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**Press Release**

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## ***Jewish History in Cincinnati at Main Library Through October 12***

In commemoration of the 350th Anniversary of Jewish Life in America, the exhibit *Jewish History in Cincinnati* is on display through October 12 at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street. This exhibit traces the history of Jewish settlers in the area, influential rabbis, the founding of *The American Israelite*, and Jewish architecture throughout the city. Learn more about Jewish contributions to the culture of our city through images from the collections of the American Jewish Archives.

### **A Homeland in Cincinnati:**

In the time before the steam engine, waterway access was an essential component of choosing where to settle. Cincinnati's ideal port on the Ohio River most likely drew Joseph Jonas, the city's first Jewish resident to the area in March 1817. Many followed and all sought to make Cincinnati an example for the rest of the country's Jews.

Jonas wrote, "The fiat had gone forth that a new resting place for the scattered sons of Israel should be commenced and that a sanctuary should be erected in the Great West dedicated to the lord of hosts to resound with praises to the ever-living God."

from the *Jewish History in Cincinnati Exhibit*

**Special Program:** Music for the whole family with the *Cincinnati Klezmer Project* and fun activities for kids, Sunday, October 9, 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Atrium! After the fun, visit the *Jewish History in Cincinnati* exhibit.

Exhibit from The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives  
located on the Cincinnati campus of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish  
Institute of Religion  
*Cincinnati - New York - Los Angeles - Jerusalem*

**Exhibit Hours:**

Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

✓ **Information about events at the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org).**

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