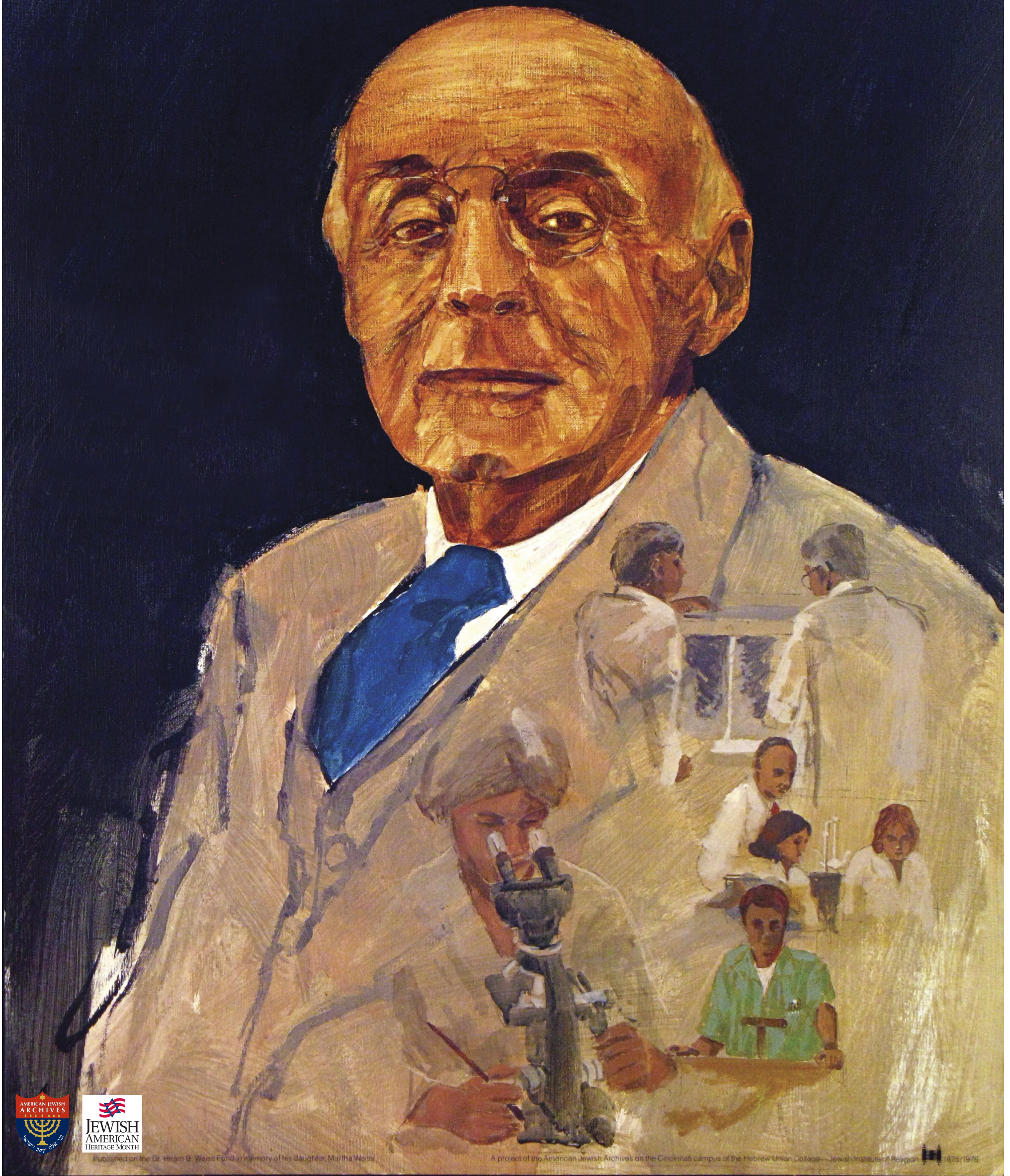


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DR. ABRAHAM FLEXNER (1866-1959), a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and son of Jewish immigrants from Bohemia, was asked by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of teaching to make a study of American medical schools. What he found was shocking: nominal entrance requirements, few full-time professors, and a lack of laboratories, libraries or museums. His report, published in 1910 under the title *Medical Education in the United States and Canada*, led to a revolution within and regeneration of medical studies in the

United States. Dr. Flexner, who held a doctorate in the social sciences, was largely responsible for the high standards that now distinguish American medical education. He was also instrumental in founding the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, where great thinkers, among them Albert Einstein, have been able to study and work in an ideal intellectual environment. Abraham Flexner once wrote that “I want to influence in some measure the life of my times... through education.”