

THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN JEWISH SUMMER CAMPS



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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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