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Subject: Oct. 28-29: Athenaeum Symposia Speaker Series & Annual Bella Mischkinisky Lecture Featuring Aviva Kempner
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Good afternoon, MC community,

Please join us for the “Athenaeum Symposia Speaker Series on Social Justice: Community Wellness” virtual film screening of ***A Pocketful of Miracles: A Tale of Two Siblings*** on Monday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. followed by ***Digging up the Family's Past: A Road to Reconciliation***, an in-person lecture by filmmaker Aviva Kempner on Tuesday, Oct. 29, Germantown Campus, Globe Hall, from 12:30-2 p.m. Learn more about the College’s Athenaeum Symposia Speaker Series [here](#).

Registration is required for the Oct. 28 film screening, which will be held virtually via Zoom:
https://montgomerycollege.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HFXFqZ3S2SYCYtGYE_cDA#/registration

Aviva Kempner is a Washington, D.C.-based filmmaker, creates successful and critically acclaimed documentaries about under-known Jewish heroes and social justice. In 2019, she premiered her fifth commercially-released film, *The Spy Behind Home Plate*. Her other films include *Rosenwald*, a documentary about how Chicago businessman and philanthropist Julius Rosenwald partnered with Booker T. Washington in establishing over 5,000 schools for African Americans in the Jim Crow South; *Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg*, about Gertrude Berg, who created the first television sitcom; and the Emmy-nominated and Peabody-awarded *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg*, about the Hall of Famer who faced anti-Semitism during the '30s.



Both *Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg* and *Hank Greenberg* grossed over a million dollars at the box office and are highly ranked, along with *Rosenwald*, on Rotten Tomatoes. She also produced the award-winning documentary *Partisans of Vilna*, about Jews fighting the Nazis. Her most recent film, *Imagining the Indian: The Fight Against Native American Mascoting*, will be available on Apple iTunes and Amazon Prime on February 6, 2024. She is presently completing a documentary on screenwriter and political activist Ben Hecht in 2024. Kempner is also making *Pissed Off*, a documentary short exploring the struggles faced by female lawmakers in Congress who advocated for “potty parity” in the United States Capitol.