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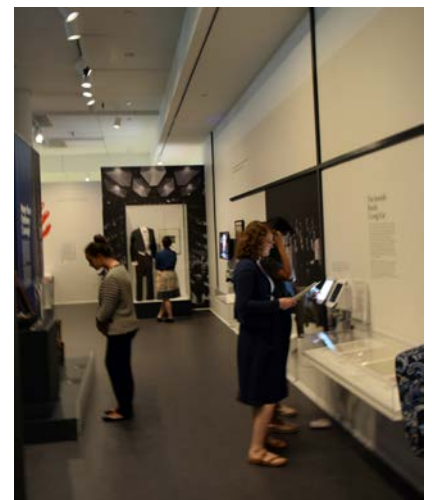
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ICONIC GEORGE WASHINGTON LETTER, LEONARD BERNSTEIN EXHIBITION,
AND FREE DAYS FILL SUMMER 2018 CALENDAR AT THE
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

PHILADELPHIA — The **National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH)** announces its Summer 2018 line up, from special free admission days to family activities to special events for Young Friends. Visitors can get up close and personal with the **original 1790 letter from George Washington** to the Jewish community in which he made precedent setting statements about the importance of religious liberty. Visitors can also experience the special exhibition ***Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music***, on view through September 2 – the first large-scale museum exhibition to illustrate Leonard Bernstein’s life, Jewish identity, and social activism.

FREE Friday afternoons in conjunction with
Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music

The Museum is proud to offer **free admission on Friday afternoons from 1 to 5 pm** through August 24. Free Friday afternoons are part of a special initiative to make NMAJH accessible to all in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Humanities grant they received for *Bernstein*. Use this opportunity to see the special exhibition [*Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music*](#) before it closes on September 2.



Fun for Families

Anytime

The *Bernstein Family Guide* – always available – is perfect for families with kids ages 8 and up and helps younger visitors to connect with and understand the exhibition, and lets them learn more about this musical genius.



Independence Day at NMAJH

Wednesday, July 4, 10 am – 5 pm

FREE

The entire Museum – including *Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music* – will be open and free on July 4. The Museum's annual Independence Day celebration invites visitors of all ages to deepen their understanding of how our nation's leaders made history, influenced society, and impacted the American Jewish community. **The original 1790 letter written by George Washington to the Jewish community of Newport, Rhode Island will be on view.** Visitors can hear stories of the American Revolution told by **President George Washington** himself; meet **Eva Baen**, a young Jewish woman who came to Philadelphia in 1913, and enjoy arts and crafts with Color-Me-Mine Art Studio, interactive spotlight talks, and more. The full schedule of activities is available [here](#).

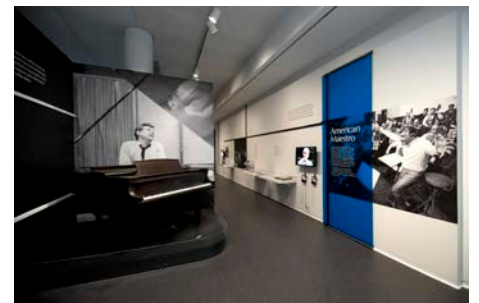


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Happy Birthday, Bernstein!

**Celebrate Bernstein's Birthday with Free Museum Admission
Saturday, August 25, 10:00 am – 5:30 pm**

The Museum will be **open and FREE on Saturday, August 25 from 10 am – 5:30 pm on what would have been musical icon Leonard Bernstein's 100th**



birthday. Visitors will have access to the entire Museum for free as the special exhibition *Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music* enters its final week on view at the Museum.

**A Midsummer's Eve: Celebrating Life, Love,
and Lenny
Saturday, August 25, 8 pm - Midnight**

\$40/\$30 for Young Friends Members

\$60 Individual/\$100 Dual Young Friends Membership &
Event Ticket Package



The Young Friends of NMAJH host their 6th annual summer fête. This year the Museum is celebrating Leonard Bernstein's 100th birthday (on his actual birthday!) with a night full of music, dancing, and a special late night view of the special exhibition [Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music](#). Tickets and details [here](#).

Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music is on view at NMAJH through September 2, 2018 and at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA in the Fall of 2018 and Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage on Beachwood, OH. The exhibition has been made possible in part by major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the human endeavor. Key support provided by The Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation. Major support provided by The Asper Foundation; CHG Charitable Trust as recommended by Carole Haas Gravagno; The Harvey Goodstein Charitable Foundation; Lindy Communities; The Leslie Miller and Richard Worley Family Foundation; and Cheryl and Philip Milstein. Additional support provided by Judith Creed and Robert Schwartz; Jill and Mark Fishman; Robert and Marjie Kargman; David G. and Sandra G. Marshall; Robin and Mark Rubenstein; and The Savitz Family Foundation. Special thanks to The Leonard Bernstein Office; the Bernstein Family; Jacobs Music; and the Milken Archive of Jewish Music, and USC Shoah Foundation.

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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 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 \$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. For more information, visit NMAJH.org or call 215.923.3811. Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Pinterest](#). For more information, visit NMAJH.org or call 215.923.