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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY TO CELEBRATE
TRAILBLAZERS OF EDUCATIONAL PHILANTHROPY
AT ONLY IN AMERICA GALA
Gala to take place June 1 at New York's Gotham Hall

The National Museum of American Jewish History is pleased to announce the induction of **Julius Rosenwald** into the *Only in America* Gallery/Hall of Fame at its New York gala on **June 1, 2016**, to be held at **Gotham Hall, 1356 Broadway, NY, NY**.

Additionally, the gala will honor extraordinary individuals past and present who have contributed to the advancement of



Julius Rosenwald with students from a Rosenwald school.
Courtesy Fisk University, John Hope and Aurelia F. Franklin Library, Special Collections

education in America and celebrate the ongoing work of the National Museum of American Jewish History.

2016 INDUCTEE

Julius Rosenwald was not only the President and Chairman of Sears, Roebuck and Co and a great entrepreneur, but also one of the most transformative philanthropists in American history. Through his Rosenwald Fund, he provided seed money to build more than 5,000 schools for African American communities. By 1932, the Rosenwald Schools were educating one third of all African-American children in the American South. His “give while you live” slogan pushed Americans to think differently about their philanthropy, and motivated donors to give not only their money, but their time and expertise to causes that were important to them.

To celebrate Julius Rosenwald’s legacy, the Museum will be honoring a small group of leading philanthropists who are working today to level the educational playing field.

2016 HONOREES

Sherry Lansing

Sherry Lansing is the former CEO of Paramount Pictures, and became President of 20th Century Fox in 1980. Although best known as a successful studio executive, Lansing also spent four years teaching high school English and math at public schools throughout the Los Angeles area. In 2005, she created The Sherry Lansing Foundation, which funds PrimeTime Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), and EnCorps Teachers Program, which focuses on recruiting retiring STEM (science, technology, education, math) professionals and trains them to be teachers.



Sherry Lansing

Joseph Neubauer

Joe Neubauer was Chairman of the Board of ARAMARK Corporation from April 1984 until February 2015. He is Chairman of the University of Chicago's Board of Trustees and also Chairman of the Barnes Foundation's Board. In 2015, the Neubauer Family Foundation launched the Neubauer Fellowship in Educational Leadership, which provides selected principals with a year-long program to hone their skills and become entrepreneurial leaders who leverage staff talents and cultivate other partners to increase student achievement.



Joseph Neubauer

Daniel Rose

Daniel Rose is Chairman of Rose Associates, Inc. Rose founded the highly-acclaimed Harlem Educational Activities Fund (HEAF), whose inner-city students are flowing into the nation's leading colleges and universities and whose junior high school chess teams have ranked first in the nation. HEAF changes the lives of underserved young people beginning in middle school and continuing in college and beyond through a youth development approach that includes rigorous year-round academic enrichment, social and cultural exposure, and constant individual attention.



Daniel Rose

George Weiss

George Weiss is the President of George Weiss Associates, Inc. and CEO of Weiss Multi-Strategy Advisers, LLC. Mr. Weiss serves as chairman of Say Yes To Education, Inc., which is committed to opening access to post-secondary education for high poverty youth. He created the Say Yes to Education foundation in 1987 with a promise to pay the full costs of college or vocational training for 112 students at the



George Weiss

Belmont Elementary School in Philadelphia. Since then, the Say Yes program has grown to include 65,000 students in five cities.

***The Only in America* Gala will take place on Wednesday, June 1 at Gotham Hall located on the corner of 36th Street and Broadway, New York City. The dinner and program will begin at 6:30 PM.**

If you are a member of the press and are interested in covering the event, please contact Ilana Blumenthal at iblumenthal@nmajh.org.

The event includes a cocktail reception and seated dinner.

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The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the 350-year history of Jews in America. Tracing the stories of how Jewish immigrants became Jewish Americans, the Museum invites visitors of all backgrounds to share their own stories and reflect on how their histories and identities shape and are shaped by the American experience. An open door for all, NMAJH honors the past and contributes to a better future by sharing the power of imagination and ideas, culture and community, leadership and service, in ways that turn inspiration into action.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is located at 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Museum hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. NMAJH is closed most Mondays, including federal holidays and some Jewish holidays. Museum admission is \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID. **From Memorial through Labor Days, the Museum stays open until 8:00pm on Wednesday evenings. Admission after 5:00 is pay-what-you-wish.** For more information, visit NMAJH.org or call 215.923.3811.