JEWISH CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

SCHOOL PROGRAM CATALOGUE

2018-2019
WELCOME!

Dear Educator,

We are pleased to invite you and your students to a new school year of exciting programs at the Jewish Children’s Museum. The museum’s interactive exhibits, fun-filled game shows, creative crafts, and in-depth holiday workshops all contribute to a unique experience that is stimulating and educational.

Since 2005, the Jewish Children’s Museum has welcomed a wide range of schools and groups from the New York area and beyond. Students with limited or no exposure to Judaism have been introduced to the history, culture and traditions of the Jewish people, in a hands-on, fun way. For students learning Judaic studies, their visit to the JCM enriches the classroom curriculum and brings to life the lessons they learn in school.

Groups of all backgrounds and traditions are greeted and led by knowledgeable, trained Educators who cater the tours and programs to the level of the students.

When booking a reservation, share your educational goals with us so we can help select the program that’s right for you.

Please join us for an exciting learning adventure!

The JCM Education Team
SCHEDULING your visit
Reservations are required for all school visits. Please call our reservations office at 718.907.8888 or email education@jcm.museum. Please note that leaving a message is not a reservation. Your trip is reserved only upon receipt of the confirmation email.

A 50% non-refundable deposit is required to make all reservations. Deposits will not be refunded for “no-shows” or cancellations.

Bringing less students than reserved will result in a cancellation fee of 50% when in excess of 10 people.

Balance is expected at arrival; we accept cash, check or credit card.

If you need to cancel, we will gladly reschedule your trip (and transfer your deposit) if notified no less than two weeks prior to your visit date. Original program availability for requested date is not guaranteed. Visits must be rescheduled within 30 days of cancellation.

Please arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before your scheduled visit. Program will be shortened for late arrivals.

The museum’s lunch facilities are available on a limited basis and by reservation only.

Maximum capacity per group is 25 students, two chaperones are required per group.

**PROGRAM OPTIONS:**

- **2 Hour Guided Tours (1.5 hours for Preschool)**
  
  Sundays: 10:00am, 10:30am  
  Mon-Thurs: 10:15am, 12:30pm

- **1 Hour Holiday Workshops:**
  
  Soil to Oil, Matzah Factory, and Torah Unwrapped available as 1 hour in-depth workshop programs.  
  Mon-Thurs: 12:30pm, 1:30pm (Does not include exhibits or game show.)

**RATES**

- Per-student rates vary according to program; see individual program descriptions.
- Minimum group fee is $150, regardless of group size. Minimum group fee for 1-hour Holiday Workshops is $120.
- Groups with Special Needs: Minimum group fee is $120. Chaperones are free.
- One complimentary chaperone is permitted for every five pre-school children. One complimentary chaperone is permitted for every 10 students in first grade and older. Chaperones exceeding the above ratio pay the per-student fee.
- Sunday and After Hours: Group tours - $165 per group (up to 25 people), Workshop tours - $195 per group (up to 25 people.)
GENERAL programs

Preschool I – Age 3-4
Preschool II – Age 4-5
Grade K – Age 5-6
Programs for Grades K – 8 include a Game Show.
Enhance your Judaic preschool curriculum with a hands-on experience. Your students will crawl through the world’s largest challah, shop in a kid-size kosher supermarket, and visit famous biblical places. Children will see, touch, and learn through exhibit play, and enhance their fine motor skills with an educational craft.

EXHIBITS:
Kosher Supermarket, Shabbat Table, Noah’s Ark
* Sunday and After Hours group rate applies.

Get ready for an adventure as history and tradition come to life! Structured around some of our most popular permanent exhibits, this program offers an overview of general Jewish concepts. Students will relive famous biblical stories and explore traditions and ceremonies. Through exhibit play and hands-on crafts, students are encouraged to think and gain deeper understanding of Jewish life.

EXHIBITS
**Grades 1-2**: Kosher Supermarket, Six Days of Creation, Patriarchs and Matriarchs
**Grades 3-6**: Six Days of Creation, A New Nation, Land of Israel
* Sunday and After Hours group rate applies.

JEWISH ADVENTURE
**PRESCHOOL I - GRADE K**
**OCT 8 - JUNE 20**
**$7.50 PER STUDENT***
THE ACTIVITIES WERE INTERESTING, EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING. OUR TOUR GUIDE WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE, PATIENT AND FRIENDLY. SHE RESPONDED WELL TO THE STUDENTS.

- MS. WALKER, TEACHER, PS 219

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Who are the Jewish people? Where do they come from? What are the reasons behind their traditions? Cultural Connections introduces students to a colorful array of customs and traditions in the Jewish culture. Participants will step back in time to meet the very first Jew; shop in a kid-sized kosher supermarket; and play the gumball-pinball charity game. As students examine the roots and basis for many Jewish customs, they will recognize manners of conduct that stand at the root of practices found in the Jewish culture.

Includes a craft project.

EXHIBITS:
Patriarchs and Matriarchs, Kosher Supermarket, World of Good.

- GRADES K – 8
- OCT 8 - JUNE 20
- $7.50 PER STUDENT

RECOMMENDED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND VISITORS WITH LIMITED EXPOSURE TO JEWISH CULTURE
OUR 2ND GRADE STUDENTS LOVED THE HANDS-ON LEARNING AND CAME BACK EXTREMELY EXCITED TO CONTINUE THEIR TORAH LESSONS!

- RABBI LORI FELDSTEIN-GARDNER TEMPLE BETH RISHON, WYCKOFF, NJ

MILK & HONEY

GRADES 2-8  JAN 3 – JUNE 20  $7.50 PER STUDENT*

Get a taste of the Land of Israel! Learn about historical events throughout biblical times. Discover the Land’s unique fruits and foods, and even how to say them in Hebrew! Find hidden details in our twenty-four foot Land of Israel sculptural mural, and create your own art project to take home.

EXHIBITS:
Patriarchs and Matriarchs, Land of Israel, “Treasured Land” Art Sculpture

* Sunday and After Hours group rate applies.

MITZVA LAND

GRADES 2-8  JAN 3 – JUNE 20  $7.50 PER STUDENT*

DESIGNED FOR JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS AND YESHIVAS

How many of the 613 mitzvot are related to the Land of Israel? Which ones are practiced today? Explore olden-day life in the Land of Israel through the stories of Tanach and its fascinating Midrashim. Learn about the role the Land of Israel plays in Jewish practice in ancient times and today.

Includes a craft project.

EXHIBITS:
Patriarchs and Matriarchs, A New Nation, Land of Israel

* Sunday and After Hours group rate applies.
MY SON LOVED WATCHING THE FLYING ALEPH BET BALLS AND 'STEERING THE SHIP'. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO HELP KIDS BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE LETTERS. ADORABLE!

- M.G., PARENT

Children will sail on a journey to discover the Hebrew Alphabet, while playing the role of captain of the Aleph Bet Ship. The young captains will get to explore the letters by shaping them with sand, connecting giant Aleph Bet puzzle pieces, sending the letters up in a wind tunnel and relaxing with a variety of Aleph Bet books in the reading nook.

DURATION: 30 minutes
Can be included as part of a tour program.
NEW program
A mouthwatering and eye opening experience where students will discover the fascinating process of how chocolate is made and its unique connection to Shabbat! Children will gain a wealth of knowledge on this exciting journey and join in the fun as they harvest the cocoa pods, grind and roast the beans, and mold their very own delicious chocolate creation!

**DURATION:** 45 minutes

* $9 for workshop + tour program (2 hours).
Preschool I – Age 3-4
Preschool II – Age 4-5
Grade K – Age 5-6
Programs for Grades K – 8 include a Game Show.
Pick...press...pour...and explore the story of Chanukah! In this hands-on workshop, your students will create their very own olive oil using methods that have been around since Temple times. Participants choose the choicest olives, extract the oil, and finally light a Chanukah menorah using their hand-made wicks and freshly produced oil.

**EXHIBITS**

- **Preschool I - II:** Holiday Pavilion, Kosher Supermarket, Noah's Ark
- **Grades K - 3:** Holiday Pavilion, Kosher Supermarket
- **Grades 4 - 8:** Holiday Pavilion, World of Good

**DURATION:** 45 minutes

* $9 for workshop + tour program (2 hours).

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18…17…16… Can you bake that matzah before the dough rises? Our annual Model Matzah Factory is back! Children cut, thresh and grind wheat into flour. Then, while racing against the clock, they mix, punch, roll and bake their very own matzahs to take home.

**EXHIBITS:**

- **Preschool I - II:** Holiday Pavilion, Kosher Supermarket, Noah's Ark
- **Grades K-3:** Holiday Pavilion, Kosher Supermarket
- **Grades 4 - 8:** Holiday Pavilion, A New Nation

**DURATION:** 45 minutes

* $9 for workshop + tour program (2 hours).
Approach the holiday that celebrates receiving the Torah by learning how Torah scrolls are made. Uncover the history of hundred-year old Torah scrolls; sand and scrape unfinished hides for parchment; and practice your very own scribal scribble!

**EXHIBITS:**

- **Preschool I - II:** Holiday Pavilion, Kosher Supermarket, Noah’s Ark
- **Grades K-3:** Holiday Pavilion, Kosher Supermarket
- **Grades 4 - 8:** Holiday Pavilion, Sages Through the Ages

**DURATION:** 45 minutes

* $9 for workshop + tour program (2 hours).

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**HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS**

**HOLIDAY-THEMED EXHIBIT TOURS**

What’s the difference between Chanukah olive oil and pure olive oil? Do you know the real reason for eating hamantaschen on Purim? From fascinating fun-facts to profound lessons, festivals take on new meaning at the JCM. As your class is guided through the museum exhibits, students will uncover little known details about the Jewish holidays and gain many insights into its customs and traditions. Includes a craft project

* Sunday and After Hours group rate applies.
**EXHIBITS:**

- Preschool I - II: Holiday Pavilion, Kosher Supermarket, Noah’s Ark
- Grade K - 6: Holiday Pavilion, Kosher Supermarket, World of Good

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**Exhibits:**

- Preschool I - II: Holiday Pavilion, Kosher Supermarket, World of Good
- Grades K - 6: Holiday Pavilion, Kosher Supermarket, A New Nation
Space is limited.
Reserve today!

CALL 718.907.8888 TO SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT.