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JUDAIC ART. "A Journey through Time: Works of the American Guild of Judaic Art"

is on view at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta's Katz Family Mainstreet Gallery, 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, through May 10. This international juried exhibition features the works of 28 artists and includes paintings, weavings, quilts, sculpture, jewelry, and photography.

"Jewish art is a true journey through time," says Shoshannah Brombacher, Ph.D., a New York painter and president of the American

Guild of Judaic Art. "Jews have lived in nearly every country since our exile from Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. What binds us together? Our common religion and customs, and our history, often difficult. Although we assimilate to some degree to our surrounding cultures, we know where we come from, even if we sometimes are unsure where we are going. But looking back, we see how far we came already."

Participating artists include Frann S. Addison; Avrum Ashery; Robin Atlas; Rachel Braun; Shoshannah Brombacher, Ph.D.; Nancy Current; Barbara Ladin Fisher; Lois Gaylord; Darius Gilmont; Aimee Golant; Berta Goldgaber; Harriet R. Goren; Lynette Joel; Ronni Jolles; Miriam Karp; Craig Kaviar; Diane Kowalski; Naomi Lipsky; Gabrielle Mizrachi-Mallin; Cathy Perlmutter; Deborah Raichman; Flora Rosefsky; Shoshanna Rosenthal; Mildred Schiff; Karen Schloss; Renee Vichinsky; Jeane Vogel; and Laurie Wohl.

On Wednesday, March 21, 7:45 p.m., acclaimed fiber artist Laurie Wohl will give a presentation titled "Textiles and Visual Midrash." "I will consider the use of textiles as carriers of narratives, especially of Biblical/spiritual texts," says Wohl, whose work in the show, *Ne'ilah*, is composed of two large textile panels, featuring calligraphed prayers and strong contrast between solid and unwoven threads. "The panels reference the Gates of Closing in the *Ne'ilah* service on Yom Kippur. The unwoven veil-like portions suggest the mysteries — of God's presence, God's absence. The text refers to the urgent words

of the prayer for the opening of the gates of t'shuvah (change), light, blessing, and closing."

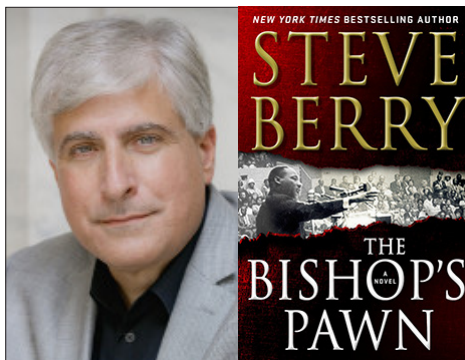
Wohl is internationally known for her unique Unweavings®, liturgical projects, and interfaith message. Her works, recognized by the AIA Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture, and by the Surface Design Association, are held in the collections of the Museum of Arts and Design, American Bible Society, Constitutional Court of South Africa, Catholic Theological Union, and numerous other public and private

collections. Her works have been on long-term loan to the United States Embassies in Beirut, Vienna, Tunis, Cape Town, and Pretoria.

Many of the artists included in this exhibition will be present at the March 21 event. For information, call Kim Goodfriend at 678-812-4071, or visit www.atlantajcc.org.

A PAGE FROM THE BOOK FESTIVAL. On March 25, 7:00 p.m., *New York Times* bestselling author Steve Berry, will appear at a Page from the Book Festival of the MJCCA, an MJCCA Arts & Culture event, at which he will present his newest thriller, *The Bishop's Pawn*. Steve will be in conversation with CNN Editorial Producer Nadia Bilchik.

In *The Bishop's Pawn*, Steve Berry delivers a riveting adventure involving his recurring hero, former Justice Department operative Cotton Malone. This novel examines the dawn of Malone's career as a Navy lawyer with the Judge Advocate



Steve Berry (photo: Rana Faure)

General's office, and turns upside down what we think we know about the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Using Berry's trademark style of meticulously researched history with an unexpected twist, *The Bishop's Pawn* sends Malone down dark roads and up blind alleys, all leading to a cadre of startling revelations (many of which are true) about this country, the FBI, Dr. King's death, and the machinations of unrestrained power. Books will be available for purchase from the festival's official bookseller, A Cappella Books.

History lies at the heart of every Steve Berry novel. It's a passion he shares with his wife, Elizabeth, which led them to create History Matters, a foundation dedicated to historic preservation. Since 2009, they have crossed the country to save endangered historic treasures, having raised nearly a million dollars to date.

Steve Berry was born and raised in Georgia, graduating from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University. He was a trial lawyer for 30 years and held elective office for 14 of those years.

The event will take place at the MJCCA. Tickets are \$10/members and \$15/community. For information or to purchase tickets, visit atlantajcc.org/bookfestival, or call the MJCCA box office at 678-812-4005.

HARRIS JACOBS DREAM RUN. The 25th Annual Harris Jacobs Dream Run (HJDR) is Sunday, May 6, at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta (MJCCA). Proceeds from the 2018 HJDR support the Blonder Family Department for Special Needs, a unique and welcoming home where individuals of all backgrounds and abilities can socialize, learn, grow, and deepen their connections to one another and the community.

The HJDR was created 25 years ago to serve the community with a fun, active, and family-friendly event that honors the memory of Harris Jacobs — a past president of the MJCCA and a beloved member of the Atlanta Jewish community.

This is no ordinary race for 86-year-old Kitty Jacobs. "I was married to a super hero," said Kitty. "Harris gave so much to

the Atlanta community, as well as to every Jewish organization, and he made it very easy for me to lend my hand wherever it was needed. But, because of health reasons, I haven't been very active in the community in the past few years."

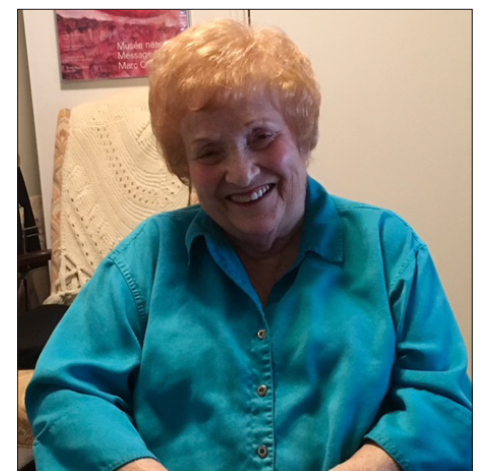
The 5K Road Race begins at 8:00 a.m., at MJCCA's Zaban Park campus, 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, 30338, and follows a certified, family-friendly course through Dunwoody neighborhoods.

The HJDR course is certified as a 2019 Peachtree Road Race qualifier, allowing runners to use their times to qualify for a start wave in the Peachtree Road Race. Each participant will be chip-timed at the start and finish lines. Participants will receive a high-performance t-shirt.

Post-race activities include inflatables, face painting, massages, and the Atlanta Hawks Flight Crew.

"I encourage runners and walkers of all experience levels to come out and enjoy the Harris Jacobs Dream Run," said Kitty Jacobs. "It is certainly a tribute to my Harris, but also a way for friends and family members to come together and race or walk through beautiful neighborhoods, ending up at our MJCCA."

Race fees by April 20 are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. To register, please visit atlantajcc.org/HJDR, or contact Pam Morton at 678-812-3981 or pam.morton@atlantajcc.org.



Kitty Jacobs



Harris Jacobs Dream Run (Photo courtesy of MJCCA)