

American History Through A Jewish Lens: National Museum of American History

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After taking the Metro to the Museum of American history, 13 members and two guests met our docent, Sylvia Rosenthal. She normally gives regular tours at the museum, but she also put together a special version for people interested in the contributions of the Jews to American history. Among the exhibits we saw, were those showing the Jewish role in and contributions to the growth of cities, the development of industries such as clothing manufacturing and entertainment, the labor movement, the American military, the civil rights movement, invention, science, transportation, etc. We learned that we should never

buy a model T and that video games were invented by a Jew (which may or may not be a good thing). We then had lunch in the museum cafeteria before going back home.



Jews in Chicago



Jewish Inventor's Workshop



The Chicago El



Menorah at the Statue of Liberty



Ladies Garment Workers Union



Jewish Involvement in the Civil Rights Movement