

For Immediate Release
June 24, 2015

Contact: Rochelle Eisenberg
410-369-9306

Jewish Museum of Maryland Wins National Leadership in History Award
JMM one of only two Maryland organizations honored

Baltimore, MD - The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) recently honored the Jewish Museum of Maryland (JMM), Maryland Historical Society and Minotaur Mazes with a Leadership in History Award for its original exhibit, *The A-Mazing Mendes Cohen*.

The Museum was selected as a 2015 Award of Merit winner by the Leadership in History awards committee. Considered the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history, this national award is presented for excellence in history programs, projects and people. JMM joins the Maryland Historical Society as the only 2015 award recipients in Maryland. There were a total of 60 recipients from 31 states.

“We are honored to be recognized for this distinguished award,” said Marvin Pinkert, JMM Executive Director. “As a centerpiece of Jewish Baltimore history, the JMM works diligently to document, communicate and share the varied stories that define our community’s history.” Together, our leadership and professional team are dedicated to preserving Jewish Baltimore’s history so that we can continue to learn from the many people who came before us.”

“The Leadership in History Awards is AASLH’s highest distinction and the winners represent the best in the field,” said Trina Nelson Thomas, AASLH Awards Chair and Director, Stark Art & History Venue, Stark Foundation. “This year, we are pleased to distinguish each recipient’s commitment and innovation to the interpretation of history, as well as their leadership for the future of state and local history.”

The Leadership in History Awards Program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout America. Each nomination is peer-reviewed by AASLH officers and members.

Presentation of the awards will be made at a special banquet during the 2015 AASLH Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, on Friday, September 18. The

banquet is supported by a generous contribution from the History Channel. A full listing of recipients can be found at: about.aaslh.org/awards.

About the American Association for State and Local History:

AASLH has provided leadership and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to all Americans since 1940. AASLH is a not-for-profit professional organization of individuals and institutions working to preserve and promote history. From its headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, AASLH works to advance knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of local history in America. AASLH publishes books, technical publications, a quarterly magazine, a monthly newsletter, and maintains numerous affinity groups and committees serving a broad range of constituents across the historical community. The association also sponsors regional and national training workshops and an annual meeting. For more information, visit aaslh.org.

About the Jewish Museum of Maryland

The Jewish Museum of Maryland, at 15 Lloyd Street, Baltimore, MD, 21202 is America's leading museum of regional Jewish history, culture and community, located in downtown Baltimore, blocks from the Inner harbor. At the JMM, visitors can uncover the roots of Jewish history in changing exhibitions and landmark historic sites – the Lloyd Street Synagogue, built in 1845, now the nation's third oldest standing synagogue, and B'nai Israel Synagogue, built in 1876 and home to a vibrant congregation. The JMM is an agency of The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore. For more information, visit JewishMuseumMD.org