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We Called Him Rabbi Abraham

On Sunday, June 1, 2014 at 1 p.m., Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site will host a presentation by Dr. Gary P. Zola, author of [We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry](#). Dr. Zola's program will explore President Abraham Lincoln's achievements through the lens of the American Jewish community of the nineteenth century. He will highlight the Chaplaincy Controversy, the revocation of General Orders 11 and the movement to Christianize the U. S. Constitution.

Gary Phillip Zola is the Executive Director of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) and Professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati. The AJA is the world's largest freestanding research center dedicated solely to the study of the American Jewish experience. In 2011, President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Zola to serve as a member of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, an independent agency of the Federal government. Established by Public Law in 1985, the Commission exists to foster the preservation and protection of cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings associated with the foreign heritage of United States citizens.

Dr. Zola's presentation will begin at 1 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer session. Tickets for the lecture cost \$10 in advance, and entitle the ticket-holder to a \$10 credit toward a purchase of \$10 or more in the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site sales area on the day of the event. Reservations can be made by calling 314-842-1867 x230, or in person at the park's visitor center.

This lecture is one of an ongoing series of special activities at this unit of the National Park Service, also known as White Haven. Ulysses S. Grant NHS is located at 7400 Grant Road in south St. Louis County. The park is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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