

LGW Montgomery County Civil Rights Learning Journey **Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

8:15-8:45am:

Arrival at Kennedy-Shriver Aquatic Center at Wall Local Park (5900 Executive Blvd, Rockville, MD) to catch bus (free parking for the day)

9:00am

[Josiah Henson Museum & Park](#)

Josiah Henson Museum & Park is the former plantation property of Isaac Riley where Reverend Josiah Henson was enslaved; the Park contains the historic Riley/Bolten House (1800-1815) and its attached log kitchen (1850-51). Born enslaved in 1789 in Maryland, Henson fled to Canada where he founded the Dawn Institute, a settlement house which taught trades to freedom seekers. A Methodist preacher, he traveled throughout the United States and Great Britain lecturing against slavery, and with the Underground Railroad he assisted over two hundred enslaved people in their flight to Canada. Henson's autobiography, *The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave, Now an Inhabitant of Canada, as Narrated by Himself*, is believed to have inspired the title character of Harriet Beecher Stowe's 1852 novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Following the success of Stowe's novel, Henson issued an expanded version of his memoir in 1858, *Truth Stranger Than Fiction. Father Henson's Story of His Own Life*. Interest in his life continued, and nearly two decades later, his life story was updated and published as *Uncle Tom's Story of His Life: An Autobiography of the Rev. Josiah Henson*.

10:30am

Driving Tour led by Historian, Author, and Menare Foundation Founder, [Tony Cohen](#)
Re-traced 800-mile Underground Railroad journey from Montgomery County to Ontario, Canada

11:30am

[Sandy Spring Slave Museum and Lunch](#)

Sandy Spring Slave Museum is an African art gallery that highlights the heritage of African American families in Montgomery County, the significant contributions that Africans Americans have made in building America, the struggle of civil rights through, and more through an extensive collection of historical art and artifacts. The museum was founded in 1988 by Dr. Winston Anderson to "focus on the heritage of Blacks from their origin through the Middle passage, the salvation the Underground Railroad provided, the struggle for civil rights, and their accomplishments in the United States and African Diaspora; bridge the information gap and inform all ethnic groups about the advantages of cross-cultural communication and diversity, as expressed through history, the arts and the humanities; highlight the heritage of the African American families for whom Montgomery County is home; and display the rich and significant contributions that Africans and African Americans have made in the building of America."

1:00pm

Driving Tour led by Historian, Author, and Menare Foundation Founder, [Tony Cohen](#)

2:00pm

[Glen Echo Park](#)

Glen Echo Park is a former amusement area in Glen Echo, MD. Officially opened in 1911 as an amusement park, the facility was segregated for 63 of its 70 years in operation. On

June 30, 1960, a “D.C. Non-Violent Action Group”, led by students from Howard University, organized an eleven-week civil rights campaign against the park’s segregationist policies. It began with a sit-in during which five Black students were arrested for trespassing, but soon grew as members of the predominantly Jewish Bannockburn community nearby joined the action. As a result, the park opened its doors to all races in 1961. Four years later the US Supreme Court overturned the convictions of the students arrested during the sit-in. The park closed in 1968 and is now operated as a cultural resource by the National Parks Service.

4:00pm

[Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church](#)

- Jason Green will provide remarks and moderate the panel
- Topics:
 - Jerusalem Mt. Pleasant
 - Commission on reconciliation
 - History of racial terror in Montgomery County
 - History regarding the film
 - Residential segregation
 - Taking responsibility
 - Panel Discussion
 - Tony Cohen: Historian, Author, and Menare Foundation Founder
 - Jason Green, Chair, Commission on Remembrance and Reconciliation, Montgomery County
 - Tracy Oliver Gary: Social Studies Content Specialist, Montgomery County Schools
 - James Stowe: Director, Office of Human Rights, Montgomery County

6:00pm

Return to the Kennedy-Shiver Aquatic Center to pick up cars

6:15pm

Optional gathering at Caruso’s Grocery at Pike & Rose
11820 Trade Street, N. Bethesda