

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS



Hand Mixer | A 60-year-old Oster hand mixer used by Susan Barocas and her family. Barocas used this same mixer for decades to make the many traditional Sephardic foods that her father taught her to make as a child. Gift of Susan Barocas



Tallit & Mask | A mask and tallit (prayer shawl) made of the same fabric, used by James Sullivan during the COVID-19 pandemic. Gift of James Sullivan

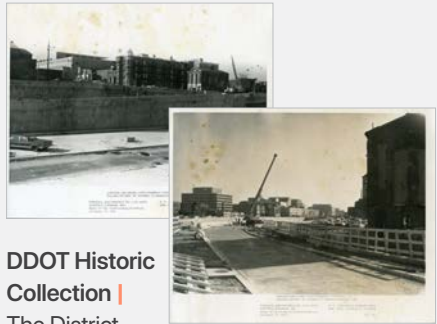


David M. Green Collection | Materials relating to the life and work of AIDS activist and educator David M. Green (1952–89). Gift of Martin F. Less

50 new collections
600 pieces digitized



Portrait of Judith Heumann | Wendy Elisheva Somerson's portrait of Judith Heumann was created to honor the work of the activist. Heumann donated the print along with photographs and ephemera related to her work in the disability rights movement. Gift of Judith Heumann



DDOT Historic Collection | The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is in the process of digitizing their photography archive. CJM staff discovered these previously unseen images, from 1969, of the historic 1876 synagogue building shortly after its move. DDOT generously donated copies of the photographs to the museum.

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BRING IT TO LIFE

Despite a host of challenges over the last year, we're proud to share the tremendous progress we've made building the new Capital Jewish Museum. In 2021, we set the theme of "Bring It to Life!"—a goal we lived and breathed as we constructed the new facility, hired critical staff, raised new philanthropic support and connected with new partners and audiences. Throughout the year, our team created engaging exhibitions and programs to foster connections, developed plans for the new museum to be animated by conversations, and worked to fill gaps in our collection of overlooked or forgotten voices. On a personal note, at the end of the year, we said goodbye to Executive Director Kara Blond, who led this effort with tremendous energy and vision—taking the museum from a concept to a four-story reality. We'll miss her and wish her well in her next adventures.

Stuart Zuckerman, President



Stuart Zuckerman in the synagogue, Oct 2021. Photo: Ron Sachs/CNP

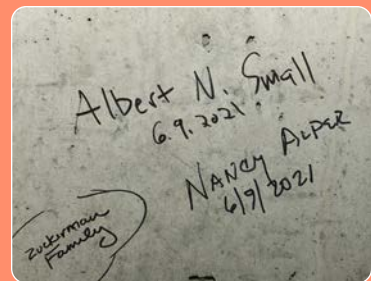


CJM staff at Sukkah City x DC, Sep 2021. Photo: Ron Sachs/CNP

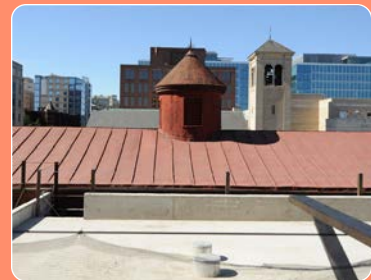
CONSTRUCTION

In the last year, the new museum structure was built from the ground up. Concrete was poured at the beginning of the year; the topping out was celebrated in June; and a donor event with tours of the raw gallery spaces took place in early October.

In the new year, the building will soon be fully enclosed and watertight, with ongoing interior projects such as installing mechanical equipment, hanging drywall and finalizing fixtures and finishes. Staff are projected to move into the building in the spring to begin installation of the exhibitions, transfer in the collections, and more.



Signatures of CJM supporters on a concrete pillar from the topping off ceremony, Jun 2021. Photo: Ron Sachs/CNP



CJM construction site, Jun 2021. Photos: Lloyd Wolf



DONOR SUPPORT

The year saw us welcome a large number of new donors and continued success for our fundraising initiatives. Key highlights include major foundation and government grants, including three from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities totaling over \$600,000. Support from these institutions reflects their trust in the museum's ability to deliver on its mission and fulfill an important role in the DC cultural community. Grants included support for *Sukkah City x DC*, general operating expenses, and the new museum's lobby art installation and the core exhibition galleries.

3
major
government
grants

CJM capital campaign supporters at the topping-off ceremony, Jun 2021. Photo: Ron Sachs/CNP

3
early sponsors
for the first
special exhibition

9
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92
new
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SUKKAH CITY x DC



Sukkah City x DC at the National Building Museum's West Lawn, Sep 2021. Photo: Ron Sachs/CNP

Participating architects, museum staff, and Councilmember Brooke Pinto at Community Day, Sep 2021. Photo: Ron Sachs/CNP



2 locations
3 partners
7 architects

375 votes for 'fan favorite' sukkah
400 pairs of shoes donated
4,000 visitors

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In the fall, CJM hosted *Sukkah City x DC*, a public installation of seven creative and whimsical *sukkahs* designed by notable architects on display at and in partnership with the National Building Museum and Edlavitch DCJCC. The *sukkah* designs built on the *Sukkot* theme of 'welcoming the stranger,' and explored key social justice issues, the changing landscape, and the traditions of the holiday. Programming, including a major Community Day in partnership with the National Building Museum, drew over 4,000 visitors to the two sites. Inspired by the original Sukkah City, hosted in NYC in 2010, *Sukkah City x DC* marked a new first for the nation's capital. Due to overwhelming interest, the exhibition was extended for an additional week.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Hosted more than
5,000
participants across
40 programs

Digitized
600
archival objects,
approximately
1%
of the collection

Built the
new museum
structure,
including
four floors
and a rooftop
terrace

Welcomed
92
new
funders
and donors

Acquired
more than
50
new objects for
the collection

Received
3 major
grants
from
government
agencies



In Memoriam
Albert H. Small, son of the museum's namesakes, Lillian and Albert Small, died October 3 at the age of 95. We remember Albert's tremendous legacy of leadership in philanthropy, his passion for history and preservation, and his long support of our institution. May his name be for a blessing.