



GOMEZ FOUNDATION FOR MILL HOUSE

The Story of Gomez Mill House

The cornerstone of the Jewish pioneer experience in America lies along the Hudson River five miles north of Newburgh, New York. It is Gomez Mill House one of the oldest continuously lived in residences in the United States and the oldest surviving Jewish dwelling in North America.

In 1714, American Jewish Pioneer, Luis Moses Gomez, built a fieldstone blockhouse to conduct trade in the Mid-Hudson region as an extension of his successful enterprises in Colonial America. From these roots and through nearly 300 years of American history, Gomez Mill House evolved as home of American Revolutionary patriot, Wolfert Acker; 19th century gentleman farmer, William Henry Armstrong; Arts & Crafts artisan Dard Hunter; and 20th century social activist, Margaret Gruening.

Descendants of Luis Moses Gomez joined by descendants of other owners and friends formed the Gomez Foundation for Mill House in 1979 to preserve and maintain the Gomez Mill House and Historic Site, a chartered museum on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mission

The Mission of the Gomez Foundation for Mill House is to preserve the historic Mill House and historic site; to make the public aware of the long history and role of American Jews as pioneers, predating the Revolution by many decades. The Gomez Mill House is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization registered in the State of New York.

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to bring to the public greater awareness of the lesser known contributions of Jewish merchants to the birth and growth of a nation.

9:00-9:30	Continental Breakfast Reception – <i>dietary laws observed</i> Exhibits
9:30-9:45	Welcome – Dr. Ruth K. Abrahams, Executive Director, GFMH
9:45-10:45	Keynote Address – Dr. Jonathan Ray Samuel Eig Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies Georgetown University
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	Panel: Exploration & Expansion: Forces that brought Merchant Jews to the New World
12:30-12:45	Break
12:45-1:45	Buffet Lunch Films, Exhibits, Book Sales/Signing
2:00 – 3:30	Panel: The Impact of Jews on Caribbean Trade
3:30-3:45	Break
3:45-5:15	Panel: The Importance of Jewish Merchants in Early America
5:15-5:45	Conclusion – Andrée Aelion Brooks, Author, Trustee, GFMH
6:00-7:00	Wine and Light Buffet Reception – <i>dietary laws observed</i> Book Sales/Signing Exhibits

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