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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY TO OFFER
FREE FEBRUARY ADMISSION

View George Washington’s original 1790 letter promising religious freedom,
explore the Museum’s Core Exhibition, 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.

Free February includes complimentary access to the Museum’s core exhibition highlighting more than 360 years of Jewish life in America. Visitors can see the original 1790 letter from George Washington to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, in which the nation’s first president proclaims that our government gives “to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance”—underscoring the new nation’s commitment to religious freedom and equality, and interact with the letter in advance at religiousfreedom.nmajh.org.



Moses Jacob Ezekiel (1844 – 1917)
Religious Liberty, c. 1874-76
Photo by Jeff Goldberg/Esto.

Ivy Barsky, NMAJH’s *CEO and Gwen Goodman Director*, says: “Free February, which also includes Presidents’ Day, allows us all to be inspired by the brilliant early leadership of our country and the unique promise of religious liberty for all.”

Free February also coincides with Black History Month. The Museum features stories in which Jewish American and African American history intersect, from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement, and the ongoing struggle for freedom.

As in prior years, **the Museum will be open to the public with free admission on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 19.** Visitors on this special day will be treated to greetings from a George Washington interpreter, 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 whole community inclusion sensory- friendly access program from 10 am - 12:15 pm in partnership with JCHAI and jkidphilly. The Museum invites children and teens of all abilities to join us in a quiet setting for art activities and story time at the Museum and participate in a specially designed Museum tour.

Access to the Museum Store is always free as part of the Museum's free first floor admission. During *Free February*, the Museum Store will be offering free shipping to NMAJH Members in addition to the regular 10% Member savings in person or online with discount code *nmajh1654*. Judaicashop.net.

For more information on *Free February* at NMAJH, visit 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 Wednesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. NMAJH is closed most Mondays and Tuesdays, 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. Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Pinterest](#). For more information, visit NMAJH.org or call 215.923.3811.