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Renowned Historian & Author William Freehling to Present Lecture on “Becoming Lincoln: Steep Falls and Cunning Comebacks on an Epic Journey”

Event Co-presented by the AJA and the UC History Department

CINCINNATI, OH:---The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and the History Department at the University of Cincinnati will co-host a lecture by William W. Freehling, Singletary Professor of the Humanities Emeritus at the University of Kentucky and Fellow at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, Emeritus.



The event will be held on Thursday, April 18 from 12:30-1:45 p.m. at The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives' Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati International Learning Center, located on the Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, 45220. The event is free and open to the public.

Professor Freehling's lecture will focus on how Abraham Lincoln, famous for becoming arguably America's most successful president, experienced an extended series of failures on the way toward presidential triumph. Professor Freehling will explore the largely untold history of Lincoln's journey from obscurity to remarkable success.

“It is an honor to welcome Professor Freehling—one of the world's leading historians of 19th-Century America and the Civil War era—to our community,” said Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, Professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati and author of the upcoming volume, *We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry*. “Dr. Freehling began a lifetime of work documenting the Old South forty years ago with the publication of *Prelude to Civil War; The Nullification Controversy in South Carolina* (winner of the Nevins and Bancroft Prizes). His visit to Cincinnati is an opportunity to learn from one of the world's preeminent Civil War scholars.”

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Professor Freehling's books also include *The Road to Disunion* (a 2-volume work on the coming of the Civil War), and *The South v. the South*, standard reading on dissent within the slave states and Confederacy during the Civil War.

This lecture is made possible through the generous support of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of History of the University of Cincinnati.

RSVPs are requested at: sroper@huc.edu. For questions and additional information, contact Stacey Roper at 513.487.3000.

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