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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY
BRINGS BACK PAY WHAT YOU WISH WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

This summer, the National Museum of American Jewish History will once again feature Pay What You Wish admission on Wednesday evenings from Memorial Day through Labor Day.



Every Wednesday from May 30

through September 5*, admission to the Museum is pay-what-you-wish during the extended hours of 5 PM to 8 PM. Donations of any size are welcome. The entire Museum will be on view, including the **core exhibition** and **special installation *Locally Grown: Jersey's Jewish Farms*** (on view through August 2).

"Our Pay What You Wish Wednesdays have been such a hit the past three summers, so we are thrilled to be making the Museum more inviting and accessible once again,"

says Ivy Barsky, CEO and Gwen Goodman Director.

In addition to the core and special exhibitions, visitors will be able to take advantage of programming held on select Wednesday evenings.

Currently programs include:

***My Home, My History* Opening Event
Esperanza Academy Charter School
Student Exhibition
Wednesday, June 8 from 5:30 – 7 pm
Included with pay-what-you-wish
admission**



Visitors are invited to join the Museum in congratulating Esperanza Academy students as they share their family and community stories in this bilingual exhibition on view at NMAJH. Light refreshments will be served.

In partnership with the National Archives.

Café Conversation Series:

Joshua Braff on Fatherhood

Wednesday, June 15 at 6 pm

Author **Joshua Braff** (*The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green* and *Peep Show*) will read from his latest novel, *The Daddy Diaries*, and discuss the challenges, anxieties, and triumphs of modern Jewish parenting. Books available for sale and signing.



Sponsored by the Jewish Book Council.

Mark Segal on LGBT Activism

Wednesday, June 29 at 6 pm

Mark Segal, journalist, LGBT advocate, and *Philadelphia Gay News* founder will discuss his recent memoir, *And Then I Danced: Traveling the Road to LGBT Equality*. Books available for sale and signing.



Café Conversation: “America’s Newest Jews”

Wednesday, July 13 at 6 pm

Helen Kiyong Kim and **Noah Samuel Leavitt**, husband and wife team from Whitman College, will discuss their new book, *JewAsian: Race, Religion, and Identity for America’s Newest Jews*. Books available for sale and signing.



All Café Conversations are included with pay-what-you-wish admission

No advanced registration required

Additional information about programming is available at

<http://www.nmajh.org/calendar.aspx>.

The Museum Store and Café will also be open on Wednesday evenings. The café will serve refreshments and the Store will offer special discounts.

*The Museum will be closed for private events on June 1 and July 27.

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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 heritages 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.