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YEAR IN REVIEW: FOUR MUST-SEE MOVIES

Dear friends,

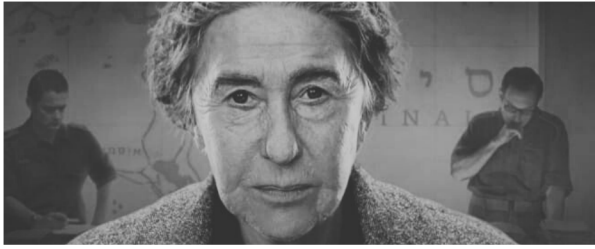
It has been a dynamic year filled with several exciting projects and experiences that I'm eager to share.

Last November, several of my cousins and I attended the European Cantors Convention in Budapest. Inspired by my family's roots in Hungary, I took the opportunity to document our extensive family history.

Throughout the past year, I noticed a need for more representation of Jewish Canadians and the concerns of the Jewish community on CBC's public airwaves. I contacted Tara Mora, the program director, who gave valuable insights and suggested avenues for me to pursue. I am committed to addressing this issue in the coming year.

In August, I went on a week-long trip to Poland, where I explored Jewish Polish heritage sites and witnessed the devastating remnants of Nazi destruction. I am eager to share my experiences and reflections from this journey with all of you.

Back home in Montreal, I had the opportunity to immerse myself in four captivating summer films, three of which fall into the blockbuster category. At the same time, one undoubtedly stands out for its potential to become a classic.



'[Golda: A Reckoning](#)' offers a poignant reflection on themes of repentance, forgiveness, and Jewish resilience in the face of historical adversity, inviting us to explore questions of identity and tradition.



'[Barbie: Who is she?](#)' draws intriguing parallels with the Jewish tradition of Yom Kippur, weaving together the characters' journeys with the introspective rituals of the holiday.



'[Shtetl](#)' provides a vivid depiction of how the Holocaust affected Jewish communities in Ukraine, placing this sombre chapter of history within a broader context.



'[Oppenheimer: What is his story?](#)' explores the intricacies of Oppenheimer's character, providing insight that resonates with modern-day politics and human limitations.

As we enter the High Holiday Season, I extend to you the traditional Hebrew seasonal greeting:

Shana tova vemetooka. May we all be blessed with a good and sweet year and a gmar tov, and may all our hopes and dreams be fulfilled in the coming year.

Abigail