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## **ANNOUNCING THE CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM'S FALL 2025 PROGRAMS**

**Featuring Public, Family, Educator, and Drop-In Programs for September through December**

**Washington, DC: August 25, 2025** – The Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum is pleased to present the Fall 2025 slate of programs. Highlights include an Oktoberfest-themed after-hours party, a look back at the AIDS crisis, a storytelling collaboration with Story District for LGBTQ+ Jews, a writing workshop for families with a Young Adult author, drop in Mah Jongg, and much more.

### **FEATURED EXHIBITION**

#### ***LGBTJews in the Federal City***

Through Sunday, January 4, 2026

Tickets: \$12 Adults | \$10 Seniors 65+ & Students | Free for Members | Free Ages 12 & Younger

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/exhibition/lgbtjews-in-the-federal-city/>

This landmark exhibition is the first of its kind to explore DC history, Jewish history, and LGBTQ+ history together, drawing from the Museum's robust LGBTQ+ archive. Immerse yourself in 200 historical and contemporary photographs, 120 artifacts, and more than a dozen oral histories. Learn about legal milestones, far-ranging protests, change in religious spaces, and vibrant cultural life.

[**October is LGBTQ History Month:** Please consider the Museum for stories about the LGBTQ+ experience, past and present, in the national capital region.]

#### **Community Day: *LGBTJews in the Federal City***

Sunday, September 7, 10am-5pm

Tickets: Free | <https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/community-day-4/>

The Museum and the special exhibition *LGBTJews in the Federal City* will be free to the public.

### **PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

#### **Storytelling Workshop with Story District**

Wednesday, September 3 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Free

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/storytelling-workshop-with-story-district/>

We're teaming up with **Story District** to offer an interactive workshop to turn personal experiences into stories to be shared! No experience required. Presented in partnership with Story District.

#### **Author Talk with Shaul Kelner: The Washington Area Movement to Free Soviet Jewry**

Sunday, September 7 | In Person & Virtual | 1 – 2:30 pm

Free Members, \$10 General

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/author-talk-with-shaul-kelner-the-washington-area-movement-to-free-soviet-jewry/>

Discover how local activists fought to free Soviet Jewry and pioneered the movement's iconic tactics. **Shaul Kelner** will discuss his book, *A Cold War Exodus: How American Activists Mobilized to Free Soviet Jews*, in conversation with refusenik, **Yelena Luckert**. With Q&A and book signing. Presented in partnership with The Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies.

### **Immigration Legislation: Then and Now**

Wednesday, September 17 | In Person & Virtual | 6:30 – 8 pm

Free Members, \$10 General

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/immigration-legislation-then-and-now/>

Join us for a timely panel discussion examining key moments in U.S. immigration legislation—past and present—and how history continues to shape today's policies and debates. **Katherine Benton-Cohen, PhD, GU Professor**, and **Yael Schacher, Refugees International**. Moderated by **Arno Rosenfeld, reporter for *The Forward***. Presented in partnership with *The Forward*.

### **CJM After Sunset: Late to the Party Oktoberfest**

Thursday, October 16 | 6 – 9 pm

\$10 Members, \$15 General | Ages 21+

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/cjm-after-sunset-late-to-the-party-oktoberfest/>

Learn about the first German Jews to arrive in DC, sip on German beers, decorate your own beer stein, compete in trivia, dance to klezmer faves, and more! Presented in partnership with **Heurich House Museum**.

### **Striving to Belong: LGBTQ+ Jews in Orthodox Communities**

Tuesday, October 21 | In Person & Virtual | 6:30 – 8 pm

Free Members, \$10 General

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/striving-to-belong-lgbtq-jews-in-orthodox-communities/>

This roundtable discussion examines shifts in the Orthodox community towards greater inclusion of LGBTQ+ Jews. Co-sponsored by Eshel and *Moment Magazine*

### **Cello Concert with John Kaboff**

Sunday, October 26 | 1 – 1:30 pm

Free

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/cello-concert-with-john-kaboff/>

Concert cellist **John Kaboff** will perform works by composers Benjamin Britten and Ernst Bloch.

### **Voices Series: Multigenerational Stories of Coming Out**

Tuesday, October 28 | 6:30 – 8 pm

Free Members, \$10 General

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/voices-series-multigenerational-stories-of-coming-out/>

Hear from local LGBTQ+ Jewish community members as they reflect on their coming out experiences. Presented in partnership with Bet Mishpachah.

### **A Bookish Night at the Museum**

Wednesday, November 5 | 5 – 8 pm

Free

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/a-bookish-night-at-the-museum/>

Grab your book and join fellow bibliophiles for a relaxing and enlightening evening of reading and discovery.

### **Salon Nights: Identity Collage Workshop**

Thursday, November 6 | 11am – 12:30 pm or 6 – 7:30 pm

\$12 Members, \$15 General

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/salon-nights-identity-collage-workshop/>

Join artist and educator **Lior Gross, co-founder of the Nonbinary Hebrew Project**, for one of two collage workshops exploring intersecting identities. Presented in partnership with the Nonbinary Hebrew Project.

### **The Lavender Scare Film Screening and Talkback**

Thursday, November 13 | 7 – 9 pm

\$10 CJM Members, \$16 General | Location: Edlavitch DCJCC

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/the-lavender-scare-film-screening-and-talkback/>

Learn the history of the Lavender Scare—featured in *LGBTJews in the Federal City*—with a thought-provoking film screening about the federal government’s campaign to identify and fire all employees suspected of being homosexual. Presented in partnership with **JxJ: DC Jewish Film + Music**.

### **Voices Series: Memories from the AIDS Epidemic**

Tuesday, December 2 | 6:30 – 8 pm

Free Members, \$10 General

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/voices-series-memories-from-the-aids-epidemic/>

A look back at the AIDS crisis, the Jewish community’s response, and changes over the 1980s and 90s. Presented in partnership with **Bet Mishpachah**.

### **Antisemitism Past and Present: A Conversation with Pamela Nadell and James Loeffler**

Thursday, December 11 | 6:30 – 8 pm

Free Members, \$10 General

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/antisemitism-past-and-present-a-conversation-with-pamela-nadell-and-james-loeffler/>

Marking the release of **Pamela Nadell's** *Antisemitism: An American Tradition*, Nadell and historian, **James Loeffler**, discuss antisemitism in America—past and present. Moderated by **Stacy Burdett**. Followed by a Q&A and book signing.

### **Spotlight On: Stories by LGBTQ+ Jews in the Federal City**

Tuesday, December 16 | 7 – 9 pm

\$25 Members, \$30 General

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/spotlight-on-stories-by-lgbtq-jews-in-the-federal-city/>

Join us for an imaginative evening of live storytelling featuring the voices and experiences of LGBTQ+ Jewish Washingtonians. Hear community members perform their stories inspired by themes of Hannukah including perseverance, bravery, and light. Presented in partnership with **Story District**.

### **December 25 at CJM**

Thursday, December 25 | 11 am – 3 pm

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/december-25-at-cjm/>

Enjoy activities for all ages including holiday projects, scavenger hunts, gallery guides, and more. Additional details will be forthcoming in early November.

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Story Time at CJM

Times vary | 1 hour

Free

<https://www.simpletix.com/e/story-time-at-cjm-tickets>

Read stories, sing songs, and do crafts and activities; for children under 5 and their caregivers. In partnership with **Bender JCC, Edlavitch DCJCC, Pozez JCC and PJ Library**

<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	Thursday, Sept 11, 10 am
Responsibility & Repair	Saturday, Sept 27, 3:30 pm
<i>Sukkot</i>	Thursday, Oct 9, 10 am
Courage	Saturday, Oct 25, 3:30 pm
Thank You / <i>Toda</i>	Thursday, Nov 13, 10 am
<i>Shalom</i>	Saturday, Nov 29, 3:30 pm
Hanukkah	Thursday, Dec 11, 10 am

### Maker Morning: Spray Ink Challah Covers

Sunday, September 7 | 10 am – 12 pm

Free Members, \$10 General

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/maker-morning-spray-ink-challah-covers/>

Guided by local Jewish **artist Hillel Smith**, participants will create challah covers inspired by *Rosh Hashanah* and items from the Museum collection.

### Grandparent's Day: L'dor V'dor

Sunday, November 16 | 10 am – 12 pm

\$5 per person, no family pays more than \$20

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/grandparents-day-ldor-vdor/>

Guided by the value of *l'dor v'dor* (from generation to generation) and with a little help from the Museum's exhibitions and oral history resources, children and their grandparents or grandfriends will connect over their history.

### Maker Morning: Writers Workshop

Sunday, December 14 | 11 am – 12:30 pm

Free Members, \$10 General

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/maker-morning-writers-workshop/>

Create and connect in this session led by Jewish **YA novelist Abby White** and explore writing as an outlet for identity, community, and self-expression.

## EDUCATOR PROGRAMS

### Artifacts of Action: Jewish Life in the Era of Mass Immigration

Thursday, November 6 | 4:30 – 6 pm

Free

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/artifacts-of-action-jewish-life-in-the-era-of-mass-immigration/>

Discover local stories and discuss how to integrate them into your US history curriculum using **Project Zero** inquiry techniques.

In partnership with Project Zero DC

### **NCSS Educators' Night Out**

Friday, December 5 | 6 – 8 pm

Free

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/events/ncss-educators-night-out/>

Teachers, administrators, and education-support professionals are welcome to visit and connect with other educators over drinks, activities, and all three exhibitions at the Museum, including *LGBTJews in the Federal City*.

## **DROP-IN PROGRAMS**

### **Tour of Ongoing Exhibitions**

Sundays | 12 pm

\$5 | Registration Encouraged

<https://www.simplerix.com/e/public-tour-of-the-ongoing-exhibitions>

Enjoy a 45-min tour of the ongoing exhibitions.

### **Tour of Special Exhibition**

Sundays | 1 pm

\$5 + the cost of a special exhibition ticket | Registration Encouraged

<https://www.simplerix.com/e/public-tour-of-lgbtjews-exhibition>

Enjoy a 45-min tour of *LGBTJews in the Federal City*.

### **Mah Jongg MeetUp**

Sundays, 1 – 3 pm and Wednesdays | 5 – 7 pm

Free – \$20

Hosted by the **National Mah Jongg League**

## **MUSEUM HOURS | HOLIDAY SCHEDULE | ADMISSION**

Wednesday – Sunday | 10 am – 5 pm

Evening Hours, First Wed of Each Month | Sep 3, Nov 5, & Dec 3 | 6 – 8 pm

### **Holiday Schedule & Closings**

Erev Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 1, 10 am – 3 pm

Yom Kippur, Thursday, October 2, **Closed**

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 26, 10 am – 3 pm

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27, **Closed**

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, 10 am – 3 pm

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 10 am – 3 pm

### **Admission**

Ongoing Exhibitions: Free with Suggested Donation

*LGBTJews in the Federal City*

\$12 Adults | \$10 Ages 65+ & Students w/Valid ID | Free Ages 12 & Younger | Free for Members

#### **LOCATION**

575 3rd Street (Enter on F Street), NW, Washington, DC 20001

#### **TICKETS**

<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/>

#### **SUPPORT**

Major support is provided by DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities and the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

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#### **ABOUT THE CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM**

The Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum explores the Jewish experience in the national capital region and inspires visitors to connect personally and collectively, reflect on the relevance of the past to today, and act on behalf of their communities and values. With its experimental spirit, the Museum connects the past to the present through thought-provoking exhibitions, dynamic programming, and creative public experiences.

For more information about the Capital Jewish Museum, please visit: <https://capitaljewishmuseum.org>.

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