HISTORIAN ERAN SHALEV TO EXPLORE
CLASSICAL INFLUENCES ON REVOLUTIONARY AMERICA
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

In conjunction with the Ancient Rome & America exhibition

Philadelphia, PA (June 22, 2010) – Historian Eran Shalev will join the National Constitution Center on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss his new book, Rome Reborn on Western Shores, which explores classical influences on the historical consciousness of early America. This event is presented in partnership with the Library Company of Philadelphia, in conjunction with the Center’s world debut Ancient Rome & America exhibition. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

In Rome Reborn on Western Shores, Shalev examines the literature of the Revolutionary era, the ways in which American patriots employed the classics, and the importance of antiquity to the early political culture of the United States. His analysis sheds light on how revolutionary Americans perceived and represented their young nation as the “New Rome.” Shalev demonstrates that this was possible because of the unique ways in which patriots thought about time and history, and thus, about their intimate relation to an ancient classical civilization. In this way, Rome Reborn offers a fresh perspective on the history American revolutionaries were making and living.

Eran Shalev is a professor of history at Haifa University in Israel. His areas of study include Revolutionary America and the Early Republic, intellectual history, and history of political thought.

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A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

Through August 1, 2010, the National Constitution Center is hosting the world debut of *Ancient Rome & America* – a multi-million dollar, artifact-rich exhibition showcasing the cultural, political, and social connections between the lost world of ancient Rome and modern America. The 8,000 square foot exhibition, featuring a never-before-seen collection of artifacts, was created by the Center in partnership with Contemporanea Progetti of Florence, Italy, in collaboration with the Ministero per i Beni e Le Attività Culturali, Rome, Italy.

Admission to *Ancient Rome & America* is $20 for adults, $18 for seniors ages 65 and up, and $12 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center’s main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production “Freedom Rising,” is included. iPod audio tours cost an additional $5. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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