

# THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN JEWISH SUMMER CAMPS



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## JULY 8

5:00-6:00 PM EDT



The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES is proud to announce that **DR. GARY P. ZOLA** will be a featured speaker this summer virtually at the MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE:

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Every summer, millions of young Americans pack their bags and go to sleep-away camp for weeks or months at a time. Among them are hundreds of thousands of Jewish campers and counselors.

Whether they know it or not, they are participating in a 100-year-old American Jewish tradition, following in the footsteps of the pioneers who first embraced camping in the early 20th century as a way of escaping the city, preserving tradition, and forging a Jewish identity.



Join the Museum for a program exploring the fascinating history of Jewish summer camps with **Dr. Gary Zola**, the Executive Director of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and editor of the 2006 anthology ***A Place of Our Own: The Rise of Reform Jewish Camping***; (Tuscaloosa, Alabama: University of Alabama Press, 2006) co-edited by Michael M. Lorge, and **Dr. Jenna Weissman Joselit**, the Charles E. Smith Professor of Judaic Studies & Professor of History at George Washington University and curator of the 1994 exhibition *A Worthy Use of Summer: Jewish Summer Camping in America*.



**Gary Phillip Zola** is the Executive Director of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) and the Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience & Reform Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati. The AJA is the world's largest free-standing research center dedicated solely to the study of the American Jewish experience.

The program will be moderated by **Rabbi Rick Jacobs**, President of the Union for Reform Judaism. [\*\*CLICK HERE to REGISTER for the program.\*\*](#)

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