

OUR EXHIBITIONS

Temporary exhibitions ensure the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum remains dynamic and relevant. They inspire repeat visitation, attract first-time audiences, and create meaningful entry points for non-Jewish visitors to engage with Jewish history. They also allow us to explore fresh dimensions of the Jewish experience in Washington and the broader American Jewish story, surfacing untold histories and responding to timely themes.

Since opening in June 2023, more than 20,000 visitors have come to see our special exhibitions.

ABOUT ESTHER BUBLEY: PHOTOGRAPHING THE HOMEFRONT

Esther Bublely (1921-1998), the daughter of Jewish immigrants, was a documentary photographer who worked for the Office of War Information during WWII. While in the capital, she photographed Woodrow Wilson (now Jackson-Reed) High School students and followed uniformed soldiers throughout the city—to the Loew's Theater, Glen Echo Amusement Park, and Dissin's Jewish boarding house, where her sister lived. Bublely's evocative black-and-white photographs show us a bustling city welcoming thousands of new residents experiencing urban life.

This exhibition pairs dramatic photography with artifacts from the Museum collection to help illustrate this glimpse into the capital city at a critical time in our nation's history.

“We were told to photograph what we saw...so that other people would know what it was like.”

-Esther Bublely



