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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY TO HONOR VICE  
PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN AT ONLY IN AMERICA GALA**

**Gala to take place on April 24 at The Bellevue Philadelphia**

Philadelphia, PA—The National Museum of American Jewish History is pleased to announce that **Vice President Joe Biden** will be honored at the Museum’s annual *Only in America* Gala on **April 24, 2018**, to be held at The Bellevue Philadelphia. The gala will pay tribute to this son of Pennsylvania’s work to support and embrace the American Jewish community and the freedoms to which Americans of all backgrounds aspire. Every day, the Museum is dedicated to exploring the American Jewish experience – how an immigrant community and religious minority shapes and is shaped by America. Echoing the Museum’s mission, Biden has said “...this generation of Americans has the opportunity so rarely granted to others by fate and history. We literally have the chance to shape the future—to put our own stamp on the face and character of America.” The gala is the major fundraising event for the Museum in Philadelphia.



**2018 Honoree**

**Former Vice President Joe Biden**

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on November 20, 1942, former Vice President Joe Biden briefly worked as an attorney before turning to politics. He became the fifth-

youngest U.S. senator in history as well as Delaware's longest-serving senator. When former President Barack Obama was elected in 2008, Biden became the 47th Vice President of the United States. Biden served a second term as vice president from 2012 - 2016. In 2017, Biden received the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction for his service to the United States.

A longtime friend of the Museum, Biden has close ties with local, national, and international Jewish groups. In November 2010, Biden dedicated the Museum's building on Historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia. More recently, in 2016, Biden received the World Jewish Congress's annual Theodor Herzl Award, which recognizes outstanding individuals who work to promote Herzl's ideals for a safer, more tolerant world for the Jewish people.

**The *Only in America* Gala will take place on Tuesday, April 24 at The Bellevue Philadelphia. The dinner and program will begin at 6 pm.**

If you are a member of the press and are interested in covering the event please contact Emily August at [mediarelations@nmajh.org](mailto:mediarelations@nmajh.org).

The event includes a cocktail reception and seated dinner. For more information, visit [NMAJH.org/gala](http://NMAJH.org/gala).

Previous galas have celebrated Museum milestones and special exhibitions, including *Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American* and the Museum's five-year anniversary on historic Independence Mall. At the 2016 gala, the Museum welcomed legendary classical musician Andrea Bocelli in celebration of our longtime board chair Ron Rubin.

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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 more than 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.

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 Wednesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. The Museum will also be open Tuesday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm during *Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music*. Museum admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$13.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID; reduced prices available if purchased online. The Museum offers free admission in February. Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Pinterest](#). For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](http://NMAJH.org) or call 215.923.3811.