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**Live, at the Lacey library:
Joan Wolfberg portrays Israeli Prime Minister, Golda Meir**

Actress and scholar Joan Wolfberg will portray Golda Meir, Israel's fourth prime minister, at the [Lacey Timberland Library](#) on Saturday, November 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Titled "From Pogrom to Prime Minister," Wolfberg's one-woman play will take the audience from the pogroms of the Empire of Russia to America, to Palestine and finally, Israel. After the performance, Wolfberg will stay in character and answer questions about Meir and her life.



Golda Meir was born in Kiev in 1898, came to the US with her family in 1906, and moved to British Mandate Palestine in 1921. In 1948, David Ben-Gurion appointed her as a member of the Provisional Government of Israel. When Prime Minister Levi Eshkol died suddenly in early 1969, the 71-year-old Meir assumed the post of Premier, becoming the world's third female prime minister. She served until 1974 and died in 1978.

Wolfberg will present Golda Meir the woman, as well as the "Iron Lady" of Israel, portraying Meir's warmth and sense of humor as well as her fierce devotion and commitment to her nation. A Chautauqua scholar and past Humanities Washington speaker, Wolfberg's presentation is based not only on academic research, but also on talking to people who had known Meir. Wolfberg lives in Seattle. Her website is www.joanwolfberg.com.

This event is sponsored by the [Friends of the Lacey Timberland Library](#). The library is located at 500 College Street SE, Lacey. For more information, please contact the library at (360) 491-3860 or go to www.TRL.org.