

LEONARD BERNSTEIN

THE
POWER
OF
MUSIC



WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
AMERICAN JEWISH
HISTORY
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Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music is the first large-scale museum exhibition to illustrate Leonard Bernstein's life, Jewish identity, and social activism. Audiences may be familiar with many of Bernstein's works, notably *West Side Story*, but not necessarily with how he responded to the political and social crises of his day. Visitors will find an individual who expressed the restlessness, anxiety, fear, and hope of an American Jew living through World War II and the

Holocaust, Vietnam, and turbulent social change—what Bernstein referred to as his “search for a solution to the 20th century crisis of faith.”

The exhibition explores his Jewish identity and social activism in the context of his position as an American conductor and his works as a composer. It features interactive media and sound installations along approximately 100 historic artifacts, including Bernstein's piano, marked-up scores, conducting suit, annotated copy of *Romeo and Juliet* used for the development of *West Side Story*, personal family Judaica, composing easel, and a number of objects from his studio.

We'll stop for brunch first at The Dairy Café in Bala Cynwyd, then it's on to the Museum for a 1½ hour guided tour of the Bernstein exhibit and the general collection as it relates to the exhibit. You'll also have time on your own to explore the Museum and gift shop.

JOIN US FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY!



**Leonard
Bernstein**
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DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018
TIME: Bus leaves the JCC at 8:30 AM; Returns approx. 5:30 PM
COST: \$68/ JCCMC Member; \$78/ Non-member includes bus transportation, admission, guided tour and snack. Brunch is on your own at The Dairy Café in Bala Cynwyd.

Please register before July 6, 2018



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