American History TV—C-SPAN3 to Broadcast Dr. Gary P. Zola’s Appearance at National Archives Lecture

CINCINNATI, OH:—On Tuesday evening, May 31, 2016, Dr. Gary P. Zola appeared in conversation with Erin Mast, executive director of President Lincoln’s Cottage, at the Annual Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM) Lecture in Washington D.C. The program at the National Archives’ William G. McGowan Theater focused on tracing President Lincoln’s fascinating connection with and legacy among Jewish Americans.

Dr. Zola’s featured appearance will air on Saturday July 9 (10:30pm ET) and Sunday, July 10 (4:30pm ET) on American History TV-C-SPAN3.

Using newspaper clippings, letters, poems, and sermons — many never published before — Dr. Zola discussed why Lincoln was given the affectionate title “Rabbi” by America’s small, but growing Jewish population. Zola is the author of the recent volume on the nation’s 16th president: We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry, a Documentary History. The event was presented by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington in partnership with the National Archives, The Foundation for Jewish Studies, and President Lincoln’s Cottage.

Dr. Zola is a scholar of the American Jewish experience. He is the Executive Director of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and the Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of American Jewish Experience & Reform Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. Dr. Zola has been a member of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad since 2011, when he was appointed by President Barack Obama. 

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