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History Center Program to Explore Early Career of Post-Gazette Columnist Sally Kalson

-The program is presented in partnership with Press Club of Western Pennsylvania, the Women's Press Club of Pittsburgh, the Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and the Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle-

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 27, 2018 – The Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center will host a special program entitled “**Sally Kalson: The Early Years**” on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m.

Before she became a beloved columnist for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Sally Kalson was a young reporter with deep roots, a strong will, a clear voice, and a desire to lead a meaningful life. Known for her insightful and incisive commentary, Kalson died of cancer in 2014 after more than 30 years with the Post-Gazette.

In early 2018, Kalson’s family donated her papers to the History Center’s Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives. The papers, which include photographs, correspondences, notebooks, articles, and more, document her youth and early career.

The program will include remarks by Kalson’s friends and family, a display of archival materials, and a presentation by Eric Lidji, Director of the History Center’s Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives, who will use the materials to tell the story of Kalson’s early career, including a reporting assignment to Nicaragua in 1986.

This program is presented by the History Center’s Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives in partnership with the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania, the Women’s Press Club of Pittsburgh, the Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and the Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle.

Admission to this program is free and open to the public but does not include access to the rest of the museum. Online registration is encouraged at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

The History Center’s **Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives** was founded in 1989 to collect, preserve, and make accessible the documentary history of Jews and Jewish communities of Western Pennsylvania. The program is supported by Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives Endowment Fund of the Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, the Senator John Heinz History Center, and many generous donors.

The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western

Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region's remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.



During “Sally Kalson: The Early Years” on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at the Heinz History Center, the Rauh Jewish Program & Archives will use recently donated archival materials to explore the youth and early career of beloved Pittsburgh Post-Gazette columnist Sally Kalson. (pictured: Sally Kalson, circa 1986)

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