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Jewish Museum of Florida Celebrates
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

May is a time when we gather to share the pride of what American Jews have accomplished and contributed.

WHAT IS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH?
Initiated by the Jewish Museum of Florida, with the effort led by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, President George Bush signed a resolution in 2006 that each May would be Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM). Like other group’s months, JAHM is the time to celebrate the contributions of American Jews to the fabric of our nation’s lives. America has been both a haven and a home to Jews. Many arrived as immigrants seeking escape from persecution, and in finding freedom, tolerance and opportunities here, have given back in all areas to enrich our national culture.

Each May, the President of the U.S. issues a Proclamation and President Barack Obama has also hosted annual JAHM receptions in the White House.

Click here to read the President’s 2012 Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation: 2012 JAHM Proclamation

The Jewish Museum of Florida kicked off this year’s celebration with a program on Sunday, May 6, “Coming to America,” with Cong. Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Sen. Gwen Margolis, featuring a presentation by Stephen Whitfield of Brandeis University. The event was co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and the Jewish Federation of Broward County Community Relations Committee.

Click here to watch Coming to America, courtesy of WPBT vVu.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM
The Jewish Museum of Florida is housed in two adjacent lovingly restored historic buildings on South Beach that were once synagogues for Miami Beach’s first Jewish congregation. The Museum’s focal point is its core exhibit Mosaic: Jewish Life in Florida - 1763 to the Present and temporary history and art exhibits that change periodically. Currently on display: Med Finkelstein: Picturing the Man Behind the Camera through October 14 and Once Upon a Time in Lithuania & the Florida Connection through September 30, 2012. A Collections & Research Center, several films, Timeline Wall of Jewish history, Museum Store filled with unique items and Mosaic’s Bonfire complete the experience for visitors of all ages and backgrounds. The Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums.
Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Mondays, Civil and Jewish holidays.
Admission: Adults $6; Seniors $5; Families $12; Members and children under 6 Always Free; Saturdays Free. The Museum is located at 301 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach 33139. For information: 305-672-3044 or jewishmuseum.com.