**Highlights Tour for International Groups**

Time: 90 minutes

Goals:

* Engage visitors in a personal dialogue about their own Jewish identity
* Emphasize diversity of historic, and modern day, Jewish populations
* Walk through milestones of Jewish history and connect to their Jewish story
* Connect with foundations of Jewish spirituality and practice

Introduction: ANU Museum, renovation, Jewish peoplehood, “You are part of the story”

Third Floor: Modern mosaic of Jewish life today and past 150 years. Give orientation of floor.

* Being Jewish Today
  + Question: Spend a few minutes with the individuals and families. Find someone that shares your Jewish story.
* Judaism by the numbers + Streams of Judaism
* Theater, Dance, Film, Music
  + Ask group to pick one to discuss with you.
  + Question: What is Jewish theater/dance/film/music to you?
  + Give group 5 minutes to explore this section of 3rd floor. Meet near Jewish food interactive.
* Jewish food interactive
  + Question: Is there a special food that you eat with family/friends on holidays or special occasions? Encourage discussion on Jewish food.
  + Give group 5 minutes to explore sections on Jewish food, art, literature, languages. Meet near Women Trailblazers section.
* Women Trailblazers
* Luminaries
  + Question: What quality makes someone a luminary? Who is a hero of yours?
  + Explain section. Give group 5 minutes to explore/watch Shaanan Street video.

Second Floor: After seeing where we are today, we ask: How did we get here? Going on the Jewish Journey together.

Question: Where is your family from (before they arrived in the USA/Canada/South Africa/etc.)? Maybe we’ll visit some of these places on the tour here today. *If they don’t know, ask for clues: What is your last name? What kind of foods do you eat on holidays? As a guide, you can help them estimate a region their families are from using these clues.*

**Must see on second floor:**

* Video: The Masa
* Wall of Communities portraits
  + Allow group 1-2 minutes to look at portraits
  + Question: Who here surprised you?
* Transparent dresses
  + Question: What group(s) have remained transparent throughout history? What can we do to ensure history is inclusive of all?
* Antiquity: Alexandria, Babylon, Land of Israel
  + Development of Jewish diaspora
* Ashkenaz and Sepharad
  + Simultaneous flourishing of Jewish communal life and thought, and persecutions, blood libel, and ostracization of Jews in Middle Ages
  + Allow time to explore section
* Modernity
  + Question: Which family photo would you be in if this was 150 years ago? Go stand by it.
  + Give group 5 minutes to explore 4 sections of this area
* Between World Wars
  + Cannot begin to understand what was lost during the Holocaust until we begin to understand what *was*: diverse Jewish life that in many ways was similar to our Jewish lives today
* Israel by the Numbers

**Optional:**

* Poland, Lithuania, Ottoman Empire
* Faith, Thought, Creativity
* Holocaust
* Post-WWII

First Floor: Core foundations of Jewish faith and practice.

* Shabbat and Jewish lifecycle: birth, BMitzvah, wedding, death
* Halleluja! Synagogues Past and Present
  + Show 2 synagogues. Suggestion: Warsaw and Cochin/Curacao
  + Unetane Tokef or Kabbalat Shabbat video

\*\*\*Possible to begin tour in Halleluja, and continue then to 2nd and 3rd floors