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JCC American Jewish Museum Presents “Hope Gelfand Alcorn: the Art of Joyful Noise”

Through October 30, 2026

Artist Reception: Thursday, September 10, 6–8 pm

**American Jewish Museum at the JCC of Greater Pittsburgh
5738 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217**

PITTSBURGH, PA — The American Jewish Museum at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh presents Hope Gelfand Alcorn: The Art of Joyful Noise, an exhibition of abstract works by Pittsburgh-based artist Hope Gelfand Alcorn, on view September 8 through October 30, 2026. An artist reception, free and open to the public, will take place Thursday, September 10, from 6–8 pm.

For more than three decades, Alcorn has explored color, pattern, movement and material through abstraction. The exhibition brings together a selection from this larger body of work, including paintings on canvas and industrial wool felt and works that combine painting and weaving.

Alcorn calls what she creates “joyful noise.” Color presses against color, patterns overlap and change course, and dense accumulations of marks fill the surface. In her woven works, Alcorn cuts separately painted canvases into strips and interlaces them, transforming the paintings as she brings them together.

“Hope gives us more to see than we can absorb at once,” said Melissa Hiller, director of the American Jewish Museum. “She talks about the ‘raucous sound of color’ and describes joyful noise as a force of stimulation and awakening. Those ideas take on another resonance here during the High Holidays. We move from the awakening call of the shofar and the introspection of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur toward Sukkot, z’man simchateinu, the season of our rejoicing. Hope’s work gives us another way to ask what joy might look like and how we encounter it.”

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