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National Museum of American Jewish History collection's Menorah Used in White House Hanukkah Celebration

Philadelphia, PA (December 5, 2013) - The **White House** is using a menorah from the collection of the **National Museum of American Jewish History** in its Hanukkah celebration this year. The unique menorah was created by artist Manfred Anson, who escaped Nazi Germany in 1939 as one of 20 boys rescued by the Jewish Welfare Guardian Society of Australia, and immigrated to New York City in 1963 to join his sister.

In honor of his new home and of the iconic Statue of Liberty's 1986 centennial, Anson created a menorah with branches topped by miniature Statues of Liberty. The statuettes were cast from a Statue of Liberty souvenir that Anson, an avid collector of Americana, had acquired. Important events in Jewish history -- ranging from the Exodus from Egypt to the Founding of Israel in 1948 -- are inscribed on the base of each statuette. Anson passed away last year at the age of 89.



Hanukkah menorah, Statue of Liberty Centennial
Manfred Anson, Brass, Donated by Dr. Aaron
Feingold in honor of Zara and Rachel Feingold

The Menorah will be back on display at the Museum on December 20.

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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. For information on the Museum, the public may call 215.923.3811 or visit the website at <http://www.nmajh.org>.