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**National Museum of American Jewish History
Announces Programs for November and December 2011**

NOVEMBER

■ **America As Haven**

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m.

Free, registration required

In conjunction with The Wilma Theater's production of *Our Class, America as Haven* will examine the idea and reality of this country as a place where immigrants can find a new life. In a conversation moderated by noted author and Rutgers University Professor of Jewish Studies Jeffrey Shandler, *Our Class* Director and Wilma Artistic Director Blanka Zizka, who was born in the former Czechoslovakia, will discuss her own experience alongside Bosnian refugee and immigration lawyer, Emina Hadzic, and others with expertise in 20th century immigration. Actor Michael Rubinfeld, from the Wilma's production of the play, will offer further insights into the immigrant experience through dramatic readings of letters from the Museum's collection. Complimentary reception follows the discussion.

Presented with The Wilma Theater

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■ I Danced Because I Wanted To Say Something

Sunday, Nov. 20, 3 p.m.

Members \$5 / Non-members \$10

Inspired by her book, *Seeing Israeli and Jewish Dance*, a remarkable exploration of the diversity of dance in Judaism, choreographer, dancer and scholar Judith Brin Ingber will explore the history of Jewish dance in America through a unique program that features discussions and performances by contributing writers and performers. Ingber navigates American Jewish dance from Anna Sokolow's famous post-WW II piece, *Kaddish*, to be performed by young Jewish dancer, Hadassah Segal, to Douglas Rosenberg, a modern artist and teacher well-known for his video dance collaborations with contemporary choreographers. Respected dance ethnographer Jill Gellerman will share her extraordinary research on women and dance in the Lubavitch community.

Audience members will be able to participate in a demonstration dance and lesson. Book signing will follow.

■ Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival

The National Museum of American Jewish History is screening two films that explore the American Jewish experience as part of the Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival presented by the Gershman Y.

Purchase tickets at GershmanY.org.

Remember (Die verlorene Zeit)

(Germany 2011, 105 minutes, in English, German, and Polish w/English subtitles)

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

General Admission \$10 / Seniors/Students \$9

- In this heartfelt journey through remembrance and reconciliation, a Holocaust survivor living in 1970s New York confronts the memories of her love for a Polish partisan, played by special guest Mateusz Damięcki, Polish television and movie star.

In partnership with the National Museum of American Jewish History and sponsored by Suzanne and Norman Cohn.

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Jews and Baseball

(USA, 2010, 91 minutes)

Wednesday, Nov. 16 7 p.m.

General Admission \$10 / Seniors/Students \$9

- Seamlessly weaving archival footage, photographs and interviews (including a rare interview with Sandy Koufax), *Jews and Baseball* examines the cultural importance of the game for American integration and overcoming antisemitism. Narrated by Dustin Hoffman.

Presented with the National Museum of American Jewish History and sponsored by the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

DECEMBER

■ **Taste Of Limmud**

Saturday, Dec. 10

Before Dec. 1, \$18 for all

After Dec. 1 (including walk-ups), \$18 for NMAJH members and \$25 for all others.

NMAJH will host a LimmudPhilly "Taste of Limmud" evening event at the Museum, including a festive Havdalah service, concert, learning sessions and Museum tours.

■ **American Jews And The Civil Rights Movement**

Sunday, Dec. 11

Time and admission TBD

1961 marked a pivotal moment in the fight for civil rights. In May of that year, black and white rights activists challenged the laws of the segregated South when they rode buses from Washington D.C. into the South together where they were met with hostility and violence.

On the 50th anniversary of these Freedom Rides, the Museum and the Jewish Women's Archive will commemorate this important moment in American and American Jewish history through a discussion that features first-hand accounts of civil rights activism in the sixties and an exploration the role of Jewish men and women in the civil rights movement.

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■ **Grace Paley: Collected Shorts**

(USA, 2010, 75 minutes)

Tuesday, Dec. 13

\$10 members, \$12 non-members

NMAJH presents the Philadelphia Premiere of Lilly Rivlin's intimate documentary, *Grace Paley: Collected Shorts*, a rich and inspiring portrait of writer, activist and New York icon Grace Paley (1922-2007). Conversation with the filmmaker to follow.

■ **Being Jewish At Christmas**

Sunday, Dec. 25

Times and admission TBD

The Museum will present its annual day of family fun on Sunday, Dec., 25, including music, refreshments and children's activities.

Visit the Museum's website, nmajh.org, for additional information about programs.



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The [National Museum of American Jewish History](http://www.nmjh.org), located in the heart of historic Philadelphia, tells the story of American Jews from their arrival in North America more than 350 years ago to the present – exhibiting and interpreting the American Jewish experience in a new James Polshek-designed 100,000-square-foot, five-story building on Independence Mall. It is the only museum in the nation dedicated solely to telling the story of Jews in America.

The Museum interprets how Jews shape and are shaped by America, explores the blessings and challenges of freedom, and provides opportunities for visitors to contribute their own stories.

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