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The Jewish Museum of Maryland Powers Up

With The Electrified Pickle!

Baltimore, MD: It’s going to be an electrifying summer at the Jewish Museum Maryland as we present a community science and tech fair with a Jewish twist!

Beginning July 13, 2014, the JMM kicks-off **The Electrified Pickle!** Designed to appeal to budding scientists, DIY-ers and anyone curious to learn about how things work as well as Jewish innovators in the fields of arts and science, this five week experience is not to be missed. With help from our partner, the National Electronics Museum in Linthicum, MD, our Feldman Gallery will be transformed into hands-on environment where visitors can discover the mysteries behind scientific principles such as magnetism, electricity, solar power, and other fun and engaging interactive activities. We’ll also be bringing some technology classics from our collection up from the basement – these include a bilingual typewriter from the 1920s and a permanent wave machine that was used in a hair salon in East Baltimore. The gallery space is intended as a community space where people can come to experiment, create, and learn from one another.

Each week we’ll highlight a different theme, which will be introduced every Sunday with a full complement of science experiments, hands-on workshops and exciting demonstrations. Special guests will share their expertise and passion for fields such as engineering, robotics and electronics with our visitors. In a fusion of science and culture, the gallery will also play home to a participatory community arts project, inviting all visitors to think creatively and become a part of an ever-evolving piece of art.

**The Electrified Pickle** begins with a positive charge on our *Power This!* Sunday. We’ll be powering up pickles and experimenting on spuds, focusing on electricity, batteries, and the science of conductivity. We’ll also be highlighting **GIRL POWER AND EMPOWERMENT,** partnering with local Girl Scout troops and universities that sponsor Societies of Women In Engineering.

We are ending our opening day with a bang! The Museum is hosting **a Community Art Project Kick Off Party** from 5-7pm. This free event includes entertainment with *Extreme Jean’s Science Show.* We will also introduce our partner artist to the community and begin our community arts project.

Following Sundays include:

* **Print This! (July 20)**

Try your hand at one of the newest (and coolest!) technologies to become mainstream, 3-D printing. Other activities, such as woodblock print making, will explore the evolution of printing. We are excited to welcome Michael Raphael and Todd Blatt of Bmore3D and our neighbors The Maryland Rubber Stamp Company as special guests.

* **Fly This!** **(July 27)**

Activities this week relate to flight and exploring the principles of aerodynamics. Our friends from Futuremakers will set-up Wind Tubes, encouraging our visitors to have fun learning about the properties of moving air. Visitors can create easy rockets, airplanes and balloon experiments in our makeshift launch pad in our back parking lot throughout the day.

* **Imagine This! (August 3)**

Robotics and automation are inspiration for this week’s workshops and demonstrations. Meet innovators in the field of robotics, learning about the latest inventions. The afternoon will highlight the wonderful and wacky contraptions of Rube Goldberg through a book talk by his granddaughter Jennifer George.

* **Code This! (August 10)**

The exciting world of codes and encryption comes to life as you try your hand at invisible ink, learn the secret behind barcodes and examine real life spy equipment. We will be joined by special guests from Barcoding, Inc. special guests from Barcoding, Inc. and The National Cryptologic Museum to learn about POS software and Jewish code breakers in World War II, respectively. We will even have an Enigma Machine on display for the day.

Are you ready for an electrifying experience? Contact us for more information about The Electrified Pickle at 410-732-6400 ext. 215 or tattwood@jewishmuseummd.org.

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 us Sunday to Thursday from 10-5 for more tours, more programs and more fun! For more information check out [www.jewishmuseummd.org](http://www.jewishmuseummd.org), email info@jewishmuseummd.org or call 410-732-6400.

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