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Dr. Philip M. Katz Discusses The Future of Museums Jewish Museum of Maryland Annual Meeting 2013

Baltimore, MD: On Sunday, June 9th at 4pm the Jewish Museum of Maryland will hold its Annual Meeting. This event is free and open to the public. It will take place in the Lloyd Street Synagogue, one of two historic buildings on the Herbert Bearman Campus at 15 Lloyd Street.

Marvin Pinkert, the Museum's Director, will address the audience, as will a representative of the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore. The Samuel Boltansky Memorial Keynote Speaker will be Philip M. Katz, PhD. His talk is entitled: "*Comfy chairs and virtual dinosaurs: Is this the future of museums?*"

Philip M. Katz, Ph.D., is Assistant Director for Research at the American Alliance of Museums, where he compiles data on the scope and impact of the nation's museum sector and scans the horizon for trends at the Center for the Future of Museums. He is most recently the co-author (with Elizabeth Merritt) of *TrendsWatch 2013: Back to the Future* and curates a weekly report on trends and innovations, "Dispatches from the Future of Museums." Before joining the Alliance he taught history at Princeton and University of Maryland University College, directed the New York Council for the Humanities, and headed a national research project on the graduate training of historians. He is also the author of a prizewinning book on American reactions to the Paris Commune of 1871.

After Katz' talk, guests are invited to a light reception in the Museum lobby and explore two of its exhibitions: ***Voices of Lombard Street*** and ***ZAP! POW! BAM! The Superhero: The Golden Age of Comic Books, 1938 – 1950***. For more information about this event and to register please contact rcylus@jewishmuseummd.org or call 410-732-6400 ext. 215.

The Jewish Museum of Maryland, at 15 Lloyd Street, Baltimore, MD, 21202 is America's leading museum of regional Jewish history, culture and community, located in downtown Baltimore, blocks from the Inner Harbor. Here at the JMM, visitors can uncover the roots of Maryland Jewish history in our

landmark historic sites – the Lloyd Street Synagogue, built in 1845, now the nation’s third oldest standing synagogue, and B’nai Israel Synagogue, built in 1876 and home to a vibrant congregation. Visit the JMM Sunday to Thursday from 10-5 for more tours, more programs and more fun! For more information visit our website at www.jewishmuseummd.org, email info@jewishmuseummd.org or call 410-732-6400.

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