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Summer Road Trips

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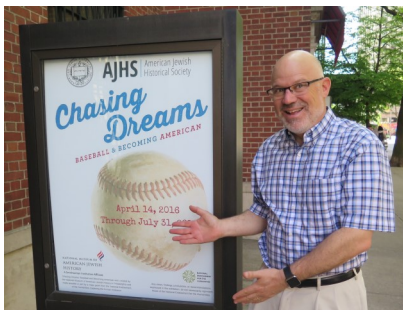
It's summertime and here are my annual suggestions for Jewish-themed road trips!

Close to home we have the **Museum of Jewish Heritage** (MJH) in Battery Park, offering two thought-provoking exhibits. **Seeking Justice: The Leo Frank Case Revisited** is an exhibit that explores the tragic events surrounding the murder of 13 year-old Mary Phagan in Georgia in 1913 and the lynching of Leo Frank, the Jewish factory superintendent accused of her murder. This case, which shook the nation, galvanized the Anti-Defamation League and revived the Ku Klux Klan. **Seeking Justice** summarizes

more than 20 years of research and brings new insights to the events that led up to these murders, as well as the granting of a posthumous pardon for Leo Frank in 1986. The exhibit is on view until August 30.

Also at the **Museum of Jewish Heritage** is **Stitching History from the Holocaust**, on view through August 14. In 1939, Paul Strnad wrote to his American cousin seeking help for him and his wife Hedy to escape Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia. Nearly 60 years later, the Strnad family discovered the letter in their basement, along with a packet of Hedy's dress designs. While Hedy and Paul Strnad did not survive, their story is brought to life through the contemporary creation of Hedy's designs and the piecing together of this couple's history. For the details of these two exhibits: <http://www.mjhnyc.org/exhibitions.html>.

A bit further north, at the **American Jewish Historical Society** located at the **Center for Jewish History**, you will enjoy **Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American**, on view through July 14. If you love baseball, this pop-up exhibit from the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia weaves together America's favorite pastime with the story of American Jewish immigration and integration. It features an exciting array of films, including historic game footage and photos, as well as a database of American Jewish ballplayers.



While at the **Center for Jewish History**, go see the **American Sephardi Federation** exhibit **Portugal: The Last Hope** on view through July 31. It is the story of Aristides de Sousa Mendes, the Portuguese Consul-General in Bordeaux, France, during World War II. In 1940, he courageously issued visas against the orders of his government and saved the lives of thousands of people, including many Jews. Portugal was a last hope for those trying to escape the Nazis, allowing refugees to get to passenger ships in Spain. Among those saved were the creators of **Curious George** and the artist, Salvador Dali. This is the link for the details of both exhibits: <http://www.cjh.org/>.



On the Upper East Side at **The Jewish Museum**, enjoy creative genius at **Isaac Mizrahi: An Unruly History**. It is organized thematically, exploring key trends in Mizrahi's work — from the use of color and prints to witty designs that touch on issues of race, religion, class, and politics. The show is comprised of 42 "looks" that include clothing, accessories and costumes for the theater, the opera and the Mark Morris Dance Group. Also featured are the designer's original drawings, performance stills and behind-the-scenes photographs. Mizrahi, born in 1961 in Brooklyn, was raised in a Jewish family. On view until August 7; for details: <http://thejewishmuseum.org/>.

A bit further north at **The Museum of the City of New York**, there is a splendid exhibit on **New York's Yiddish Theater: From the Bowery to Broadway** on view until July 31. From the late 19th century to the mid-20th century, a thriving Yiddish theater culture on Manhattan's **Lower East Side** entertained over 1.5 million first and second generation Eastern European Jewish immigrants. **Second Avenue** was the "Yiddish Broadway," where immigrant audiences celebrated their culture and learned about urban life in America via cutting-edge dramas, musical comedies and avant-garde political theater. There are special events related to this exhibit, too. For all the details, go to the website: <http://www.mcny.org/yiddishtheater>.



Enjoy our Jewish heritage this summer, and don't forget we have Shabbat Services every Friday night at 7:30 throughout the summer including **July 8 & August 19 at Tobay Beach** and **July 29 at Plainview Park**. Whatever you do, be safe. Remember the **High Holidays begin on October 2**.