connect to others through educational, cultural, social, and artistic programs. JCP’s mission is to meet the growing needs of the Jewish community in Lower Manhattan and to build collaborative partnerships among like-minded downtown organizations in order to maximize communal resources. JCP’s ultimate goal is to create a healthy and evolving community in which members have a strong sense of personal ownership, community connections, and Jewish identity.

### **About the Museum**

The Museum’s three-floor Core Exhibition educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the rich tapestry of Jewish life over the past century—before, during, and after the Holocaust. Special exhibitions include *Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges*, on view through January 4 and *The Morgenthau: A Legacy of Service*, opening November 16. *Keeping History Center*, a new, interactive visitor experience, opens on November 6. The Museum offers visitors a vibrant public program schedule in its Edmond J. Safra Hall. It is also home to Andy Goldsworthy’s memorial *Garden of Stones*. The Museum receives general operating support from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

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