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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY'S *ONLY IN AMERICA* GALA  
HONORING RON RUBIN ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 500 GUESTS ON TUESDAY, DEC. 13**

**Over \$1.3 Million Raised to Benefit the Museum**



(L to R) Gala honoree Ron Rubin and his wife Marcia, décor, and Andrea Bocelli performing at *Only in America* Gala 2016.  
Photos by Susan Beard.

**HOST:** The **National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH)**, a Smithsonian affiliate museum bringing to life the more than 360-year history of Jewish life in America.

**EVENT:** One of the premier social and philanthropic events on the Philadelphia calendar, the Museum's annual ***Only in America* Gala** was held on Tuesday evening, December 13, 5:30 pm at The Hyatt at The Bellevue in Philadelphia. The event raised over \$1.3 million to support the Museum's educational programs and experiences that preserve, explore, and celebrate American history through a Jewish lens.

**HONOREE:** Prominent Philadelphia real-estate developer and philanthropist **Ron Rubin** was honored at the gala, celebrating his commitment to the Museum and his lifetime of service to the business, cultural, and philanthropic communities. Former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell spoke about Rubin, sharing, “Thank you for being a true civic leader in every sense of the word.” Gala co-chair Steve Cozen remarked, “His generosity, his leadership of Jewish causes, and his community deeds are well-known and legendary.”

**PERFORMANCE:** One of the most beloved tenors of all time, **Andrea Bocelli**, performed.

**NOTABLE GUESTS:** Each year, the *Only in America* Gala draws major figures from the cultural, philanthropic, and Jewish communities in Philadelphia and beyond. The following select guests were in attendance (\* denotes Host Committee Member):

Madlyn and Leonard Abramson\*

Lynne and Leonard Barrack\*

Harold Berger\*

Jerry Blavat

Amy and Marc Brownstein\*

Joyce and Claude de Botton\*

Gennifer and Elijah Dornstreich\*

Gwen Goodman\*

Judy and Marvin Garfinkel\*

Richard Green\*

Wendy and Joshua Klein\*

Bethany Nikitenko\*

Pearl and Albert Nipon\*

Honorable Ed Rendell\*

Sherri and Michael Ross\*

Mimi and Allan Schneirov\*

Jennifer Toll Schulman and Brett Schulman\*

Constance Smukler\*

Garrett Snider\*

Lindy Snider and Larry Kaiser\*

Tracey and Shanin Specter\*

**DÉCOR & CATERING:** The evening’s décor by Penncora and catering by Leslie Rosen Catering was reminiscent of Italy’s Amalfi Coast.

**SPONSORS:** Please visit [NMAJH.org/gala](http://NMAJH.org/gala) to view a complete list of event sponsors.

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About the National Museum of American Jewish History

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the more than 360-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. For the run of *Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution*, September 16, 2016 – January 16, 2017, the Museum will stay open until 8 pm on Wednesday evenings. (Please note the Museum will be closed on select Wednesday evenings.) Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Pinterest](#). For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](http://NMAJH.org) or call 215.923.3811.