



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

The Future Museum

Rising five stories above Independence Mall, in the heart of historic Philadelphia, the National Museum of American Jewish History will join Independence Hall, the National Constitution Center, the Liberty Bell and other landmarks at the hallowed site of America's birth. There could not be a more fitting place for a museum that will explore the promise and challenges of liberty through the lens of the American Jewish experience.

Behind the striking glass façade that looks out across the Mall, the 100,000-square-foot Museum will offer three floors of core exhibition space. The core exhibition will explore more than 350 years of American Jewish history through the use of evocative objects, telling moments and state-of-the-art interactive technologies. A separate floor will be dedicated to changing exhibits. In addition, the unique *Only in America*® Gallery/Hall of Fame will illustrate the extraordinary accomplishments of American Jews. The concourse will be entirely devoted to education, with classrooms, a theater and a resource center. The Museum will also house a café and gift shop.

The new Museum has been designed by the internationally acclaimed architectural firm Polshek Partnership Architects, which completed the Rose Center for Earth and Space at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, the Newseum in Washington, D.C. and the William J. Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Gallagher & Associates, one of the leading exhibit design firms in the country, is creating the core exhibition. Gallagher designed the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History's Sant Ocean Hall.

Jonathan Sarna, Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University, leads the Museum's distinguished team of historians, which includes Professors Michael Berenbaum of the American Jewish University, Pamela Nadell of American University and Beth Wenger of the University of Pennsylvania.