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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY'S BEING ___ AT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS CREATIVE CHOICE FOR FAMILY FUN ON DECEMBER 25





Photos by Mario Manzoni.

WHAT: The National Museum of American Jewish History invites people of all backgrounds to an annual family day of fun on December 25. *Being ____ at Christmas*, a signature Museum event for more than 30 years running, will be filled with exciting family-friendly activities—live music, arts-and-crafts, film screenings, and more.

WHEN: Sunday, December 25, Museum hours: 10 am - 5:30 pm

WHERE: National Museum of American Jewish History, 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia

ACTIVITIES:

10:30 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm: Live music from the Emmy Award-winning Alex & the Kaleidoscope (each set is approximately 30-45 minutes)

11 am - 4 pm: Make stars and snowflakes with The Clay Studio

10:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm: Storytime

10 am - 3 pm: Face Painting and Balloon Art

4:45 pm: Hanukkah Candle Lighting

Throughout the day: Fun(ny) Family Films

Shalom Sesame

Chanukah – The Missing Menorah (2010, 28 min) 10:15 am & 12:15 pm

Rugrats Holiday Episodes

A Rugrats Chanukah, A Rugrats Kwanzaa, Babies in Toyland (90 min total) 10:45 am & 12:45 pm

Episodes of *The Three Stooges*

Dizzy Doctors (1937, 17 min)
Tassels in the Air (1938, 17 min)
An Ache in Every Stake (1941, 18 min)
Cactus Makes Perfect (1942, 17 min)
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Marx Brothers

Monkey Business (1931, 77 min) 4 pm – 5:20 pm

All day: Enjoy make-and-take crafts, visit a quieter game room for those who need some down time, and explore the more than 360 years of American Jewish History on view in the Museum, including the special exhibition <u>Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution</u>, closing January 16.

DINING OPTIONS:

10:30 am – 2:30 pm: Magical Sweet Shop, a South Jersey kosher favorite, will be providing family-friendly fare for purchase on the fifth floor with plenty of seating in the heart of the action. Guests can warm up with delicious nibbles like mac n cheese, crème brûlée French toast, or a hot cup of soup. Kosher certificate available here.

10 am - 4 pm: The Museum's Pomegranates Café will also be open with a limited menu of light fare, hot and cold beverages, and snacks. Located on the first floor (through the Museum Store), the Museum Café is vegetarian and dairy and not under Rabbinical supervision, but offers Kosher options.

SHOPPING:

10 am - 5:30 pm: Pop into one of the best Museum stores around, located on the first floor.

TICKETS:

Adult Pricing: \$12 Adults/FREE for Members*

Child Pricing: \$5 Kids 12 & under/FREE for kids of Family Level Members* and above All *Being* ____ *at Christmas* program tickets include Museum Admission. Tickets can be purchased at the door or reserved at NMAJH.org/dec25.

*Membership at the Family Level and above (\$90 Family Level) always includes free admission to Being ____ at Christmas. Membership can be purchased at NMAJH.org/join.

Note: Strollers are permitted in the Museum but indoor stroller parking will be available.

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About the National Museum of American Jewish History

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the more than 360-year history of Jews in America. Tracing the stories of how Jewish immigrants became Jewish Americans, the Museum invites visitors of all backgrounds to share their own stories and reflect on how their histories and identities shape and are shaped by the American experience. An open door for all, NMAJH honors the past and contributes to a better future by sharing the power of imagination and ideas, culture and community, leadership and service, in ways that turn inspiration into action.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is located at 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Museum hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. NMAJH is closed most Mondays, including federal holidays and some Jewish holidays. Museum admission is \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID. For the run of *Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution*, September 16, 2016 – January 16, 2017, the Museum will stay open until 8 pm on Wednesday evenings (except on select evenings for private events as detailed on the website). Connect with the Museum on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Pinterest</u>. For more information, visit <u>NMAJH.org</u> or call 215.923.3811.