Celebrating 50 years of Women in the Rabbinate

Twenty-four pioneering rabbis’ lives and achievements are illuminated in the works of twenty-four leading contemporary Jewish women artists in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rabbi Sally J. Priesand as the first woman rabbi in North America.

Presented in partnership with The Braid and the HUC Dr. Bernard Heller Museum.

May 19 – Sep 4 2022

Holy Sparks

Sally Priesand Paves the Way

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The exhibition will feature never-before seen documents relating to Sally J. Priesand’s journey to becoming the first woman rabbi ordained in North America. Visitors will also be able to view unique memorabilia and personal artifacts recently donated by Rabbi Priesand which are now preserved in the collection of the American Jewish Archives.

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The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Joint Opening of the Exhibitions

Thursday May 19, 2022, 4:00–7:30 PM

4:30-5:30 PM  Mayerson Hall
Lite bites, viewing of the exhibition. Welcome by Rabbi Jonathan L. Hecht and Introduction of special guests.

5:45-7:30 PM  The Marcus Center
Introduction and remarks by Dr. Gary P. Zola. Keynote by Sally Priesand, the first woman ordained a rabbi in North America (Electronic Classroom), followed by exhibition opening in the Marcus Center lobby. Refreshments served.

Skirball hours:
Tuesday and Thursday 11 AM–4 PM, Sunday 1–4 PM
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Marcus Center Hours:
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