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**Breaking Barriers: Beyond Swastika And Jim Crow Exhibition Opens At The National Museum of American Jewish History**

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- - - Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow opens at The National Museum of American Jewish History!
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**Beyond Swastika And Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars At Black Colleges**

January 15 - June 9, 2013

**National Museum of American Jewish History**

101 South Independence Mall East

This week, Philly's **Independence Mall** becomes center stage for a triumphant, but often untold piece of American history, as **The National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH)** opens their ground-breaking new exhibition **Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars At Black Colleges** on January 15.

This exciting new exhibition chronicles the experiences of Jewish professors who found employment and refuge at historically black universities in the South, after fleeing Germany in the 1930's during the early years of the Nazi regime. Through the themes of freedom, struggle and opportunity, the NMAJH exhibition tells the story of how two distinct communities facing discrimination came together, almost by chance, during the early years of the Civil Rights movement.

Inspired in part by **Gabrielle Simon Edgcomb's** landmark book of the same name, and the subsequent PBS documentary, the exhibition includes more than 70 evocative artifacts and documents, photographs and two new films that capture viewpoints from the perspective of both the black students and their professors.

The exhibition also boast a broad range of public programs, including NMAJH's annual **MLK FREE Family Day** on January 21. On Dr. King's birthday, the museum opens its doors and welcomes the to commemorate his legacy with a variety of programs, including art-making with **Fleisher Art Memorial** and a special screening of the **Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow** documentary.

So, grab the entire family and head down to the **National Museum of American Jewish History** for a totally new look at the legacy and intersection of African-American and Jewish history in America - *done as only Philly can!*

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[\*\*John Legend To Speak At UPenn's 12th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. - January 16, 2013\*\*](#)

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The 12th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture in Social Justice Featuring John Legend Wednesday, January 16 5:30 p.m. University of Pennsylvania's Irvine Auditorium 3417 Spruce Street John Legend is returning to his alma mater - University of Pennsylvania - to speak at the university's 12th Annual Dr...

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The Mountaintop January 18 - February 17 Suzanne Roberts Theatre 480 S. Broad Street Don't miss it as Philadelphia Theatre Company presents this gripping re-imagining of the events that took place the night before the assassination of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A soul-stirring and eye-opening...

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Emeli Sandé Saturday, January 19 8 p.m. TLA 334 South Street Emeli Sandé is the next smokin' hot thing to come out of the UK music scene. This triple threat singer / songwriter / producer has worked with some of today's top talent, like Adele, Alicia Keys and Leona...

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