

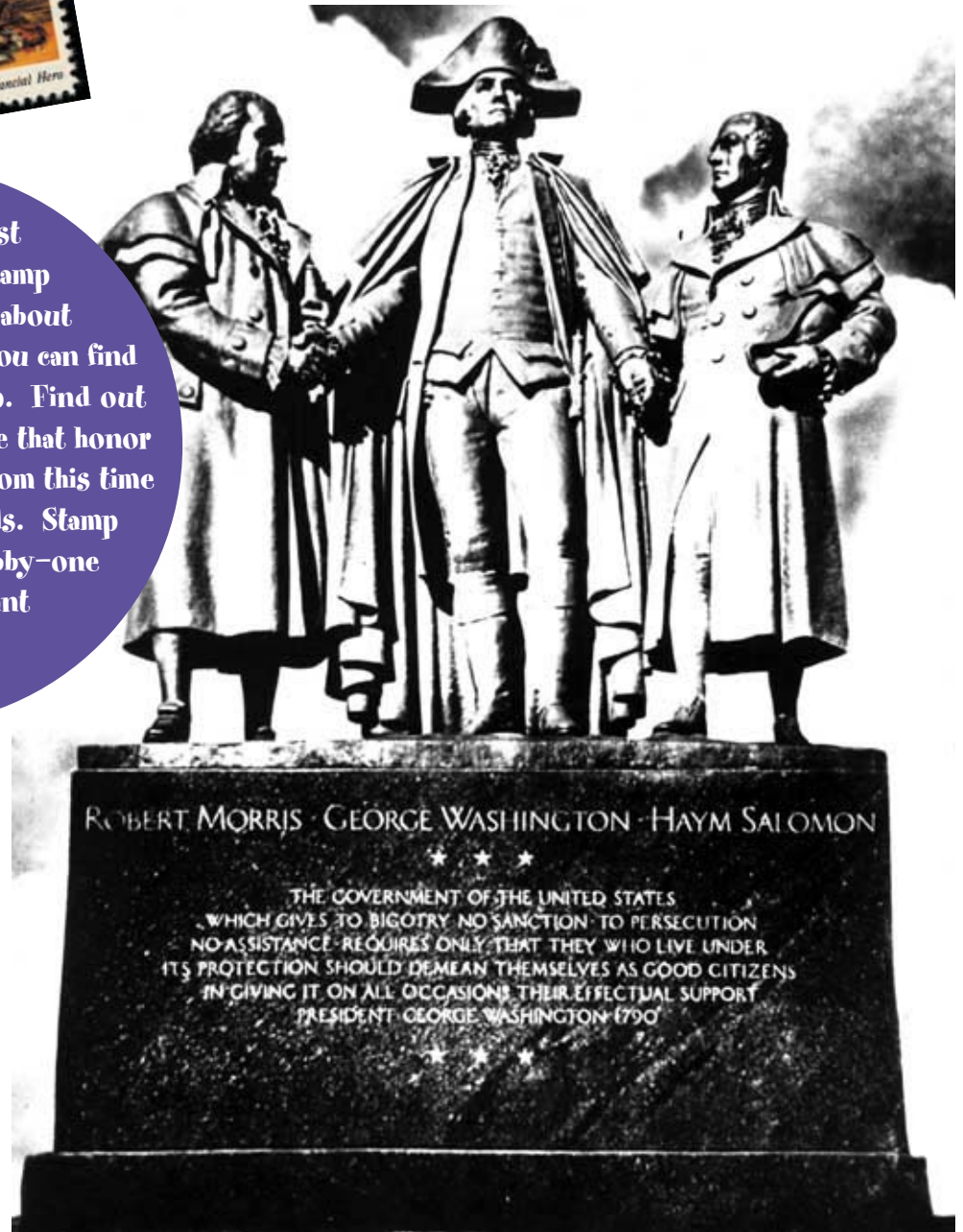
Patriot and hero

In 1975, the U.S. Postal Service, as part of a series called "Contributors to the Cause," issued a commemorative stamp honoring Haym Salomon. The stamp was printed on the front and the back. On the glue side, these words were printed in green ink: "Financial Hero—Businessman and broker Haym Salomon was responsible for raising most of the money needed to finance the American Revolution and later to save the new nation from collapse." Even though Salomon did play an important role, most historians today believe that the claim that he "raised most of the money" for the Revolution is exaggerated.



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Go to a post office or stamp dealer, or get a book about stamps, and see whether you can find this commemorative stamp. Find out what other stamps there are that honor American Jewish heroes—from this time in history or later periods. Stamp collecting is a great hobby—one that you might want to start.



Statue of Robert Morris, George Washington, and Haym Salomon on Wacker Drive in Chicago.

