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Field Trips, Workshops & Experiences

As your one-stop concierge, J-Hub can help you schedule a variety of tours and workshops at Jewish Museum Milwaukee and beyond.

Field Trips

At Jewish Museum Milwaukee

Immigration to Milwaukee Tour

Jewish Museum Milwaukee

Discover how Jewish immigrants helped shape Milwaukee while building new lives in an unfamiliar place. The first Jews arrived in Milwaukee in the early 1840s as part of a larger wave of immigration from Europe, leaving behind political unrest, antisemitism, and limited opportunity, in search of safety and a better future. Through artifacts, photographs, personal stories, and primary sources from the museum's permanent exhibit, students explore journeys that were often difficult and uncertain—from leaving home to starting over in a new city. They also see how people worked to build homes, livelihoods, and community despite those struggles, connecting Milwaukee's Jewish history to the broader story of immigration in America.

Jewish Milwaukee Neighborhoods & Community Building Enrichment Experience

Jewish Museum Milwaukee

Explore how Jewish Milwaukee developed as a network of neighborhoods and institutions that shaped the city's civic and cultural life. Students examine the growth of Jewish life on the East Side and later the West Side, and how synagogues, schools, and organizations became anchors of community. Through artifacts, photographs, and primary sources from the museum's permanent exhibit, they trace how families built lasting structures of education, mutual aid, and philanthropy that supported both Jewish life and the broader Milwaukee community. The experience also connects these efforts to Jewish values such as tzedakah and tikkun olam, highlighting community responsibility in action.

Introduction to Jewish Identity and the Holocaust

Jewish Museum Milwaukee in partnership with the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center

Hundreds of Holocaust survivors and their families moved to Wisconsin before, during, and after the genocide of six million Jews between 1933 and 1945. They formed communities and built new lives here, becoming part of the American tapestry while practicing their Jewish identity. What does it mean to be persecuted because of one's identity, and why is it important to remember and educate others about the Holocaust? What was lost during the Holocaust, and why does that matter? Through artifacts, survivor interviews, and gallery exploration, we will begin to answer these questions not only about the Holocaust, but about the resilience of the Jewish people over thousands of years.

More Field Trips with the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center

Site Visit to Pinat Hatikvah: The Corner of Hope

Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center

This reflection space serves as an ideal outdoor classroom for thoughtful conversations and education about the Holocaust. Built in 2015 by several Milwaukee-area Holocaust survivor families and supporters, the space invites students to learn from a Holocaust survivor or discuss the Holocaust's many lessons with a trained HERC educator. This space is located outside the Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center in Whitefish Bay.

Workshops

Featured Workshops Coordinated with the Special Exhibition

With each incoming special exhibition at Jewish Museum Milwaukee, HERC and J-Hub design accompanying workshop(s) to support the underlying themes. Make the most of your time at Jewish Museum Milwaukee and give your students an opportunity for further exploration and conversation. Please inquire about these seasonal offerings. info@jhubresources.org or 414.963.27.17

History of Antisemitism

Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center

Take a deep dive into historical antisemitism and how it has shapeshifted and manifested itself to meet the problems of the time. How did the Nazis feed off centuries' old myths, misconceptions, and tropes? Follow the thread of antisemitism from the Middle Ages, through the Nazi era and into contemporary times. The history of antisemitism is an essential first step for students in understanding why the Jews were targeted during the Holocaust, and why this hatred persists today.

Can Words Kill? Analyzing Nazi Propaganda

Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center

In this conversation-style presentation, participants will go through the origins of Nazi propaganda, exploring how the Nazis made use of sophisticated technologies of their time to influence public opinion in Germany's young democracy after World War I. Together, we will analyze the role that Nazi propaganda played in influencing the German public to turn their backs on their Jewish counterparts, and how messaging can lead to the incitement of violence.

Context of the Holocaust

Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center

During this introductory session students will take a broad overview of what the Holocaust was and the circumstances that set the stage for what occurred. Post World War I Germany was plagued by economic and political instability which Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party promised to fix – if given the power. This workshop will go through the rise of Nazism and how the anti-Jewish policies that were enacted in the 1930s led to a much darker reality than anyone could have anticipated.



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Workshops continued

Seen, Safe, and Known: Shaping a School Culture of Respect

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Every student deserves a school where they feel seen, safe, and known. In this interactive workshop, you will explore how identity shapes the way you see yourself and the people around you, and how bias, the kind we all carry, quietly shapes how we treat one another. Through honest conversation and hands-on activities, you will start building the self-awareness and perspective-taking that make a classroom, a hallway, or a lunch table feel like a place where everyone belongs. These are the same durable, future-ready skills that employers prize and that carry into any career: Working well with people unlike you and leading with respect. You will leave with language to speak up, to listen across differences, and to work cooperatively to help shape a school culture rooted in respect.

Personal Narrative Experiences

Speakers Bureau

Students bear witness to antisemitism through the accounts of Holocaust survivors and their descendants. HERC's Speakers Bureau members share personal histories, and when available, artifacts and photos to help students connect with history.

Student to Student

What is it like to be a Jewish teenager in 2026? In this student-led program, funded by the Irving L. Chortek Charitable Fund in Memory of Robert and Jennie Chortek, local Jewish teens visit your classroom to share personal stories and traditions. Students learn directly from peers, ask honest questions, and leave with a clearer understanding of Jewish identity and how to respond to bias. There is also an option to schedule Student to Student in conjunction with your visit to Jewish Museum Milwaukee.

Professional Development for Educators

Historical and Contemporary Antisemitism

Often referred to as the World's Oldest Hatred, antisemitism has existed for centuries. Throughout history, antisemitism has surged in times of political and economic uncertainty. This hatred has the unique ability to transform with the times, becoming relevant to the issues today.

From allegations of religious antisemitism including blood libel and the black plague to racial antisemitism to contemporary antisemitism, this workshop will teach participants the roots of antisemitism and the ways to approach it today.



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