

**JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA  
MAY 2010 EXHIBITS & PROGRAMS**

**EXHIBITS**

**"MOSAIC: Jewish Life in Florida" CORE EXHIBIT: Ongoing**

This exhibit includes more than 500 photos and artifacts that depict the Jewish experience in Florida since 1763 to the present, reflecting a thematic presentation of immigration, inter-generational rituals, community development, discrimination, making a living, acculturation and identity. The exhibit depicts history through personal artifacts, oral histories, films, photography, pictorial timeline and contemporary art providing an opportunity for an engaging up close museum experience. The Museum is housed in two former synagogues that served the first congregation on Miami Beach. The primary building is a restored 1936 Art Deco building with a copper dome, marble bimah and 80 stained-glass windows. The second is the original 1929 shul. The skylighted Bessie's Bistro connects the two buildings.

***FLORIDA JEWS IN THE MILITARY***

THRU SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

Thousands of Floridian Jews have served the U.S. in all branches of the military as officers and regular soldiers, nurses, doctors and chaplains. The history began in the mid-1800s with the Seminole Indian Wars when West Point graduate Abraham C. Myers served as quartermaster and a Florida city now bears his name, Ft. Myers. Jews have continued their courageous participation in defense of democracy and freedom, both on the war and home fronts, through the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The scope is demonstrated through biographies, photos and artifacts of 300 women and men, whose families have contributed these materials to the Museum's archives over the years.

***LOX WITH BLACK BEANS & RICE:  
PORTRAITS OF CUBAN JEWS IN FLORIDA***  
APRIL 27, 2010 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

This photodocumentary exhibit by Randi Sidman Moore on the contemporary Cuban Jewish community in South Florida includes 30 large-scale photographs and narratives reflecting Cuban Jews from all walks of life. The images are a look into the lives of a distinct group of people performing daily tasks, professions and rituals, providing an intimate view of a vibrant community that began more than four decades ago.

**PROGRAMS:**

**Members free, Non-Members \$6 unless otherwise indicated.**

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL THE MUSEUM HOTLINE AT 786-972-3175**

**JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH KICKOFF**

**Panel Discussion: *FLORIDA JEWS IN THE MILITARY***

**SUNDAY, MAY 2 at 2:00 pm**

Free admission for all!

The success of the Jewish Museum of Florida's initiation of Florida Jewish History Month (each January) inspired the national legislation in 2006 for Jewish American Heritage Month that is now each May. The kick-off for the 2010 observance will be Sunday, May 2 at 2 pm at the Museum.

There will be a panel discussion on Florida Jews in Military to complement the current exhibition of the same title. Participants include Beth Agami, mother of Daniel Agami who was killed in 2007 by an IED in Iraq; Seymour "Sy" Lichtenfeld, US Army, World War II and a Prisoner of War; Colonel Benjamin Abramowitz

who represents a family that has served the U.S. military for four consecutive generations since 1916; and Pepi Dunay from a career military family.

*Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and the Jewish Federation of Broward County, Community Relations Committee*

### **STUDENT ART EXHIBIT OPENING**

**from the Miami Dade County Museum Education Program**

**THURSDAY, MAY 6, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

Opening is free for all! The exhibit of 300 student works, grades K-12, will be on display May 1-21, 2010.

### **FILM & DISCUSSION: *CUBAN JEWISH HISTORY***

**Led by Marcos Kerbel**

**SUNDAY, MAY 23 at 2:00 pm**

### **ABOUT THE MUSEUM**

The Jewish Museum of Florida on South Beach is housed in two adjacent lovingly restored historic buildings that were once synagogues for Miami Beach's first Jewish congregation. The focal point of the Museum is its core exhibit *MOSAIC: Jewish Life in Florida: 1763 to the Present* and temporary Jewish history and art exhibits that change periodically. Currently on exhibit is *Florida Jews in the Military* through January 2, 2011 and *Lox With Black Beans & Rice: Portraits of Cuban Jews in South Florida by Randi Sidman-Moore* runs April 27 – Sept. 26, 2010. A Collections & Research Center, several films, Timeline Wall of Jewish history, Museum Store and *Bessie's Bistro* for snacks complete the experience for visitors of all ages and backgrounds. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the Museum is located at 301 Washington Avenue, South Beach and is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Mondays and Civil and Jewish holidays. Admission: Adults/\$6; Seniors/\$5; Families/\$12; Members and children under 6/Always Free; Saturdays/Free. For information: 305-672-5044 or [www.jewishmuseum.com](http://www.jewishmuseum.com).