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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY CELEBRATES
GROUNDBREAKING EXHIBITION AND FATHER'S DAY WITH
CHASING DREAMS MALL EXTRAVAGANZA**

In celebration of its groundbreaking exhibition *Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American*, the **National Museum of American Jewish History** will host a **Chasing Dreams Mall Extravaganza** on Philadelphia's Historic Independence Mall **Sunday, June 15!** This free, day-long, family-friendly event includes free admission to the exhibition and an array of activities for the entire family, perfect for celebrating **Father's Day**.

- The Museum and *Chasing Dreams* will be **open late and FREE all day** from 10:00 am – 8:30 pm. A self-guided family tour will be available, and families can share their favorite baseball memories in the Museum's *It's Your Story* recording booths.

- **The outdoor festivities begin at 2:00 pm and include:**

- The opportunity to **take pictures with former MLB players**, including former **Philadelphia Phillie Thomas Greene**, who was part of the 1993 National League Championship and World Series team.
- **Live music** from **Philadelphia Funk Authority**, **Alex & the Kaleidoscope Band**, and the DJ-led dance party sensation, **Baby Loves Disco**.



- A **speed pitch challenge**, t-ball challenge, virtual baseball and other baseball-themed carnival games, arts and crafts, photo booth, and face painting along with some of Philly's favorite **food trucks**.
- **Pitch In for Baseball** – This non-profit organization will be on-site to collect new or gently-used baseball equipment that will be donated to baseball-loving kids in need around the world.
- NMAJH will be handing out **FREE** *Chasing Dreams* mini-beach balls to the **first 200 fans** that come to our outdoor information booth.
- **KYW's Kidcast booth** – Kids can take a shot at broadcasting the events of the day.
- An outdoor screening of *Field of Dreams* celebrating the film's **25th anniversary** begins at **9:00 pm**.

For more information, visit chasingdreams.nmajh.org/extravaganza. Additional information will be posted here as it becomes available, along with Pitch In for Baseball donation requirements, concession information, and important Independence Mall regulations and reminders.

The Chasing Dreams Mall extravaganza is produced in partnership with ESM Productions, which produces hit events such as *WAWA Welcome America* and *Made in America*.

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About Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American

Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American is the first large-scale exhibition to focus on the role baseball has played in the lives of immigrant and minority communities as they sought to understand and express — or challenge — American culture and ideals. The exhibition includes 130 rarely seen objects, including uniforms from Sandy Koufax, Jackie Robinson, and Ichiro Suzuki; the original sheet music for *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*; fan memorabilia; and much more.

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About the National Museum of American Jewish History

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the 350-year history of Jews in America. Tracing the stories of how Jewish immigrants became Jewish Americans, the Museum invites visitors of all backgrounds to share their own stories and reflect on how their histories and identities shape and are shaped by the American experience. An open door for all, NMAJH honors the past and contributes to a better future by sharing the power of imagination and ideas, culture and community, leadership and service, in ways that turn inspiration into action.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is located at 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Museum hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. NMAJH is closed most Mondays, including federal holidays and some Jewish holidays. Museum admission is \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID. On Wednesdays

through Labor Day, the Museum will stay open until 8:00 pm. Admission after 5:00 PM is pay-what-you-wish. For more information, visit NMAJH.org or call 215.923.3811.