

**News Release****Date:** March 30, 2015**Release:** Immediate**Contact:** Adam Hertzman**E-mail:** ahertzman@jfedpgh.org**Direct Dial:** 412.992.5225**To:** **Jewish Chronicle****PRODUCER NANCY SPIELBERG TAKES THE SPOTLIGHT AT
JEWISH FEDERATION WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY SPRING EVENT**

Remarks by Nancy Spielberg, Hollywood producer and sister of famed director Steven Spielberg, will highlight this year's Women's Philanthropy Spring Event. The event will feature an exclusive screening and discussion of Spielberg's documentary film, "Above and Beyond," and is presented by the Women's Philanthropy Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh in appreciation of women's philanthropic giving. Women's Philanthropy invites women who have donated at least \$1,000 to the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh's 2015 Annual Campaign, or young women (age 45 and under) who make a minimum commitment of \$365, to attend. The event will be held Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m. at the Manor Theatre in Squirrel Hill (1729 Murray Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217). Couvert is \$10 per person.

In addition to Ms. Spielberg's remarks, the evening will feature the presentation of the Natalie Novick Woman of Philanthropy Award to Marlene Silverman. All attendees are encouraged to bring toiletry items that the Women's Philanthropy Division will use to create Mother's Day gifts for the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry. Desserts and wine will be served, and dietary laws will be observed.

By making a financial contribution to the Annual Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, each attendee makes an impact of her own. The Annual Campaign provides essential, unrestricted dollars to 10 beneficiary agencies that fight poverty and support families in Pittsburgh and around the world. Many of these programs, such as the Jewish Community Center, benefit Jewish and non-Jewish Pittsburgh.

Sponsors of the 2015 Women's Spring Event are Dr. Keith Somers and Mrs. Deborah Moss, LunaMetrics and PNC Bank. The event is co-chaired by Debbi Breslof, Laura Dinkin, Judy Ehrenwerth and Stacey Seewald. Row Captains are Shoshi Butler, Kristin Friedman, Sara Guttman, Linda Hurwitz, Wendy Kaplan, Sheri Letwin, Wendy Mars and Robbin Steif. Women's Philanthropy is led by Linda Joshowitz (Chair) and Ellen Teri Kaplan Goldstein (Co-Chair).

The movie will be screened through a partnership between Women's Philanthropy and the JFilm Festival, which highlights independent films from around the world. This year's festival is April 16–26 and will feature the Pittsburgh premieres of dramas,

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comedies and biopics, including films about Theodore Bikel and Isaac Bashevis Singer. Tickets can be purchased at **www.JFilmPgh.org** or by calling **412.992.5203**, Monday–Friday, 11a.m.–1p.m.

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Spielberg's film "Above and Beyond" is a documentary telling the story of a group of Jewish American pilots who fought in Israel's war for independence just three years after returning home from World War II. In secret, and at great personal risk, they smuggled planes out of the United States, trained behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia and flew for Israel, playing an incisive role in Israel's victory. As members of Machal — "volunteers from abroad" — this ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the war, they also embarked on personal journeys of discovery and renewed Jewish pride. "Above and Beyond" is their story.

In addition to producing "Above and Beyond," Spielberg was an executive producer of the 2011 documentary "Elusive Justice: The Search for Nazi War Criminals," which is narrated by Candice Bergen, and producer of "Mimi and Donna" (2014), a documentary about aging caregivers of people with intellectual disabilities.

To attend Women's Spring Event 2015, register online at **www.jfedpgh.org/WSE2015** or contact Stacy Skiavo at **sskiavo@jfedpgh.org** or **412.992.5223**. Kosher dietary laws will be observed.

The Women's Philanthropy Division of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh is an avenue for women's philanthropic engagement in the Pittsburgh area, providing leadership development, national and international travel opportunities and ways to connect with Jewish Pittsburgh: fun social events, meaningful volunteer service and stimulating educational programs.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, a member agency of The Jewish Federations of North America, raises and allocates funds to build community locally, in Israel and around the world. With the vision of a thriving, vibrant and engaged Jewish community, the Federation aims to carry out its work in the context of cooperation and inclusiveness. For more information about the Federation and its Women's Philanthropy Division, visit **www.jfedpgh.org**.

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