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# MUSEUMS & DEMOCRACY

## ELEVATING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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### CONFERENCE AGENDA

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## TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

### AT THE CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM, IN DC

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>MUSEUM OPENS</b>	For Viewing, Conference Registration, and Coffee
<b>9:40 AM</b>		Gallery Explorations with Curatorial Staff
<b>10:25 AM</b>	<b>WELCOMES</b>	From CAJM, A More Perfect Union, and the Capital Jewish Museum
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>	<i>What's at Stake: Democracy &amp; Museums</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Ivy Barsky (Capital Jewish Museum) and Kevin Gover (Smithsonian Institution)
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>	<i>How Jewish Wisdom Can Point Us to Productive Dialogue</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Aaron Dorfman (A More Perfect Union), Rabbi Rachel Gartner (Georgetown U.), Manu Meel (BridgeUSA), Colin Weil (Independent)
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>TALKING CIRCLES</b>	Facilitated Conversations on a Range of Topics
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	With Continuing Talking Circles
<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS</b>	
		<i>Holocaust Denial &amp; Contemporary Conspiracy Theories</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Lauren Bairnsfather (Anne Frank Center USA), Rebecca Frank (Jewish Museum), Edna Friedberg (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum), Jordanna Gessler (Holocaust Museum LA), David A. Weinberg (Protect Democracy)
		<i>National Partners in Strengthening A Healthy Democracy</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Marsha Semmel (Independent), Helen J. Wechsler (IMLS), David Weinstein (NEH)
<b>3:45 PM</b>	<b>2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS</b>	
		<i>Landscapes of Democracy</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Alyssa Baltrus (National Mall and Memorial Parks, National Park Service), Omar Eaton-Martínez (National Trust for Historic Preservation), Misha Galperin (Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History), Erin Mast (Lincoln Presidential Foundation)
		<i>How Jewish Museums Can Promote Free, Fair, Safe, and Accessible Elections</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Aaron Dorfman and Jeremy Bennett (A More Perfect Union)
<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>EVENING REMARKS</b>	
<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>HAPPY HOUR</b>	Drinks and Snacks on the Museum Terrace Special Preview of Jewish Deli Exhibit

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

### MORNING AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, IN DC

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>ARRIVALS</b>	To the National Archives
<b>9:20 AM</b>	<b>WELCOMES</b>	In the William G. McGowan Theater
<b>9:35 AM</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>	<i>Museums Navigating Partisan Divides</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Devon M. Akmon (MSU Museum), Vedet Coleman-Robinson (Association of African American Museums), Rachel Perić (Welcoming America), Jorge Zamanillo (National Museum of the American Latino)
<b>10:35 AM</b>	<b>2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS</b>	
		<i>Listening and Leading in Times of Polarization</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Susan Bronson (Yiddish Book Center), Judith Rosenbaum (Jewish Women's Archive), James S. Snyder (Jewish Museum)
		<i>Understanding More, Understanding Better: Audience Complexities</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Ruth Bergman (Zekelman Holocaust Center), Randi Korn (Independent), Mark Mulder (Zekelman Holocaust Center), Hannah Weisman (Magnes Collection)
<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<i>Curating in Crises: Lessons from International Museums</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Juliana Ochs Dweck (Princeton University Art Museum), Orit Shaham Gover (ANU), Iuliia Skubytska (formerly of the War Childhood Museum, Kyiv)
	<b>TALKING CIRCLE</b>	<i>Community Engagement Techniques</i>
<b>12:45 PM</b>	<b>4 BREAK OPTIONS</b>	
		Viewing of Exhibitions at the National Archives
		Outdoor Lunch with Talking Circles / Walking Circles on a Range of Topics
		Lunch on Your Own
		Viewing of Exhibitions at the National Museum of American History

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### AFTERNOON AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY, IN DC

<b>2:10 PM</b>	<b>ARRIVALS</b>	To the National Museum of American History
<b>2:20 PM</b>	<b>WELCOMES</b>	In the Warner Bros. Theater
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>	<i>Collecting Now, For the Future of Democracy</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Jonathan Edelman (Capital Jewish Museum) and Jon Grinspan, Claire Jerry, Modupe Labode, and Peter Manseau (National Museum of American History)
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	Honoring Grace Grossman z"l
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>	<i>Let's Talk: Building and Rebuilding Trust Between Communities</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Fraidy Aber (Contemporary Jewish Museum), Theo Gonzalves (National Museum of American History), Judith Margles (Independent), Edward Tepporn (Angel Island Immigration Station), Lance Wheeler (National Center for Civil and Human Rights), Rabbi Amelia Wolf (Congregation Etz Hayim)

Museum Closes at 5:30 PM

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## THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

### MORNING AT PLANET WORD, IN DC

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>ARRIVALS</b>	Coffee and First Floor Open for Viewing
<b>9:20 AM</b>		Galleries Open for Viewing
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>WELCOMES</b>	In the Friedman Family Auditorium
<b>10:25 AM</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>	<i>Words Matter for Democracy</i>
<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>2 BREAK OPTIONS</b>	
		Galleries Open, Education Staff Available Lunch on Your Own at Cafe
<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>BUS TRANSPORT</b>	Bus to Baltimore Departs (by Pre-Registration)

### AFTERNOON WORKSHOP AT MADISON HOUSE IN BALTIMORE

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>ARRIVALS</b>	Lunch and Tours Available
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>	<i>In Conversation: Long-form Storytelling</i> With Sarah Koenig ( <i>Serial</i> podcast)
<b>2:00 PM</b>		Breakout Art Activities and Conversations <b>With Artists:</b> Steve Marcus, Hillel Smith, and Chalk Riot
<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>	<i>Where We've Been / Where We're Going:</i> <i>Art Exhibits in Jewish Museums</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Sheri Bernstein (Skirball Museum), Sol Davis (Jewish Museum of Maryland), Laura Mandel (Jewish Arts Collaborative), Heidi Rabben (Contemporary Jewish Museum)
<b>4:15 PM</b>		Wine and Cheese in the Garden
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>FAREWELL</b>	