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## **NOTORIOUS RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg June 9 – November 30, 2023**

*Final stop of the museum retrospective of the  
Supreme Court Justice–turned–cultural icon, based upon the Internet phenomenon  
and bestselling book*

Washington, DC – *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, the first-ever exhibition about the late trailblazing associate justice, will run from **June 9 – November 30, 2023** at the new **Capital Jewish Museum** at the corner of **3rd and F Streets NW** in downtown Washington DC, as part of its grand opening. This traveling show originated at the Skirball Cultural Center in LA and the Capital Jewish Museum is proud to be the exhibition’s final stop of its national tour.

Based on the *New York Times* bestselling book of the same name and created in partnership with its authors, Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik, the exhibition takes a deeply personal journey through historic change with an entertaining yet rigorous look at the life and work of Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG) and the Supreme Court, on which she so famously served. It will also examine her varied roles as a student, life partner, mother, change-making lawyer, judge, women’s rights pioneer, and pop culture icon.

“The PNC team is thrilled to be the presenting sponsor for the final stop of the *Notorious RBG* exhibition in D.C. and to join with the community in celebrating the life and work of Ruth Bader Ginsburg,” says D. Jermaine Johnson, PNC regional president for Greater Washington. “The interactive experience sheds light on Justice Ginsburg’s commitment to equality and justice for all, but also portrays in stark relief her judicial prowess and savvy. Her life and story are a worthy example to us all on how to live an exemplary life dedicated to service.”

Through archival photographs and documents, historical artifacts, contemporary art, media stations, and gallery interactives, the exhibition will explore the American legal system and civil rights movements through the lens of RBG’s personal experiences and public service. Like the book, it will tell the parallel stories of her remarkable life and the efforts she joined to expand “We the People” to include those long left out of the Constitution’s promises.

“Justice Ginsburg never gave up on doing the work of equality and justice, work that is needed now more than ever,” remarked Irin Carmon, a *Washington Post* contributing writer and co-author of the *Notorious RBG* book, which has sold more than 275,000 copies since its October 2015 publication. “We’re so thrilled that the exhibition will bring to life a genuinely inspirational story, while making it clear how we all have an urgent stake in the work and future of the court.”

Co-author Shana Knizhnik – who founded the popular Tumblr that made RBG an Internet sensation – explained, “I created the Notorious RBG blog as a law student in 2013, in response to Justice Ginsburg’s forceful dissent to the Supreme Court’s 5-4 decision to strike down part of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. I hoped to pay tribute to the Justice and her remarkable story, which has only become more inspirational. I am pleased that this exhibition will illuminate, in its own way, the life and work of such a vital figure in American history.”

In keeping with Carmon and Knizhnik’s book, the exhibition will touch on the playful connection between Justice Ginsburg and the Notorious B.I.G.—both of whom were born and bred in Brooklyn, New York, as RBG herself has proudly pointed out. The title of each section riffs off a lyric by the late hip-hop artist:

- Introduction: “NOTORIOUS”
- Early Life and Education: “I GOT A STORY TO TELL”
- RBG as Activist: “STEREOTYPES OF A LADY MISUNDERSTOOD”
- Judge Ginsburg: “DON’T LET ‘EM HOLD YOU DOWN, REACH FOR THE STARS”
- Ruth and Marty: “REAL LOVE”
- Justice Ginsburg: “MY TEAM SUPREME”

Three-dimensional environments will bring key moments to life, such as recreations of Justice Ginsburg’s childhood Brooklyn apartment and of the Supreme Court bench, where visitors can take a seat and imagine making their own opinions heard. Visitors will also gain insight into RBG’s marriage to Martin “Marty” Ginsburg, her partner of more than fifty years, through family snapshots and other materials from their life together, including some of Marty’s favorite recipes as the accomplished amateur chef of the Ginsburg household. Finally, reflecting RBG’s effect on pop culture, *Notorious RBG* will include contemporary art and expression that she has inspired, by such artists as Maira Kalman, Roxana Alger Geffen, and Ari Richter. For its Washington, DC stop, the Capital Jewish Museum has added artifacts that connect to RBG’s Jewish life in the capital, including a special collar commissioned for her by *Moment Magazine*, the mezuzah from the door to her Supreme Court chambers, and artifacts collected from public memorials following her death in 2020.

The exhibition is part of the grand opening of the entire Capital Jewish Museum, the first museum in DC dedicated to the story of Jewish life in the nation’s capital region. Featuring interactive tables, film, historic photographs, and artifacts, the Museum dives deep into history while also creating space for current policy discussion with cutting-edge new technology and exhibition design.

Admission to the Capital Jewish Museum and core exhibitions is always free. The cost for special exhibitions, including *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, and programs varies. Members enjoy free admission to all exhibitions and discounts on programs.

*Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* has been coordinated at the Capital Jewish Museum by Ivy Weingram, of Independent Museum Works, and Ivy Barsky, Executive Director.

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#### **About the Skirball Cultural Center**

The Skirball Cultural Center is a place of meeting guided by the Jewish tradition of welcoming the stranger and inspired by the American democratic ideals of freedom and equality. The Skirball welcomes people of all communities and generations to participate in cultural experiences that celebrate discovery and hope, foster human connections, and calls upon everyone to help build a more just society.

#### **About the Capital Jewish Museum**

The new Capital Jewish Museum—opening to the public on Friday, June 9—explores the Jewish experience in the national capital region and inspires visitors to connect, reflect, and act: connect personally and collectively, reflect on the relevance of the past to today, and act on behalf of their communities and values. With its experimental spirit, the Museum connects the past to the present through thought-provoking exhibitions, dynamic programming, and creative public experiences.

For more information about the Capital Jewish Museum, please visit:

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/>.

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*Notorious RBG* book cover illustration by Adam Johnson. Courtesy of HarperCollins. Photographs: Crown © by Hurst Photo/Shutterstock.



Official portrait of United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Joan Bader Ginsburg. Courtesy of WDC photos/Alamy Stock Photo.



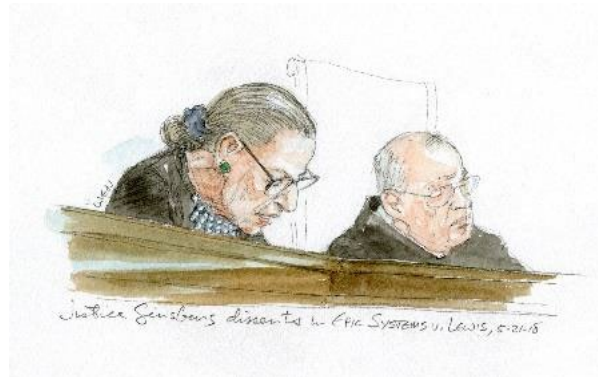
*Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, by Everett Raymond Kinstler, 1996. Oil on canvas. National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution; gift of Everett Raymond Kinstler. © 1996 Everett Raymond Kinstler.



Courtroom sketch of Justice Ginsburg's dissent in *Fisher v. University of Texas*, June 24, 2013. Sketch by Art Lien.



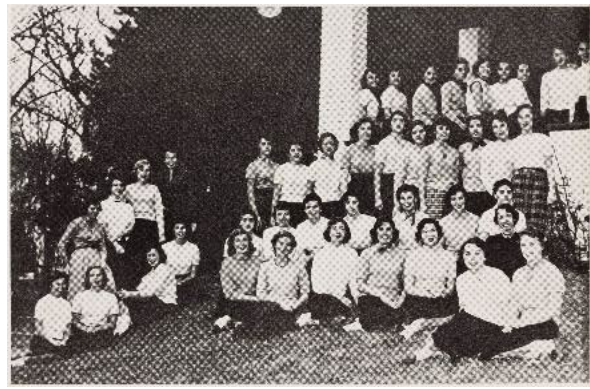
Courtroom sketch of Justice Ginsburg's dissent in *Shelby County v. Holder*, June 25, 2013. Sketch by Art Lien.



Courtroom sketch of Justice Ginsburg's dissent in *Epic Systems Corp. v. Lewis*, May 21, 2018. Sketch by Art Lien.



Ruth Bader as a child, 1935. Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States.



The Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority at Cornell University in 1953, featuring Ruth Bader, class of 1954, pictured third from right standing in front of the porch. Published in *The Cornellian*, 1953. Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library.



RBG and Marty with their daughter, Jane, 1958. Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States



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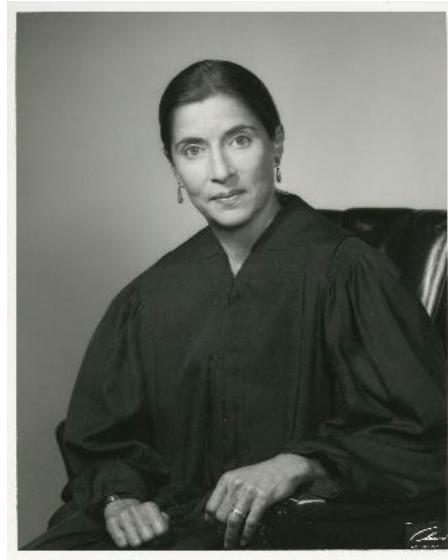
Ruth Bader Ginsburg teaching at Columbia Law School, 1972. Courtesy of Columbia Law School.



Ruth Bader Ginsburg, detail from 1972 Harvard Law School Yearbook. © Harvard Law School Yearbook Association, Courtesy of Harvard Law School Library, Historical and Special Collections.



RBG and Marty taking a break from work, 1972. Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States.



RBG as a federal appeals court judge, 1980. Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States.



RBG and Marty travel to Paris, 1988. Courtesy of Justice Ginsburg's Personal Collection.



Justice Antonin Scalia and RBG riding an elephant, 1994. Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States.



Maira Kalman, *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, 2009. © Maira Kalman. Courtesy Julie Saul Gallery, New York.



Maira Kalman, *Ruth Bader Ginsburg Robe*, 2009. © Maira Kalman. Courtesy Julie Saul Gallery, New York.



Maira Kalman, *Ruth as a Young Girl*, 2009. © Maira Kalman. Courtesy Julie Saul Gallery, New York.



Roxana Alfer Geffen, *Self-Portrait*, 2016. Courtesy of the artist.



Roxana Alfer Geffen, *Dissent Collar #11*, 2016. Courtesy of the artist.



Roxana Alfer Geffen, *Dissent Collar #13*, 2016. Courtesy of the artist.



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***Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg***  
Public & Family Programs  
Summer/Fall 2023

**CJM Community Day**  
**The Life and Legacy of RBG**  
Sunday, June 25 | 11 am – 3 pm  
Free | Registration Required

Join us for a day of discovery and action inspired by the life and legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg — featuring story time, book signings, crafts, and spotlight talks. Explore the exhibitions with a scavenger hunt; make your own graphic novel; get up-close with artifacts from CJM's collection, and much more. This dynamic day has something for everyone! Registration includes access to *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*.

- 11:30 am | **Story Time with Debbie Levy, *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark***
- 12:15 pm | **Make Your Own Graphic Novel Workshop led by Debbie Levy and Erica Perl** – inspired by Levy's graphic novel, *Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice*
- 1:15 pm | **Book Signing with Debbie Levy and Erica Perl**
- 1:30 pm | **Story Time with Nadine Epstein, *RBG's Brave & Brilliant Women: 33 Jewish Women to Inspire Everyone***
- 2:15 pm | **Book Signing with Nadine Epstein**
- 11 am – 3 pm | **Drop-in Crafts**
- 11:00 am – 2:30 pm | **Meet the Collection**
- 11:30 pm, 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm | **Spotlight Talks: Notorious RBG**

**Salon Nights**  
**I Dissent Collar Making**  
Wednesday, July 12 | 5:30 – 8 pm  
\$25 Members | \$30 General

Artist **Roxana Alger Geffen** leads a creative evening of craftivism, conversation, and civic engagement. This Salon Night includes everything you need to make your own RBG-inspired dissent collar. Start the evening with an artist talk with Geffen as she discusses her *Dissent Collars Series* and her work, then join her in *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, where she will highlight two of her collars featured in the exhibit. Next, Geffen will demonstrate the process of creating a dissent collar, then put your learning to work and craft your own! Tickets include all supplies, admission to *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, and 1 drink. Additional refreshments will be available to purchase. *No artistic experience needed. Ages 21+. Space is limited.*

- 5:30 pm | **Artist Talk**
- 5:45 pm | **Spotlight Talk: Notorious RBG**
- 6pm | **Dissent Collar Demonstration**
- 6:15pm | **Make your own Dissent Collar**



## Family Programs

### Story Time at CJM

Thursday, August 10 | 10 – 11 am

Free | Registration Required

Playing is learning! Join us the second Thursday of this month for *Story Time at CJM* inspired by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, presented in partnership with **PJ Library**. Children and their caregivers are invited for stories, songs, and exploratory play as a means of reinforcing early literacy skills. Each month features a different theme and book suited for children of all backgrounds as they learn about themselves and the world around them. *Most appreciated by kids aged 5 and under.*

### CJM Block Party

Sunday, September 10 | 11 am – 5 pm

Free | Registration Required

Ring in the Jewish New Year and the start the fall holidays with our community block party – featuring live music, crafts, holiday activities, social justice workshops, food for purchase, and more.

#### FALL PROGRAM TICKETS

Members' Early Access: July 1

General Access: July 15

### The RBG Workout

Thursday, September 28 | 6:30 – 8 pm

\$20

Plank like RBG! Work out with RBG's personal trainer, **Bryant Johnson**, while being entertained with memories of his time with the late Justice. Following the program Johnson will sign copies of his book, *The RBG Workout: How She Stays Strong . . . and You Can Too! Space is limited. BYO yoga mat.*

### The Post RBG Court: A Panel Conversation

Tuesday, October 3 | 6:30– 8 pm

\$15 Members | \$18 General


In conjunction with *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, join distinguished panelists for a timely discussion about the current state of the Supreme Court. Panelists will discuss cases on the docket and what to expect from the Court in the coming year. Panelists include **Jeffrey Rosen**, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center, **Dahlia Lithwick**, Canadian American lawyer, writer, and journalist, and **Roman Martinez**, the Deputy Office Managing Partner at Latham & Watkins Washington, DC office and a member

of the firm's Supreme Court & Appellate Practice.

### **CJM After Sunset**

#### **The Notorious RBG**

Thursday, October 19 | 6 – 9 pm

\$25 Member | \$30 General | \$36 Chai  Ticket


Discover *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* after hours. Dig deeper into exhibit stories with Spotlight Talks, delve into current social justice issues inspired by RBG's legacy, build action tools in our Community Action Lab, and craft your own dissent notebook, while indulging in nosh and drinks. All museum exhibits and public spaces are open for exploration during this lively and dynamic event.

*Ages 21+. Ticket includes two drinks. Additional drinks available for purchase.*

### **Nights at the Round Table**

#### **A Conversation about Reproductive Rights**

Thursday, November 2 | 6:30 – 9 pm

\$45 General | \$54 Chai  Ticket

Join us for a timely discussion about reproductive rights over a shared meal. Expert panelists will discuss the current crisis, share goals and approaches of local and national groups, and suggest meaningful responses. Facilitated conversations and action steps follow. Panelists include **Sheila Katz**, CEO of National Council of Jewish Women, **Senator Ariana Kelly** who represents District 16 in the Maryland Senate, and moderator **Renee Bracey Sherman**, founder and executive director of We Testify.

### **Program Support**

PNC is the presenting sponsor of the *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* exhibition and related programs at the Capital Jewish Museum. Support for Community Day, Salon Nights, and CJM After Sunset is provided in part by HumanitiesDC.

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