

AMERICA'S OLDEST SYNAGOGUE

TOURO

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Touro Synagogue, designed by premier colonial architect Peter Harrison and dedicated in 1763, is considered one of the most architecturally distinguished buildings of 18th century America.

The congregation was founded in 1658 by Jews fleeing the Inquisition and has become a symbol of religious freedom for all Americans.



In 1790, President George Washington set the standard of religious freedom by declaring in a letter *"To the Hebrew Congregation in Newport"* that the new nation *"gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."* The Synagogue was designated a National Historic Site in 1946.

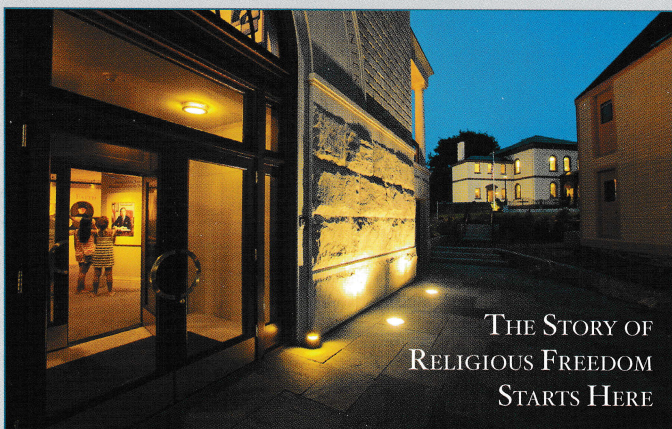
*Sundays only

2012 Schedule Sunday-Friday	Loeb Visitor Center Hours	Tours of Touro (every half hour)
Jan 1 - May 5*	11:30a - 2:30p	12:00p - 1:30p
May 6 - June 30	11:30a - 2:30p	12:00p - 1:30p
July 1 - Sept 2	9:30a - 4:30p	10:00a - 3:30p
Sept 3 - Nov 2	10:00a - 2:30p	10:30a - 1:30p
Nov 4 - Dec 31*	11:30a - 2:30p	12:00p - 1:30p

Tour schedules are subject to change. There are no tours on Saturdays or Jewish holidays. Touro Synagogue has an active congregation. Please see our website for service times.

Walking Tours of Colonial Jewish Newport
Check the schedule at the admissions desk.

THE AMBASSADOR JOHN L. LOEB JR. VISITORS CENTER

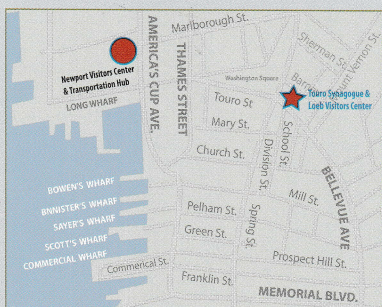


Celebrate over **250 years** of Touro Synagogue history, Newport's colonial Jewish community, the origins of religious freedom, and separation of church and state.

Explore interactive, multi-media exhibits that examine America's first freedoms.

Discover how Newport's colonial community laid the groundwork for our First Amendment rights.

Experience all of the national historic site campus: Touro Synagogue, America's oldest Jewish house of worship; Loeb Visitors Center; Patriots Park; and the Colonial Burial Guide.



*At the Corner of
Touro & Spring Streets
Newport, RI
401-847-4794*

The Loeb Center is
handicapped accessible,
but Touro Synagogue is
not fully accessible.

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