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DEBBIE FRIEDMAN TRIBUTE TO BE HELD JANUARY 29 AT
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

“A Woman Touched with Spirit: A Tribute to Debbie Friedman,” a program celebrating the life and music of the legendary American Jewish composer, singer, and recording artist who died earlier this month, will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m., at the National Museum of American Jewish History. The free program, sponsored by the Museum and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, will feature a number of cantors and musicians from Greater Philadelphia singing her songs with the audience, sharing memories, and paying tribute to the musician and songwriter who died Jan. 9 at age 59.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is located at 101 South Independence Mall East (Fifth and Market streets), in the heart of historic Philadelphia,

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Over the course of her career, Friedman released more than 20 albums and performed in sold-out concerts at Carnegie Hall and in hundreds of cities around the world. She is credited with creating a whole new genre of contemporary, accessible Jewish music. From the beginning of her career, she took Jewish prayers and teachings and set them to contemporary music. Because of her own powerful commitment, her belief in the expression of traditional Jewish values and her remarkable songwriting abilities, her music is beloved by people of all ages and religions.

“We felt it was important for the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community to come together and remember Debbie and to express our admiration for everything she did in her lifetime. I trust that on the 29th we will bring comfort to one another just as Debbie Friedman brought immeasurable comfort to so many through her work,” said Howard K. Glantz, cantor at Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park and the organizer of the tribute.

The tribute program begins at 7:30 p.m. and attendees will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will be a required security screening and those attending are urged to arrive no later than 6:30 p.m.

For more information about the program, contact Cantor Glantz at 215-635-6611.

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The National Museum of American Jewish History tells the story of American Jews from their arrival in North America more than 350 years ago to the present – exhibiting and interpreting the American Jewish experience in a 100,000-square-foot, five-story building on Independence Mall. It is the only museum in the nation dedicated solely to telling the story of Jews in America.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia is a collaborative of donors and recipients-volunteers and professionals – a central place for Jews to both provide and receive help. Its mission is to mobilize financial and volunteer resources to address the community's most critical priorities in Philadelphia, Israel and overseas.