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Dr. Gary P. Zola to be Featured Guest at National Archives Lecture Honoring Jewish American Heritage Month

CINCINNATI, OH:—On Tuesday evening, May 31, 2016, Dr. Gary P. Zola will be in conversation with Erin Mast, executive director of President Lincoln's Cottage, at the Annual Jewish American Heritage Month Lecture in Washington D.C. The event is presented by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington in partnership with the National Archives, The Foundation for Jewish Studies, and President Lincoln's Cottage.



The evening program, which begins at 7:00 p.m. at the National Archives' William G. McGowan Theater, will focus on tracing President Lincoln's fascinating connection with and legacy among Jewish Americans. Using newspaper clippings, letters, poems, and sermons — many never published before — Dr. Zola will discuss why Lincoln was given the affectionate title “Rabbi” by America's small, but growing Jewish population. “Dr. Zola reminds us of the importance of archives in preserving and sharing the stories forgotten by history,” noted Laura Cohen Appelbaum, Executive Director of The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington.

“Jewish American Heritage Month provides us with a valuable opportunity to bring the contributions that Jews have to the development of the American nation into bold relief,” explained Dr. Zola. “It is a privilege for me to contribute to this unique roundtable exchange on the American Jewish experience, which is being sponsored by The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington.”

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ABOUT JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
By Congressional resolution and Presidential proclamation,
MAY is Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM).

A national month of recognition of the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture, JAHM acknowledges the achievements of American Jews in fields ranging from sports and arts and entertainment to medicine, business, science, government, and military service.

<http://www.jewishamericanheritagemonth.us>



Dr. Zola is a scholar of the American Jewish experience. He is the Executive Director of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and the Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of American Jewish Experience & Reform Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

Tickets to the event are \$10. Registration will be taken on a first come, first served basis. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

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