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National Museum of American Jewish History Commemorates Holocaust Remembrance Day Through Film and Discussion on Tragedy and Memory in America

In recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day – Yom HaShoah – which begins on the evening of Sunday, April 27, the National Museum of American Jewish History is presenting two moving and thought-provoking programs.

**[Rescue in the Philippines](#) (USA, 2013, 56 minutes)
Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm**

Narrated by Live Schreiber, this film is a documentary that chronicles the incredible, little-known story of a group of courageous friends who helped 1,300 Jews escape the Nazis and immigrate to the Philippines. The unlikely secret team included the five Frieder brothers, Cincinnati businessmen making two-for-a-nickel cigars in pre-WWII Manila; Manuel L. Quezón, the first President of the Philippines Commonwealth; Paul V. McNutt, the United States High Commissioner to the Philippines, and then-Colonel Dwight D. Eisenhower.

A talk-back follows with Herbert Frieder's Philadelphia-based sons, **Dick and Sam Frieder**, in conversation with **Jacques Lipetz**, a refugee featured in the film, and **Dr. Dean J. Kotlowski**, Professor of History at Salisbury University and McNutt biographer.

Dessert reception to follow.

\$12/\$8 Members
Registration required



Refugees attend dinner at the Frieder home;
April 30, 1940

Remembering Tragedy: Commemoration and Memorialization in America

Sunday, April 27, 2014 at 4:00 pm

On the Eve of Holocaust Remembrance Day and on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Nathan Rapoport's *Monument to Six Million Jewish Martyrs* located on Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway, the National Museum of American Jewish History will host a discussion about tragedy and memory in America.

The Museum's Chief Executive Officer and Gwen Goodman Director, **Ivy L. Barsky**, will lead a conversation between Executive Vice President for Programs and Memorial Museum Director for the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, **Alice M. Greenwald**, and the Director of the Institute for Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, **Dr. James E. Young**.

Light reception to follow.

\$8/FREE for Members and PennCard holders

Registration required

This Program is held in partnership with University of Pennsylvania's Jewish Studies Program and represents the fifth installment of a biannual public forum sponsored jointly by Penn and the Museum with generous support from the Arlene and Stanley Ginsburg Family Foundation, which aims to connect the Jewish experience narrated in the Museum's core exhibition with larger themes in American history and culture.

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the 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. For information on the Museum, the public may call 215.923.3811 or visit the website at NMAJH.org.