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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY TO HOLD  
INAUGURAL NEW YORK CITY GALA  
Gala to Honor Bud Selig and Celebrate Groundbreaking Exhibition  
*Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American***

**WHERE:** Gotham Hall, 1356 Broadway, New York City

**WHAT:** Gala celebrating new exhibition ***Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American*** – Honoring **Allan H. “Bud” Selig**, Commissioner of Major League Baseball

**WHEN:** Tuesday May 13, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**Note: Interviews during cocktail hour are welcome but must conclude when formal program begins at 7:30 pm.**

The National Museum of American Jewish History’s inaugural New York City Gala will celebrate the Museum’s groundbreaking exhibition ***Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American*** and will honor **Allan H. “Bud” Selig**, Commissioner of Major League Baseball. **Mike Greenberg**, Co-Host of ESPN’s *Mike & Mike in the Morning* will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Former players, including **Joe Torre** and **Frank Robinson**, will be in attendance.

***Chasing Dreams*** 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



Hank Greenberg connects with the ball for a third inning homer against the Philadelphia Phillies April 29, 1947.

express—or challenge—American culture and ideals. The exhibition features 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*; and much more.

### **“Bud” Selig - Honoree**

Allan H. (Bud) Selig was named the ninth Commissioner of Baseball in 1998. Prior to his unanimous election as Major League Baseball's Commissioner, Selig served as Chairman of the Executive Council, making him the central figure in MLB's organizational structure since 1992. Selig has presided over the creation and development of MLB Advanced Media, MLB Network, and the World Baseball Classic, all of which have expanded the reach of the game. Commissioner Selig plans to retire upon the completion of his current term, which runs through January 24, 2015.



### **Mike Greenberg – Master of Ceremonies**



Mike Greenberg is the Co-Host of ESPN's *Mike & Mike in the Morning*. He is heard on ESPN Radio weekday mornings and is usually seen on ESPN weekday evenings on *SportsCenter*. Greenberg was named co-host of *Mike & Mike in the Morning* with Mike Golic in 1999. The show is also simulcast on ESPNEWS, debuting there in 2004.

Gala Vice Chairs include Betsy and Philip Darivoff, Caroline and Sidney Kimmel, Anne Welsh McNulty, Jane and Daniel Och, Diane and Marc Spilker, and Judy and Fred Wilpon.

Dinner Committee members include Rita and Charles Bronfman, Steve Greenberg, Jill and Peter Kraus, Sondra and David Mack, Cheryl and Philip Milstein, and Jean and Lew Wolff.

**[Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American](#)** runs through October 26, 2014 at the National Museum of American Jewish History at 5<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets in Philadelphia.

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The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the 360-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. For more information, please visit [NMAJH.org](http://NMAJH.org) or call 215-923-3811.