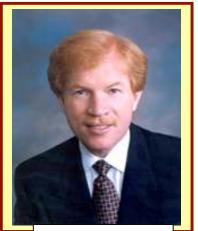


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Nationally Syndicated Radio Program to Feature Dr. Gary P. Zola Discussing *Lincoln and the Jews*

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CINCINNATI, OH:— Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and Associate Professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, was interviewed on the nationally syndicated program "Interfaith Voices". As the yearlong celebration of the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln begins on February 12, Zola was asked to provide historical background and context regarding Lincoln and the Jews. The interview, with host Maureen Fiedler, will air Friday, February 6th and Thursday, February 12th on 60 stations nationwide. For a list of affiliate stations, please visit <u>http://interfaithradio.org/tunein</u>. The broadcast will also be available online at <u>www.interfaithradio.org</u> and on XM Radio (XMPR public radio Channel 133) on (Friday 7:30 p.m. ET).



Dr. Gary P. Zola

Dr. Zola, the only rabbi to receive an appointment to the Advisory Council of the Congressionally recognized Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, is currently writing a major treatment of the history of American Jewry's relationship with Abraham Lincoln. Publication of *He was Like One of Us: American Jewry and Abraham Lincoln* (working title) is forthcoming. "In this year of the Abraham Lincoln bicentennial, we will celebrate the myriad reasons why Abraham Lincoln remains such a compelling figure," said Zola. "American Jews related to Abraham Lincoln as an iconic presence during his lifetime—and this view endures yet today. The greatness of his abiding moral leadership created a notion that our 16th president was, in fact, peerless; a leader—a presence—the likes of which might never rise again. It is this and more that has captivated American Jewry for generations."

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Interfaith Voices is an independent public radio show providing engaging and informative discussion on the key public issues of our day through the lenses of many different faith perspectives. The program seeks to promote interfaith understanding through dialogue, foster religious tolerance and educate listeners on the broad diversity of religious traditions and viewpoints in the United States, Canada, and around the world.

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The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, founded in 1947 by its namesake on the Cincinnati, Ohio, campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, is committed to preserving a documentary heritage of the religious, organizational, economic, cultural, personal, social and family life of American Jewry. The Marcus Center contains over 15,000 linear feet of archives, manuscripts, nearprint materials, photographs, audio and videotapes, microfilm, and genealogical materials.