

Educators, we have so much to share with you!

Save the date!

Educators' Happy Hour, Wednesday, November 1st
4:00-6:00pm, brief comments at 5:00pm
724 NW Davis Street, Portland, OR 97209

We are thrilled to share our brand new space with you! Join us for happy hour including light drinks and snacks, meet OJMCHÉ education staff and docents and join them for mini exhibit tours, learn about this year's educational programming, and book a tour or program for your class while you're here! [Please RSVP here](#) or by calling **503-226-3600**.

Core Exhibitions [\[link\]](#)

We have unveiled three new, permanent exhibits occupying 1000 square feet of new exhibit space: *Discrimination and Resistance, an Oregon Primer*, *Oregon Jewish Stories*; and *The Holocaust, an Oregon Perspective*. Trained docents help students make connections between local and global histories and explore the ways the past relates to the present and can inform our future.

Current Exhibition (through October 4)

ALEFBET: The Alphabet of Memory by Grisha Bruskin [\[link\]](#)

Visually stunning large-scale tapestries alongside the artist's preparatory drawings and related gouache paintings, all united by themes that reference Kabbalistic and Talmudic teaching, Hebrew Bible narratives, and folkloric Jewish traditions of Russia.

Upcoming Exhibitions

In addition to our permanent exhibits, we will host the following temporary, world-class exhibits this school year. Designed for a wide range of ages, perspectives and learning styles, these exhibits are included in all docent-led tours.

I Am This; Art By Oregon Jewish Artists

October 19, 2017 – February 4, 2018

I AM THIS will present the work of Jewish artists who have roots in Oregon, from Mark Rothko and Hilda Morris to a new generation of artists now emerging on the Oregon art scene. The exhibition will provide a platform to discuss the questions of the role that identity and religion plays in modern art as first articulated in the writings of the mid-century American art critic Harold Rosenberg.

Vedem: The Underground Magazine of the Terezin Ghetto

February 15, – June 10, 2018

Vedem ("In the Lead" in Czech) was the longest-running magazine to be produced by prisoners inside a Nazi camp. From 1942 to 1944, *Vedem's* teenage writers and illustrators documented their harrowing existence, creating an enduring example of spiritual resistance with defiance, humor, heartbreak and poignancy from behind the blackout shades of their cellblock. The exhibition uses pop-art graphics, drawings, paintings and the prose and poetry of these young prisoners to reconstruct the original pages of the *Vedem* into a contemporary magazine.

[Educational Programming for the 2017-2018 School Year](#)

Tours

OJMCHE Exhibitions Tour

Visit OJMCHE for a one-hour tour exploring the current temporary exhibit plus three permanent, core exhibits. Suggested for grades 6-12 and adults.

Oregon Holocaust Memorial Tour

Engage with Holocaust history and its connection to Oregon through this moving public art installation that conveys the memories and legacy of local Holocaust survivors. Trained docents speak to audiences with the understanding that not everyone has prior knowledge of Holocaust history. Located in Portland's Washington Park. Tours last one hour. Appropriate for grades 6-12 and adults.

South Portland Walking Tour

Take part in a walking tour of Portland's historic Jewish neighborhood with a focus on Jewish immigrant history. Participants will walk the streets of the neighborhood known as Old South Portland while hearing stories of community building and transformation. Located in and around Southwest Portland. Tours last two hours unless modification requested. Suggested for grades 6-12 and adults.

Speakers' Bureau

OJMCHE works with a Speakers' Bureau of Holocaust survivors, family members and educators to bring stories of survival and resilience to audiences everywhere. Speakers travel to schools or organizations, or OJMCHE can arrange for speakers in a local synagogue following a tour of the Oregon Holocaust Memorial or at OJMCHE following an exhibit tour. Most speaking engagements last 90 minutes. Appropriate for grades 6-12 and adults.

Traveling Museum Trunk

"A Year in the Life: The Oregon Jewish Immigrant Experience"

Travel through a year in the life of Chaim, a young Polish Jewish immigrant, who came to Portland in 1904. Experience the challenges and new adventures that he experienced in his first year – family, travel, business, religious life, culture, education and friendships. The trunk employs a variety of individual small or large group activities. Available to be checked out by educators. Suggested for grades 3-5.

Workshops

Oregon Jewish Experience

Invite an OJMCHE educator into your classroom to unpack a box filled with historic photographs and ritual objects that chronicle the experience of Oregon Jewish community. Active inquiry of Jewish immigration and community in Oregon is encouraged through creative activities. We can cover topics of specific interest to your class. Appropriate for all ages.

Places of Remembrance

Based on the Holocaust memorial Places of Remembrance (Orte des Erinnerns) in Germany, participants create a timeline of voices by reading over 90 antisemitic laws passed in Germany between 1933-1945. Discuss how Adolf Hitler became a totalitarian leader of once-democratic Germany and the legislative processes that allowed for discrimination to result in genocide. Compare and contrast political processes in the U.S. today and discuss what can be done to stand against dehumanizing legislation. Can be formatted to last from 50-90 minutes. Appropriate for grades 6-12 and adults.

Virtual Oregon Holocaust Memorial Tour

Explore the Oregon Holocaust Memorial without leaving your classroom. This 60-minute workshop gets students talking about basic Holocaust history and explores the experiences and legacy of local Holocaust survivors. Requires PowerPoint projection and sound. Appropriate for grades 6-12 and adults.

Keep an eye out for these resources in fall-winter 2017:

Educator Workshop: *Teaching with Primary Sources from Oregon's History*

Online Curriculum Portal

Updated Holocaust Education Trunks

Schedule a program or group tour: scheduling@ojmche.org

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