# **Community Events**

### Reel and Meal Views Film on the Holocaust



Jonathan Brent, eminent Holocaust historian, will present following the film.

On Monday, June 15, Reel and Meal presents via Zoom the documentary Who Will Write Our History. The film is a reenactment of events in the Warsaw Ghetto between 1939-40 after the Nazis invaded Poland, the Warsaw Ghetto's tragic destruction in 1944-45, and the ruins that remained when the Russians liberated Warsaw. Community leaders collected eyewitness accounts as these events occurred and buried them (stored in milk containers and metal boxes), hoping that the archive would survive the war even if they did not. It took years to recover the archive of 30,000 pages, which now forms an important source of information about the Holocaust.

Eminent scholar and researcher Jonathan Brent, executive director and CEO of The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, will be present following the film. YIVO is the world's premier academic institute devoted to teaching and the study of East European Jewish history, language and culture. It has the most comprehensive archive of the modern Jewish experience outside of Israel.

Register for the film and discussion on Zoom via this link: tinyurl.com/June15ReelandMeal. Zoom will be accessible at 6:30 p.m. and the film will start at 7 p.m.

### Respond Now To School Survey

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) has released a survey to gather input from families and students about their distance learning experience and ideas for improvement moving forward. Since the outbreak of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 global pandemic, the school system has worked to provide educational and support services for students and families.

The survey, which closes Friday, June 12, is available in English, Spanish and French. Parents may access the survey on the school system's distance learning webpage or directly at

### Save Energy, Money With John Lippert

During these perilous, uncertain times, money is short for a lot of people. Staying at home often means higher electric and water bills. Saving energy not only lowers energy bills, it lowers greenhouse gas emissions. That's good for both wallets and the planet.

On Sunday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m., join in the second Zoom presentation celebrating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. This interactive one-hour presentation by John Lippert (with time afterwards for Q&A), sponsored jointly by the Green Teams of the Greenbelt Community Church and the City of Greenbelt, will cover both simple actions everyone can take to lower their energy bills and tips to help make participants informed consumers.

Lippert is the chair of the Greenbelt Green Team and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES). He retired after working in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

RSVP to gccjane@aol.com by Saturday, June 13 to receive the Zoom link. To avoid interruption by Zoom bombers, you must provide your username as it will appear in Zoom.

## Flick of the Week Film Discussion

The Old Greenbelt Theatre hosts film discussions via Zoom every Sunday at 2 p.m. On Sunday, June 14, the film will be Hairspray (1988, 92 minutes, PG, CC), selected by OGT volunteer Tammy Hurley. Siobhan Hagan of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Moving Image Archive will also share special archival footage from Baltimore. To view the film ahead of the discussion, find links to the film online at greenbeltheatre.org/film/flick-of-the-week/.

Go to greenbelttheatre.org/film/flick-of-the-week/ to register for the film discussion to receive information on how to access the Zoom call. Those without internet access can participate in the film discussion via phone. Call Kelly at 301-329-2034 to request access information.

#### About Hairspray (1988)

When Tracy Turnblad (Ricki Lake), an overweight teen, auditions for a spot on a popular teen dance show, she beats out the spiteful Amber von Tussle, winning over Amber's boyfriend in the process. After meeting some black students at her school, Tracy begins to push for more racial integration on the dance show. This gets her into trouble on many sides, especially with Amber's pushy parents.

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## Discussion to Fight Racism

Greenbelt Community Church (GCC) invites the community for an educational event and discussion on fighting racism on Friday, June 19 at 7 p.m. GCC is partnering with the organization Coming To The Table to raise awareness and work together to fight racism. Jane Carrigan (comingtothetable.org/about-us/) is the distinguished guest speaker. RSVP to kenlittlefield1@aol.com for Zoom meeting information.

June 19 is also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day and Celib-beration. It is the anniversary of the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation to the people of Texas by General George Granger, officially ending slavery in the last state of the U.S.

## Baseball and Reading At the Virtual Library

The 2019 World Series Champion Washington Nationals and Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) are proud to provide creative ways for Prince Georgians to stay connected with baseball and reading this summer. The Nationals and PGCMLS are partnering to present Imagine Your Story, a virtual Summer @ Your Library (S@YL) program in English and Spanish for all ages that runs through August 21. Imagine Your Story is the first online-only summer reading and engagement program in the history of the PGCMLS, ensuring that all Prince Georgians can safely engage with the library and the beloved hometown baseball team as the community recovers from the public health

The Washington Nationals are generously making a wide range of online content available for Prince Georgians through S@YL with the PGCMLS, including storytimes with the World Series Champs, reading activities in English and Spanish and reading recommendations for kids through adults.

#### Tea Time on Zoom

The Greenbelt Community Tea continues to meet weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. for a purely social time, to help counteract cabin fever and to get to know your neighbors. Participants talk about anything and everything. Make a cup of tea and hop onto Zoom.

Find the group on Facebook at facebook.com/pg/greenbelttimebank/events. The Facebook event includes the link to the Zoom call. Those not on Facebook can email greenbelt. timebank@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

The Community Tea is not a Greenbelt Time Bank event, but they are offering their resources to make this successful.

## Roosevelt Center Vigil



The drum circle group plays at the vigil in Roosevelt Center on Saturday evening.



From left, Jean Turkiewicz, Rachel Turkiewicz Alexander and Diana Turkiewicz light candles.



Participants line up along Crescent Road with their candles.

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