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## Cincinnati Premiere of Film Exploring Jewish Participation During the Civil War Will Take Place on 150th Anniversary of the Start of the War

**Cincinnati, OH:---** 150 years ago—on April 13, 1861—the first battle of the Civil War was being fought. Now, a new film – *“Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray”* – explores Jewish participation during the Civil War during the nation’s sesquicentennial commemorations.

The Cincinnati premiere of the film will take place on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 in the Amberley Room at the Mayerson Jewish Community Center at 8485 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236. A \$5.00 donation is suggested per person.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m., with a pre-event brown bag dinner/discussion led by Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives. (Dr. Zola was interviewed by the filmmakers and appears in the film.) The discussion will be followed by the screening of the film at 7:00 p.m.

*“Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray”* (a production of Indigo Films) illuminates the sacrifices Jews made as they defended the Union and the Confederacy. This first-of-its-kind film reveals many of the little-known struggles facing Jewish Americans, both in battle and on the home front. During the War Between the States, allegiances split the Jewish community just as deeply as the national debate split the country at large. The film presents a collection of photographic and lithographic stills, anecdotes, interviews with noted historians (including Dr. Zola), and dramatic readings of letters and historical speeches. The film is narrated by Oscar-nominated screenwriter John Milius.

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The premiere event will also include a Civil War Artifacts Exhibit from the collections of the American Jewish Archives; and a post-screening dessert reception featuring baked goods from Civil War era recipes.

The event is presented by The Mayerson JCC, The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, and the Greater Cincinnati Board of Rabbis. Supporting sponsor is the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

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