



School Programs 2011-2012

LOS ANGELES MUSEUM OF THE HOLOCAUST

Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust

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Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust (LAMOTH) is the oldest Holocaust museum in the United States. In 1961, a group of survivors met in Los Angeles and shared their wartime experiences. They discovered that each of them had a photograph, concentration camp uniform, or other precious primary source object from the Holocaust era. They decided that these artifacts needed a permanent home where they could be displayed safely and in perpetuity. The founders intended the Museum to be a place to memorialize those who perished and to educate the world so that no one would ever forget. Some of these founding survivors remain active on the LAMOTH Board of Directors today.

LAMOTH does not have an entry fee because the founding survivors insisted that no visitors ever be turned away from learning about the Holocaust. For five decades, Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust has created

unique programming in the field of Holocaust education. LAMOTH was the first museum in the country to create a teacher training program to train educators on how to teach the Holocaust in the classroom.



The eco-friendly green roof of the Museum, located in Pan Pacific Park, near The Farmer's Market and The Grove.

Our New Museum

After many years in a temporary space, Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust's new and permanent home opened in October 2010. The new Museum, with its ground-breaking architecture and innovative exhibits, offers teachers and their classes an enriched learning experience. Features, including the World That Was interactive table and audio guides, provide each student

with engaging audio & visual material.

The Museum's location in Pan Pacific Park provides teachers and students with a wonderful opportunity to discuss, debrief and reflect on their visit in a tranquil place.



Entrance to the Museum, next to the Martyr's Memorial.

Education at the Museum



The World that Was Interactive touch screen table allows visitors to experience the past in a new way.

“There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.”
-Elie Wiesel

Students explore life in the camps through the interactive touch screens located in Room 5.



Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust has been offering free Holocaust education to visitors, students and teachers for 50 years. The Museum's Educational Program offers 4th -12th grade students from public and private schools the chance to participate in school tours developed around the Museum's rich collection and exhibits. LAMOTH school programs are designed to complement California schools' curriculum.

Students come to the Museum to learn about the events that shaped European and World history between 1933 and 1945. During the tour of the Museum's exhibits, students are encouraged to create parallels between the lives of Jews and other victims of the Holocaust 70 years ago and their own lives in the 21st century.

Museum educators and docents stimulate conversations and provide tools for students to approach this sensitive subject and understand its continuing relevance. Our mission is to inform students about history while also encouraging them to make responsible choices in their own lives.

The Museum strongly believes that Holocaust education inspires civic and social responsibility in today's youth. This is done by providing inquiry-based tours of the Museum. Students learn about the Holocaust by exploring original historical artifacts and documents. The educational program also provides visitors with the opportunity to meet a first-hand witness of history, Holocaust survivors.

Visiting the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust is an important educational experience for schools. Programs are aligned with the California Content Standards for English-Language Arts and History-Social Science.

CA History-Social Science Standards:

Grades 6-12

Including: Ancient Worlds, European History, American History and Political Science and Analysis Skills standards.

CA Language Arts Standards: Grades 7-12

Including: Word Analysis and Vocabulary Development, Reading Comprehension, and Literary Response and Analysis,

School Tours

Guided Tours

The tour provides an overview of the history of the Holocaust by closely examining Holocaust era artifacts and museum exhibits.

Elementary School 4th and 5th grade students learn about Jewish life before the war by touring our *World That Was* exhibition. Students explore concepts of identity, diversity and stereotyping. In the *Rescue & Resistance* gallery, students learn about specific acts of courage. Students will meet a Holocaust survivor and listen to his or her

testimony. We work with a number of child survivors. These are survivors who were children during the war. They all have extensive experience working with younger children and all of their stories are age appropriate.

(Please allow 2 hours; 3 hours if a full tour is requested)

Middle School Students 6th -8th grade participate in a museum tour that focuses on life before the war, Nazi rise to power, life in the ghettos and rescue and resistance. Students are introduced to concepts of anti-Semitism, propaganda and Righteous Gentiles. Following the tour, students listen to a Holocaust survivor's personal testimony.

(Please allow 3 hours)

High School This tour focuses on the main historical events that occurred between 1933 and 1945. Students closely analyze artifacts and documents in the Museum's Collection. Students will learn about deportation, life in the camps, acts of resistance, liberation and life after the war. After the tour, students will participate in an extensive discussion with a survivor. (Please allow 3 hours)

Audio Guides

All tours are provided with audio guides. Chaperones must provide a form of ID to keep on file when checking them out.

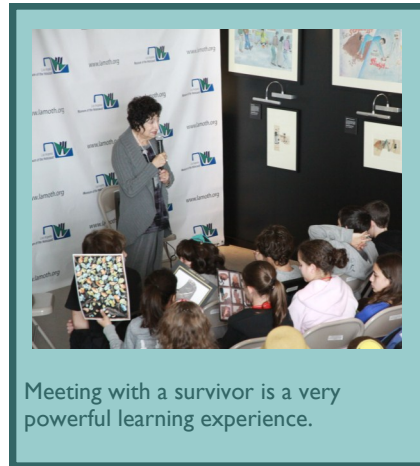
Holocaust Survivor Talks

Each group has the opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor, who shares his or her compelling testimony with the students.

The Museum works with a group of Holocaust survivors who volunteer their time to meet students and speak about their war experience. Our survivors come from all different backgrounds and have experienced the Holocaust in many different ways. Some are child survivors, who survived the camps or were hidden. Some are camp survivors, and survived camps such as Auschwitz or Bergen-Belsen, while others joined the resistance.

Our speakers have extensive experience in public speaking and have been involved in Holocaust education for many years. Among our survivors are active members of associations such as the *Child Survivor of the Holocaust, Los Angeles* and the *1939 Club*.

Requests for particular speakers are considered on a case by case basis.



Meeting with a survivor is a very powerful learning experience.

"I think this is a wonderful museum. It will definitely expand the minds of anyone who doesn't have much knowledge of the Holocaust. It is a great experience and every student should visit the museum."
 Fairfax High School Student

Plan Your Museum Visit

Make a reservation

Reservations are required for school tours of the Museum. Requests for tours must be made at least 2 weeks in advance by filling out our Reservation form available on our website at:

<http://www.lamoth.org/education--resources/for-teachers/schoolreservations/>

Because of the high demand for group visits that we experience between February and June, we recommend you book your reservation ASAP to avoid disappointment.

We recommend teachers tour the Museum before making a reservation, especially for the youngest grades. Please contact our Education Director to set up an appointment.

Cancellations and Late Arrivals

We appreciate receiving cancellations for group tours at least 24 hours in advance of your reservation.

Please call the **Main Office** at **(323) 651-3704** to notify us of your cancellation. If you cancel in advance, your spot can be offered to another group.

If you are running late, please contact the **Main Office** at **(323) 651-3704** to inform us. We may not be able to accommodate groups arriving more than 30 minutes late.

Please be advised that a Holocaust survivor will be on site to speak to you. Holocaust survivors are elderly so please be respectful of their time and special needs.

Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust is located at 100 South The Grove Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Emergency number for the Museum (day of tour only): (323)651-3704

Chaperones

One adult must accompany every 15 children under the age of 18 at all times in the Museum. An adult with a baby is not considered a suitable chaperone.



The Museum's green roof, designed with a completely organic roof top garden, provides an opportunity for contemplation amid panoramic city views

Contact Information

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Reservations:

To enquire about reservations, please contact:
(323) 651-3704

reservations@lamothonline.org

Fill out a reservation form online:

<http://www.lamothonline.org/education--resources/for-teachers/schoolreservations/>

To request additional information, please contact:

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Hours, Directions & Parking

Hours of Operation

Mon - Thu	10:00am - 5:00pm
Fri	10:00am - 2:00pm
Sat	10:00am - 5:00pm
Sun	10:00am - 5:00pm

Admission

FREE, Donations are appreciated.

Driving Directions

From the Santa Monica Freeway (10), exit Fairfax Avenue North. Proceed north to 3rd St. (about 3.0 miles). Turn right on 3rd St. and proceed west to Grove Dr. Turn left. (about 0.4 miles). The Museum is on the east side of the street, in Pan Pacific Park. A bus parking lane is available.

From the San Fernando Valley - take the 101 Freeway south to exit 9C toward Highland

Ave/Hollywood Bowl. Merge onto Cahuenga Blvd W. (about 0.2 miles). Continue onto N. Highland Ave. (about 2.6 miles). Turn right on Beverly Blvd and proceed west to Gardner St. (about 0.9 miles) Turn left and continue to 3rd St. Turn right on Grove Dr. (about 0.4 miles). The Museum is on the east side of the street, in Pan Pacific Park.

A bus parking lane is available.

The Museum is located in the North West corner of Pan Pacific Park.

Parking

Car Parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis underneath the Museum. Please pull up to the gated entrance and press the buzzer. Security will assist you with parking in our garage. There is also ample park-

ing located at The Grove parking structure, accessible from Grove Drive. A validation from a Grove store is required or a fee will be charged.

As a courtesy to Pan Pacific Park, please do not park in the lot accessible from Beverly Boulevard.

Bus There is a bus turn around located in front of the Museum on The Grove Drive. Buses are allowed to park there for the duration of the school tour. There is room for two buses at a time at the turn around.

Arrival

Upon arrival, a teacher must check in at the Reception desk ahead of the students. If your group is checking out audio-guides, please leave your ID with the receptionist.