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***Shalom Y'All: The Valley's Jewish Heritage* Exhibition Open**



Columbus, GA - The Columbus Museum is pleased to showcase the generous contributions of the Jewish community in our upcoming exhibition, *Shalom Y'All: The Valley's Jewish Heritage*. *Shalom Y'All* will be on view February 20 through July 13, 2014 in the History Gallery of the Columbus Museum. The Columbus Museum cordially invites you to view this visual timeline of the distinct Jewish presence in the Chattahoochee Valley stemming from English settlers in the 1850s.

Unique historical images and three-dimensional artifacts drawing from a wide range of public and private collections will focus on Jewish life in Columbus and surrounding communities. Migration, businesses, religious and cultural institutions, and the growth, decline, and perseverance of Jewish communities in the region over time are spotlighted, all with an eye on how these local stories exemplify broader trends in Southern Jewish life.

You are invited to join us for free programming as we celebrate our region's rich Jewish culture, past and present. Enjoy a wide array of activities to include collaborative workshops exploring genealogy and

cultural roots, musical performances, gallery walks and special lectures beginning with a special Third Thursday event, February 20. The reception will start with Jeremy Katz, archivist at the Cuba Family Archives of the Breman Museum at 6 p.m. Music provided by Atlanta's 4th Ward Afro-Klezmer Orchestra will follow and continue throughout the evening. RSVP to Mary Goff at 706-748-2562 ext. 210 or mgoff@columbusmuseum.com.

As an American art and regional history museum, and the second largest general museum in Georgia, the Columbus Museum continues to offer a diverse collection at no charge to the public. For more information about the Columbus Museum or the *Shalom Y'All* exhibition and the educational programming associated with the exhibit, please visit www.columbusmuseum.com or contact the Museum at 706-748-2562.

This exhibition is made possible by the generous funding from the Jewish Federation of Columbus, the Jewish Ladies Aid Society of Temple Israel, Shearith Israel Synagogue, the Southern Jewish Historical Society, and several friends from the Columbus Jewish Community.

***Pictured:** Prayer shawl used in Columbus, Gift of Mrs. Theodore Arenowitch 1968.146