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**GET OUT OF THE HEAT THIS SUMMER AT THE
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY
WITH PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES**

The National Museum of American Jewish History is pleased to announce a range of engaging summer programs for visitors of all ages. The summer season at NMAJH kicks off with Pay What You Wish Wednesday Evenings and continues on to feature special Café Conversations with noted authors, FREE 4th of July admission and programming, Second Sunday Family Days, a screen printing class for teens, and the Museum's annual Tu B'av party for young professionals. More details below.

Pay What You Wish Wednesday Evenings

Every Wednesday* from Memorial Day through Labor Day (May 30 - September 5), admission to the Museum will be pay-what-you-wish from 5 to 8 pm. The entire Museum, including the **core exhibition** and **special installation *Locally Grown: Jersey's Jewish Farms*** (on view through August 28) will be open. Select evenings will include Café Conversations with noted authors.

*The Museum will be closed for a private event on July 27.

Café Conversation: Mark Segal on LGBT Activism

Wednesday, June 29 at 6 pm

Included with pay-what-you-wish admission

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.

Independence Day

Monday, July 4 from 10 am - 5 pm

Free admission

Visitors are invited to examine the iconic original 1790 letter from George Washington promising religious freedom to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, RI and to enjoy themed interactive tours, story times, and arts and crafts.



Second Sunday Family Activities

Sunday, July 10 from 10 am to 3 pm

Free with Museum admission

Visitors are invited to join the Museum for family-friendly summer themed activities. Guests can check out the Summer Camp gallery on the Museum's Second Floor and add memories of their own and then create a variety of camp related crafts and read camp-themed stories in our Kids Corner.

Café Conversation: "America's Newest Jews"

Wednesday, July 13 at 6 pm

Included with pay-what-you-wish admission

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.

A Midsummer's Eve

Celebrating Life, Love, and Tu B'Av

Thursday, July 21 from 8 to 11 pm

\$40/\$30 for Members

Young professionals aged 21 – 40 can join NMAJH's summer fête for the third year in a row. This celebration of Tu B'Av, the

Jewish holiday of love, will be filled with dancing, cocktails, and lively music. Guests are encouraged to wear white in the tradition of the holiday.



Summer Poster Design Workshops for Teens

August 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Registration is free but required; space is limited.

In anticipation of the fall special exhibition *Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution*, the Museum invites teens to study the craft of poster design. Inspired by the psychedelic posters created to promote 60s and 70s musical acts, this workshop series will teach teens styles and techniques that will allow them to create their own posters.

Second Sunday Family Activities

Sunday, August 14 from 10 am – 3 pm

Free with Museum admission

As the world watches the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the Museum is celebrating the games with a sporty Sunday of family fun. Families are encouraged to

join us for a look through our core exhibition as we emphasize the role of athletics in American Jewish history, and create some sports and activities based arts and crafts.

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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.

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. From Memorial through Labor Day*, the Museum stays open until 8 pm on Wednesday evenings. Admission after 5 is pay-what-you-wish. For more information, visit NMAJH.org or call 215.923.3811. *The Museum will be closed for private events on June 1 and July 27.