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FILM PRESENTATION:
"The Lost Wooden Synagogues of Poland"

FEBRUARY 5 at 2:00 PM

In conjunction with the Museum's current exhibit, "Wooden Synagogues of Poland and the Florida Connection," the Jewish Museum of Florida will have a special presentation of the film:

执行制片人：Albert Barry, 导演：Theodore Bikel

The program will include remarks by Dr. Loos Weissberg, Director, Leo Martin March of the Living.

This fascinating award-winning documentary tells the story of the few remaining wooden synagogues found in Poland and Latvia. It represents the documents that had drifted the(save) of Eastern Europe before World War II. They have stood for centuries as testaments to the craftsmanship and faith of the Jewish communities in the region.

Zabłudów, Poland

These marvels of indigenous craftsmanship and artistic expression, many with elaborate bimahs, were destroyed with ancient manuscripts, village records, and religious and cultural artifacts, during the war, all casualties of Hitler's campaign to obliterate Jewish life and culture.

Gombin Bimah

For decades, the world believed these structures were lost. In 1999, a team of filmmakers set out into the Lithuanian countryside, hoping the wooden synagogues which had been discovered a few years earlier by an Israeli research team would still be standing.

The buildings they found were crumbling, symbols of a culture which left in its trace and moved on to survive elsewhere.

Synagogue conditions today.


FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL THE MUSEUM HOTLINE AT 786-972-3175 or email info@jewishmuseum.com. Walk-ins welcome. Museum memberships available at the Admissions Desk.

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. Interesting history and art exhibits change periodically. Currently on display are: Wooden Synagogues of Poland and the Florida Connection through March 18, 2012 and Rabbi Irving Lehrman: His Life & Art through January 15, 2012. Opening on January 31 Max Miller: Final Movermen’s Kaddish - 333 Days in Painting through May 13. A Collections & Research Center, Timeline Wall of Jewish history, several films, Museum Store filled with unique items and Benne’s Bistro for snacks complete the experience for visitors of all ages and backgrounds. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the Museum is located at 301 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach 33139, and is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Mondays, Civil and Jewish holidays. Admission: Adults/$6; Seniors/$5; Families/$2; Members and children under 6/Always Free; Saturdays/Free. For information: 305-672-5044 or www.jewishmuseum.com