International Groups at Beit Hatfutsot – The Museum of the Jewish People



Inspire Your Story

The Museum is our playground as we tell stories, snap selfies and link past and present. This program explores Jewish identity through a number of guided activities and group discussions. Questions of Jewish values, language, culture, ritual and the role of Israel are addressed as the group works together to understand collective memory and global interconnectedness. A visit to the Synagogue Gallery and the New Wing's temporary exhibitions, along with engaging methods facilitated by a museum educator, are included in this program.

The museum motto is "You Are Part of the Story". During the museum tour, the museum educators explore this motto with the group while using smartphones, guiding questions, interesting anecdotes and reflections, all adapted to the group that is visiting.

Tour (time frame: 1.5-2 hours)

Includes 3-4 Galleries: Synagogue Gallery / Dylan / Operation Moses / CHIM / Jewish Lens / Jewish Humor / Glimpse into Heroes

+ Summary (15 minutes)

Methods

- Use smartphone: Choose a display that _____
- Share experiences and memories: have participants share and highlight similarities and differences
- "World map": Where are you from? Parents? Grandparents?
- Museum Midrash in Chim / The Jewish Lens

Optional Workshops (Up to 1 hour)

- 1. Kesher Amiti
- 2. <u>I'm that Jew</u>
- 3. Film workshop (Weddings, Operation Moses)

Repairing the World: A Path to Social Action

Where can we find examples of Tikkun Olam — repairing the world through acts of social justice? This program takes visitors on a guided tour focused on ideas and individuals who, throughout history, acted courageously and effected social change. During the tour, guests will explore the question of what makes someone a hero, and in the Synagogue Gallery the focus will be on community influence and strength. In the temporary exhibitions visitors will discover how creativity can lead to action. Group discussions with a museum educator will afford time for each guest to consider and express their own ideas about Tikkun Olam and Jewish innovation, in an active and participating way.

One way of appreciating our story is exploring Jewish leadership and social action over time as a prism to understand the unique and ongoing story of the Jewish People. Participants consider personal goals and values in the context of their communities and in the broader story of the Jewish People.

Museum educators raise these concepts with the group inside the galleries, using creative approaches and methods, all adapted to the group that is visiting.

Tour (time frame: 1.5-2 hours)

Includes 3-4 Galleries: Heroes / Synagogue Gallery / CHIM Optional: Operation Moses, Dylan, Jewish Lens, Humor

+ Summary (15 minutes)

Methods

- Use Smartphones: choose a display that reflects Jewish values, leadership, action
- Sharing experiences: have the participants share stories related to their community work.
- Museum Midrash Chim / The Jewish Lens

Optional Workshop in classroom or in gallery (Up to 1 hour):

Tikkun Olam

Tools for workshop: Rambam cards, Spielberg video



My Story, Our Story

Family Groups, Synagogue Missions, Bar/Bat Mitzvah groups

A journey through the Museum of the Jewish People illustrates each family's particular cultural heritage. What unites us, and how are we unique? Life cycle events and holiday displays are highlighted as an opportunity to discuss how various communities celebrate these moments together.

Museum educators use the various exhibits to discuss personal heritage and connections to the Jewish People. In family groups, museum educators engage visitors with questions, encouraging intergenerational dialogue to share stories and experiences. All generations are active participants in this tour.

In this context, visitors explore how their family or group is connected to the broader story of the Jewish People, while emphasizing diversities and similarities between worldwide Jewish communities. How is my story similar to others? How is it different? What threads connect us?

A customized museum tour for Bar/Bat Mitzvah and special family events broadens the experience for the whole family.

Celebrate Israel's 70th Anniversary

Delve into the meaning of "yearning for Zion" throughout the ages and the significance of Israel in the hearts of diverse Jewish communities around the world. Participants engage in the story of the Jewish people, featuring views of Israel in Jewish life, ritual and experience.

This tour highlights Israel in the various museum exhibits. While exploring the galleries Israel as a multidimensional concept (eretz-land, moledet-homeland, medina-state) is addressed, as part of Israel's 70th anniversary.

Museum educators engage participants in various questions and activities in the galleries raising these questions and exploring their connection to Israel and the Jewish People.

Tour (time frame: 1.5-2 hours)

Includes 3-4 Galleries: Synagogue Gallery / Dylan / Operation Moses / CHIM / Jewish Lens / Jewish Humor / Heroes (for kids) or glimpse into Heroes

+ Summary (15 minutes)

Methods

- Use smartphone: Choose a display that _____ (reflects your family story/special connection to the Jewish People)
- Intergenerational Questions: have both the younger and older participants share stories related to holidays and Jewish life events
- Adaptations to family history
- "World map": Where are your family members from?
- Museum Midrash in Chim / The Jewish Lens
- For kids: synagogue cards

Tools: Synagogue Cards

Optional Workshop (Up to 1 hour)

- 1. Creative workshop (creating synagogue models, TBD)
- 2. Film workshop (Weddings, Operation Moses)

Tour (time frame: 1.5-2 hours)

Includes 3-4 Galleries: Synagogue Gallery / Dylan / Operation Moses / CHIM / Jewish Lens / Jewish Humor / Glimpse into Heroes

+ Summary (15 minutes)

Methods

- Use smartphones: choose a display that symbolizes Israel for you
- Share experiences and memories: relating to Israel and their life/community
- Museum Midrash Chim / Jewish Lens

Optional work shop (Up to 1 hour)

- 1. You&I&the Israeli story
- 2. Film workshop (Israel at 70, Operation Moses)