

Join us for a Zoom Schmooze  
with BEKI member  
Robert Forbes who will discuss  
JUNETEENTH, the African-American  
Celebration of Freedom  
Wednesday, June 16 at 8:00PM on Zoom  
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**J**uneteenth, also known as Liberation Day, Emancipation Day and Freedom day, is a celebration of June 19, 1865, the day on which enslaved African Americans in Galveston Texas were told they were free. Now, 150+ years later, people in cities and towns across the U.S. continue to mark the occasion with celebrations. Let's learn more together about this important celebration of liberation in America.

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