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**ACTRESS AND AUTHOR, AMANDA PEET TO KICK OFF HOLIDAY SEASON
PROGRAMMING AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY**

The National Museum of American Jewish History is in the holiday spirit and welcomes visitors of all faiths and ages to attend its festive seasonal programs.

Amanda Peet presents *Dear Santa, Love, Rachel Rosenstein*

Wednesday, December 2 at 7 pm

\$15/\$10 Members

Sure to be a memorable family event, actress and playwright **Amanda Peet** makes her children's book debut with ***Dear Santa, Love, Rachel Rosenstein***, co-written by her longtime friend Andrea



Troyer. A warm and funny slice of family holiday drama, this book tells the story of a young Jewish girl who wonders why Santa Claus doesn't visit her house. Wrestling with her culture and customs and love of sparkly Christmas ornaments, Rachel comes away with a brighter understanding of her own identity and the gift of friends and family.

Sharon Pinkenson, executive director of the Greater Philadelphia Film Office, will moderate.

Young Friends ticket holders (ages 21-40) are also invited to attend a meet-and-greet with the authors at 6 pm prior to the program. They must purchase tickets to the program as well as RSVP to the reception by sending an email to youngfriends@nmajh.org.

Sensory-friendly Hanukkah Access Event

Sunday, December 6 from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Free with Museum admission

In partnership with JCHAI and Jewish Learning Venture's Whole Community Inclusion, the Museum invites children, teens, and adults of all abilities to celebrate with Hanukkah art activities at the Museum in a quiet setting, with a special Museum tour.

Young Friends Cocktails and Candle Lighting

Thursday, December 10 from 7 pm – 10 pm

\$30/\$20 Members

Young friends (a group specifically tailored to young professionals ages 21-40) of the Museum are invited to the **annual Hanukkah celebration on Thursday, December 10**. Moran Birman, Israel's Deputy Consul General for the Mid-Atlantic Region, will be lighting the Hanukkah candles



along with Young Friends Board Member, Steven Share. The evening includes a silent auction and traditional Hanukkah treats.

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Being _____ at Christmas

Friday, December 25 from 10 am – 5 pm

\$12 Adults/Free for Members

\$5 Children 12 and younger/Free for kids of Family Level Members and above

Snowy. Jewish. Happy. Caring. Buddhist.

Generous. Family. Creative. Friendly.

Sparkly. **Visitors are invited to fill in their own**

blank and join NMAJH's annual day of family

fun. The National Museum of American Jewish

History invites people of all backgrounds **on**

December 25 for five floors of family fun,

including getting your hands dirty with perennial

favorite The Clay Studio, moving and grooving to

live music – new for 2015 – from the Emmy

award-winning *Alex & the Kaleidoscope*, and much more. Details available at

nmajh.org/dec25



Being _____ at Christmas is sponsored by the Robert Saligman Jewish Heritage Fund.

To purchase or reserve tickets for December programs, visit NMAJH.org/publicprograms

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The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the 350-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 more information, visit NMAJH.org or call 215.923.3811.