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Public Collecting Project for *Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American*

The more than 130 objects featured in the *Chasing Dreams* exhibition were culled from various private and public collections, including a **public collecting project via micro-blogging site Tumblr**.

“To make *Chasing Dreams* a truly national effort that depicts why baseball has been such a compelling and meaningful facet of our culture for well over a century, we are reaching out to baseball fans of all stripes and inviting them to share their cherished mementos and photographs,” says Josh Perelman, PhD, chief curator and director of exhibitions and collections at NMAJH. “The items that everyday people have chosen to keep and the stories that accompany them will help us tell a rich story about how Jews and other American minority communities have interfaced with the all-American game.”



Esther Schimmel, in her hot dog stand across from Sportsman's Park, the home of the St. Louis Browns and Cardinals, 1948.

The exhibition's [Tumblr](#) page has garnered submissions from all over the country—such of that of hot dog vendor Esther Schimmel—several of which will be featured in the exhibition.

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