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THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY ANNOUNCES
SPECIAL FREE ADMISSION DAYS THROUGHOUT THE RUN OF
1917: HOW ONE YEAR CHANGED THE WORLD

Free Admission Offered on First Fridays of the Month and Select Historic
Anniversaries



PHILADELPHIA—The **National Museum of American Jewish History** (NMAJH) is offering **free admission on select days** throughout the run of its special exhibition, *1917: How One Year Changed the World*, on view through July 16, 2017. Museum visitors can enjoy complimentary admission on the **first Fridays of each month** and on various **momentous days in history** related to the exhibition's content, which focuses on three key events of 1917: America's entry into World War I, the Bolshevik Revolution, and the issuing of the Balfour Declaration, in which Great Britain indicated support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

The free admission days are as follows:

- **Thursday, April 6: Centennial of America's entry into WWI** on this day in 1917
- **Friday, April 7: Free First Friday**
- **Wednesday, April 19: Wake Up America Day**, celebrated on this day in 1917 to boost WWI recruiting
- **Friday, May 5: Free First Friday**
- **Thursday, May 11: Birthday of composer Irving Berlin** (1888–1989), whose WWI draft card is on view in the special exhibition and whose piano is on view in the first floor *Only in America*® Gallery/Hall of Fame
- **Thursday, June 1: Senate confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis** on this day in 1916; his judicial robes are on view in the special exhibition
- **Friday, June 2: Free First Friday**
- **Wednesday, June 14: Ringing of the Liberty Bell** on this day in 1917 as part of a national effort to encourage purchasing of war bonds
- **Wednesday, June 28: Signing of the Treaty of Versailles** on this day in 1919; an original copy of this agreement which ended WWI is on view in the special exhibition
- **Friday, July 7: Free First Friday**

Through nearly 125 artifacts, NMAJH's special exhibition *1917: How One Year Changed the World* looks back 100 years to explore how three extraordinary events brought about political, cultural, and social changes that dramatically reshaped the United States' role in the world and provoked its most stringent immigration quotas to date. *1917* examines this consequential year through the eyes of American Jews, who experienced these events both as Americans and as part of an international diaspora community.

For more information about *1917: How One Year Changed the World*, visit [NMAJH.org/1917](https://nmajh.org/1917).

The Museum's visiting hours are available at [NMAJH.org/hoursandadmission](https://nmajh.org/hoursandadmission).



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1917: How One Year Changed the World is co-organized by the American Jewish Historical Society in New York, where it will be on view September 1 – December 29, 2017. The exhibition has been made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the human endeavor. Major support provided by Anonymous; David Berg Foundation; and Tawani Foundation. Additional support provided by: Linda and Michael Jesselson, Bryna and Joshua Landes.

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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 \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID. NMAJH offers free admission in February. Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Pinterest](#). For more information, visit NMAJH.org or call 215.923.3811.