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# Re:collection

## At the National Museum of American Jewish History



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Childhood in Philadelphia

### My sister and I

by Joseph S. Zuritsky

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**D**o you have an amazing family story that has been passed down from generation to generation, or incredible family photos that you would love to share with the world? Now there's a place to display your priceless family photos and to record your astonishing stories.



The National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH), on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, recently announced their newest project: Re:collection, a cutting-edge, easy-to-use digital experience that makes it possible for you and your family to collect and share your cherished memories, weaving them into the ever-evolving tapestry of American Jewish life for generations to come.

NMAJH is known for presenting educational programs and experiences that preserve, explore, and celebrate the history of Jews in America. Its purpose is to connect Jews more closely to their heritage and to inspire in people of all backgrounds a greater appreciation for the diversity of the American Jewish experience and the freedoms to which Americans aspire.

The Museum's artifact collection represents the broad spectrum of American Jewish life and illustrates universal themes, such as immigration, worship, hard work, entertainment, community and family life.

Now, your family's story can join all the precious artifacts housed at the museum. You can begin with just one photo, one video, or one sentence. Upload a photo, then record yourself describing what your grandma cooked for Rosh Hashanah, the warm glow of your Shabbat candles, or how your family made its way to America. You can sign up at [recollection.nmajh.org](http://recollection.nmajh.org); it's free.

As we embark on 5778, the museum hopes you'll take a moment to log on, and share your history with the next generation. This is your platform to create dynamic narratives, find connections, or simply peruse content. By doing so, you will be playing an important role in expanding the ongoing, evolving tapestry of American Jewish life.

Ivy Barsky, the Museum's CEO and Gwen Goodman Director, said, "When you share history, you make history. The pictures on your mantel, the candlesticks brought to America by your grandparents, precious letters and recipes—your personal items help characterize our nation's

identity. They will have a safe home at the museum. We can't wait to hear your stories."

Re:collection is not simply a family tree or a photo album. It is a cutting-edge digital platform overseen by a Smithsonian Affiliate museum that allows users to preserve and share their stories in a number of compelling ways:

- Share the history hiding in your photos through multimedia files, text, audio descriptions, timelines, and maps. Privacy settings are completely customizable.
- Connect with the only museum exploring more than 360 years of Jewish life in America.
- Contribute to community projects—public collections created by NMAJH on particular subjects, such as immigration, to which all are invited to take part. Users can also create their own personal projects on topics of their choice and invite family members to collaborate with them.

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## COMMUNITY: A new country, a new home, a new life: migration stories

This project is a collection of memories and artifacts from the museum collection as well as those from the American Jewish community, who have contributed to this NMAJH digital archive. You will

by Alisa

COMMUNITY: The Taste of Memory

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• Interact with others. Re:collection is designed to foster connections. The public can search user-generated tags, "like," and comment on content, and follow projects of interest.

• Connect with the museum. Re:collection has a physical presence at the museum. A kiosk with a touch screen monitor is now available on the museum's 2nd floor, allowing visitors to explore the collection in real time.

To create Re:collection, NMAJH collaborated with Enwoven (formerly The History Project), who has built an online platform for storytelling. Visit [recollection.nmajh.org](http://recollection.nmajh.org) today, to view a short introduction video, sign up, and explore content. □