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### **Chocolate in Colonial Newport**

*Newport Historical Society Hosts Chocolate Expert Rabbi Deborah Prinz*

**Newport, RI – (January 2010)** – The Newport Historical Society will host Rabbi Deborah Prinz speaking on Chocolate in the Colonial Period Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 6pm in the Colony House on Washington Square.

Rhode Island was an important center of the chocolate trade in the 18th century. Rabbi Prinz presents her work on the pioneering role of Jewish merchants in the trade, retail and production of chocolate and examines historical connections as well as contemporary ones. Rabbi Prinz maintains the blog [Jews-onthechocolatetrail.org](http://Jews-onthechocolatetrail.org).

Rabbi Prinz was awarded a Starkoff Fellowship and a Director's Fellowship from the American Jewish Archives as well as a Gilder Lehrman Fellowship from the Rockefeller Library to pursue this work. The author of several articles, she has published in scholarly, professional and popular journals.

Admission is \$5 per person, \$1 for Newport Historical Society members with current membership card, attendees will complete the evening by sampling chocolate. This program is sponsored in part by the Newport Hyatt.

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#### **About the Newport Historical Society**

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit [www.newporthistorical.org](http://www.newporthistorical.org).

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