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**From Haven to Home: Jewish Life in America to make its Midwest debut in Detroit**

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The touring exhibition **From Haven to Home** will make its Midwest debut when it opens at the Detroit Historical Museum on May 6, 2009. Presented locally by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, **From Haven to Home** chronicles and brings to life 350 years of the American Jewish experience, focusing on America as "Haven" — the Jewish immigrant's refuge from persecution in countries abroad — to America as "Home," the creation of permanent Jewish communities in the United States. The exhibition features more than 200 reproductions of American Judaic treasures from the collections of the Library of Congress, augmented by a selection of important loans from other institutions.

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Among its treasures are a letter from the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, R.I. to President George Washington, and his letter in response; a copy of the hand-written version of Emma Lazarus' poem "The New Colossus," which is inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty. Michigan artifacts include memorabilia from the Faygo Company, historic war uniforms and ceremonial items dating back centuries.

**From Haven to Home** is presented by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, in cooperation with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit and will be on display at the Detroit Historical Museum from May 6 through August 30, 2009. Group tours are being booked now and are available through the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan. Tours combining the Jewish Historical Society's award-winning Tour of Jewish Detroit and the From Haven to Home exhibit will also be available. For more information, contact the JHS of MI, 248-432-5517 or [jhsfsmichigan@msn.com](mailto:jhsfsmichigan@msn.com).

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979.

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Image: Lady Liberty Opens America's Gate, 1909  
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