



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF  
AMERICAN JEWISH  
HISTORY

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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY TO OFFER  
FREE FEBRUARY ADMISSION**

**Explore the Museum's core exhibition, view George Washington's original 1790  
letter promising religious freedom, and enjoy Presidents Day activities**

PHILADELPHIA—The **National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH)** announces free admission for all visitors to the Museum throughout the month of February, thanks to the support of Parkway Corporation. Not only will visitors be able to enjoy the entire core exhibition, but they will also get a chance to see the 1790 letter from George Washington to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island in which the nation's first president proclaims “to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance,” underscoring the new nation's commitment to religious liberty and equality for people of all faiths.

Ivy Barsky, CEO and Gwen Goodman Director of NMAJH, says “In once again making the month of February free to all, we celebrate the right to religious freedom while making this historic, rarely displayed letter accessible to a wider audience.”



A quote from George Washington's 1790 letter on NMAJH's façade facing Independence Mall.

*Free February* will offer visitors complimentary access to the Museum's core exhibition highlighting more than 360 years of Jewish life in America. Washington's original letter, whose iconic words are echoed on NMAJH's current building signage facing Independence Mall, will be on view February 13 – March 6.

As in prior years, the Museum will also be open and free on Presidents Day, Monday, February 20. Visitors on this special day will be treated to greetings from an actor portraying George Washington from 11 am – 3 pm, interactive tours highlighting the theme of religious freedom, and various family activities, including the opportunity to write letters about freedom with a quill pen. There will also be a sensory-friendly access program for children, teens, and adults of all abilities in partnership with JCHAI and jkidphilly.

For more information, visit [NMAJH.org/freefebruary](https://www.nmajh.org/freefebruary)

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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. Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/nmajh), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/nmajh), [Twitter](https://www.twitter.com/nmajh), and [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com/nmajh). For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](https://www.nmajh.org) or call 215.923.3811.