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**CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EXHIBITION
“ESTHER BUBLEY: PHOTOGRAPHING THE HOMEFRONT**

Washington, DC: July 7, 2026 –

WHAT: The Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum will open “Esther Bubley: Photographing the Homefront,” an exhibition examining one of the twentieth century's most compelling documentary photographers and her unique vision of the World War II homefront.

WHEN: October 22, 2026–February 28, 2027

WHERE: Capital Jewish Museum, 575 3rd St NW, Washington, DC

Esther Bubley’s photographs offer us a rare glimpse into Washington, DC at a critical time in the nation’s history. The gallery will feature more than 70 black-and-white photographs taken from 1942–43, most commissioned by the Office of War Information, the government propaganda agency established by President Franklin Roosevelt. Highlights include uniformed soldiers on leave in the city streets; children climbing on monuments and experiencing urban life; students at Woodrow Wilson High School (now Jackson-Reed); and residents of Dissin’s, a Dupont Circle guest house that served young Jewish government workers.

Bubley’s writing indicates the conflict between her government propaganda work and the “beyond the marble” glimpses she got of a segregated, often struggling city. The exhibition uses Bubley’s own words to describe these discrepancies, making this context a critical part of the story.

The photographs will be accompanied by objects from the Museum's collection, as well as never-before displayed items on loan from the Bubley family archive, including Bubley’s cameras and marked-up photographs. By pairing Bubley’s photos with personal artifacts, oral histories, and other collection materials, the exhibition will offer a rich understanding the lives of Jewish Washingtonians during this transformative period. This will be the first exhibition of Esther Bubley’s work to focus on her work relative to her personal Jewish story and the Jewish histories of Washington, DC.

ABOUT THE CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM

The Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum collects, preserves, and shares the diverse stories of Jewish history and culture in the National Capital Region. Through exhibitions and programs, we build connections across generations and communities, encourage reflection on the relevance of the past to today, and inspire civic and community engagement.

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