Dear Friends,

The exhibit of our new media installation at the Contemporary Jewish Museum ends tonight. We're extremely grateful for the response it's received. We made a short video on Youtube to document it and will continue sharing questions at the project website, iphone app, and on twitter (below). Our sincere thanks to everyone involved: the museum, the Creative Work Fund, our families, friends, and all the visitors for asking tough questions in these uncertain times.

In the classic joke a man asks a rabbi: Why do Jews always answer a question with a question? The rabbi answers: Do we?


- Ken and Gil

**ARE WE THERE YET?**
A responsive audio installation by Gil Gershoni and Ken Goldberg
April-July, 2011
The Contemporary Jewish Museum
736 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA

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Reviews and Articles:

CNN by Molly Samuel

"A new exhibit at the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco doesn't just challenge visitors. It questions them...Cameras track each visitor, then a computer uses statistical models to understand who is where, where they've been, and where they're heading."

SF Weekly Art Review by Jonathan Curiel:

"The contemplative walk is rightfully celebrated as a ritual of high importance, and here, at last, is the perfect museum hybrid: an audio-visual exhibition that asks visitors thought-provoking questions...getting the words out in midstroll -- in a skylit room designed by Daniel Libeskind, no less -- is an exceptional blessing."

SF Chronicle by Sarah Adler

"...Everyone who attends is encouraged to submit questions to be added to the ever-evolving exhibit. The project is not about finding answers, but rather about learning how many questions remain undiscovered."

SF Weekly by Stephanie Orma:

"Bay Area artists Ken Goldberg and Gil Gershoni challenge us to slow down, ask questions, and embrace contemplation. For they believe that it's questions - not answers - that help us understand the past and propel us forward in society and in our lives."

SF Chronicle Interview by Nirmala Nataraj:

"...The questions in the new show range from innocuous to involved, tangential to urgent..."

J-Weekly Review by Emily Savage:

"...The walls are white and bare, and the only sensation is crisp, clear sound....the sensation isn't like one you've felt before."

KALW NPR Radio Story by Molly and Seth Samuel
"...The exhibit is designed so every visitor hears a different combination of questions. The room seems to know exactly where I am. It feels like the questions are following me as I walk around."

KQED Arts Review by Carmen Winant

"...it taps into an element of Judaism and Jewishness not often considered in the public sphere....the best exhibitions are always the ones that provoke the most questions."

Mill Valley Herald Review by Ryan White

"...the spirit of inquisitiveness endures longer than the individual questions. Hasn't compelling art always been more preoccupied with the asking of questions than the disclosure of answers?"

Church of England Newspaper Review by Peter Menkin

"....Something about moving through the exhibit reminds me of how personal the acts of asking and learning are. What we learn depends on 'where' we are."

Huffington Post Review
http://huff.to/awty-exhibit

"...Gershoni and Goldberg have ingeniously made the scope as open as possible, anyone with internet access can participate, question, challenge, and create."

Covenant Foundation Review by Glenn Rosenkrantz

"Take the ages-old Jewish impulse to question and challenge. Add 21st century technology. And mix it up a bit with educators’ emerging embrace of new media. The result is potent."

Frame Magazine Review by Lydia Parafianowicz
http://j.mp/awty-frame-magazine

"The space is equipped with motion detectors and custom-made software that senses movement, making the room responsive to each visitor."

DesignBoom Magazine Review
http://j.mp/awty-designboom-magazine

"The worlds of cultural tradition and technology mediation are brought together in Are We There Yet..."

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Project website:
http://are-we-there-yet.org

iphone app (free), turn on speaker...
http://bit.ly/are-we-there-yet

Twitter: @DoYouLoveMe
http://twitter.com/doyouloveme

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