

Washington State
**JEWISH
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

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The Washington State Jewish Historical Society's mission is to preserve and present the history of Jewish life in Washington state. The Society fosters awareness and appreciation of the experiences, the diverse culture, and the significant contributions of Jews, past and present. We build bridges with communities by sharing the stories of our collective histories and serving as an educational resource.

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▶▶▶ **A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT**

Dear Members and Friends,

When our Executive Director Lisa Kranseler proposed the Confronting Hate Together Exhibit, we envisioned a powerful tribute to our community and others impacted by redlining in Seattle's Central District. Despite recent challenges at the Wing Luke Museum, we remain committed to showcasing this important work and are in the process of securing a new venue to host it.

This experience has reinforced our unity and resilience, underscoring the importance of preserving and sharing our history. We extend heartfelt thanks to the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and the Jewish Federation for their steadfast support.

Your ongoing dedication to our mission is deeply appreciated.



Mimi Rosen

Have you ever wanted to play a role in preserving the rich tapestry of Jewish history in Washington State? Now is your chance!

With a donation of at least \$180, you'll not only support our important work but also gain access to a range of benefits designed to enrich your experience and connection with our community:

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Exclusive programming invites
- Early registration to WSJHS events
- Premium online content

Please fill out the enclosed donation slip to become a member today!

Get Involved with the WSJHS!

Are you looking for a way to get involved in the Seattle Jewish community? The WSJHS is seeking volunteers to test a new oral history platform over the next couple of months. Each volunteer will be asked to conduct 3 interviews. Volunteers will be trained. *To get involved or learn more, please email info@wsjhs.org with the subject line: ORAL HISTORY VOLUNTEER.*

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
2024 ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 23 , 2024 , 7PM**

DATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

UPDATE ON CONFRONTING HATE TOGETHER

The overwhelming response to the Confronting Hate Together exhibit has highlighted the need for deeper engagement. In light of recent events, we are close to solidifying an alternative venue, ensuring greater public safety and interaction. The exhibit will reopen later this summer, with details forthcoming.

This initiative is more critical than ever, aiming to foster understanding, dialogue, and healing within and beyond Washington's Jewish community. **For those looking to support the future of this program, we are offering exclusive showings of the exhibit to those who donate \$500 or more today via the donation slip enclosed or online at <https://www.wsjhs.org/donate/>.**

While we wait for the exhibit to open, we encourage you to explore the CHT Digital Exhibit by scanning the QR code to the right.

<https://confrontinghatetogether.my.canva.site/>

- ▶ Over 4000 Confronting Hate Together Podcast downloads across all 3 episodes
- ▶ Confronting Hate Together Digital Exhibit: 2244 visits and 2933 page views over last 60 days.
- ▶ Website Analytics:
 - Home Page (1279 views, +136% growth)
 - Jewish Museum (440 views, +57% growth)
 - CHT Home Page (591 views)



IMAGES FROM THE MAY 21, 2024 CONFRONTING HATE TOGETHER LAUNCH EVENT, COURTESY OF THE WING LUKE MUSEUM



WSJHS RECEIVES STATE FUNDING TO REVAMP ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

The Washington State Jewish Historical Society (WSJHS) is thrilled to announce a state grant to rejuvenate its 55-year-old oral history program. This funding will enhance the collection, storage, and accessibility of Jewish personal narratives in Washington. Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, Senator Jesse Salomon, and Representative Roger Goodman for their support in securing this grant.

Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to get involved. We seek new oral history interviewers, volunteer transcribers, and support for our digital archive, the Washington Jewish Memory Archive on Permanent.org.

Get involved and help preserve our community's heritage by making a donation today via the mail slip enclosed.

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We are thrilled to receive this support from the State. This grant will enable us to preserve our community's heritage in a more dynamic and accessible way, ensuring that these important stories continue to educate and inspire.

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Lisa Kranseler, Executive Director of the WSJHS