Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust invites schools, teachers, and students for a free tour of the Museum. In the interactive learning space of the Museum galleries, students explore Holocaust history through artifact based tours and dialogue with Holocaust Survivors. Students are given space to reflect on concepts of identity, responsibility, memory, and their own lives in the context of history.

“This was a very powerful experience and I will always remember what I saw. Some of these images brought me to tears, and some, I must say, horrified me, but still, I am glad that I now know.” – High School Student
Our free educational programs – offered to 5th-12th grade students – are developed around the Museum’s rich collection of historical artifacts that were brought by Holocaust Survivors to Los Angeles. Survivors donated these to the Museum to help foster the Museum’s mission of commemoration and education.

Our school programs are designed to complement California schools’ curriculum and conform to California legislation and academic standards regarding Holocaust Education.

**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 Analysis Development, Reading Comprehension, and Literary Response and Analysis

Our staff looks forward to supporting your important work in the classroom with a transformative Museum visit.

This November, LAMOTH will open a special exhibit and learning experience based on original artifacts from Mona Golabek’s personal collection of photos and documents related to her book The Children of Willesden Lane, which chronicles her mother, Lisa Jura’s journey as a young girl saved by the Kindertransport. This exhibition will feature original music, audio guide narration and reflection by Mona Golabek.

Guided Tours
*Tour times listed include Holocaust Survivor presentations.*

**ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURS**

4th – 6th Grade Tour:
As an introduction to the Holocaust, students learn about Jewish life before the war by touring our *World That Was* exhibition, where they will explore concepts of identity, diversity, and stereotyping. In the Rescue & Resistance gallery, students learn about acts of courage, compassion, and dedication during the Holocaust. Your students will then have the opportunity to meet with a Child Survivor and hear their Holocaust testimony. *(Please allow 2 hours; 3 hours if a full tour is requested)*

7th and 8th Grade Tour:
Students 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 such as anti-Semitism, propaganda, and active and inactive resistance. Following the tour, students interact with a Holocaust Survivor and hear their personal testimony. *(Please allow 3 hours)*

“*You taught me something very important that day, something I will carry with me for the rest of my life. That is, no matter what others do to try and bring you down for being who you are, you always keep your head held high and filled with pride.*”
– High School Student

**HIGH SCHOOL TOURS**
In our tours for your High School students, we focus on the main historical events that occurred in Europe between 1933 and 1945. Students analyze artifacts and documents from the Museum’s collection, learning about deportation, life in the camps, acts of resistance, liberation and life after the war. After the tour, students participate in an extensive discussion with a Holocaust Survivor who adds personal testimony to the historical context. *(Please allow 3 hours)*

“*What I have learned in the L.A. Museum of the Holocaust is that to never judge someone by their race and to not hate someone for who they are.*”
– Middle School Student

**CUSTOMIZED TOURS FOR STUDENTS**
LAMOTH recognizes that each learning community is unique. Students – some who have not yet learned about the Holocaust, others whose family has been directly impacted – come to the Museum to gain historical knowledge and understand the social relevance of this rich history.

In cooperation with teachers and schools, we strive to create personalized programs that are individually designed to benefit your students, whether they learn in public, private, faith based, home, charter, or community schools.
Plan Your Museum Visit

MAKE A RESERVATION

We require reservations for school visits to the Museum. To ensure a meaningful tour for your students, please make reservations at least two weeks before your ideal date. You can make a reservation on our website under Education & Resources: For Teachers.

Because the Museum experiences high demand for school group visits between January and June, we recommend you book your reservation as soon as possible to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Due to the difficult nature of the subject matter, we advise teachers to tour the Museum before making a reservation.

TEACHER GUIDE

We offer a Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust Teacher Guide on our website, which is designed to support you in preparing for your class’s field trip to the Museum. The materials are most appropriate for grades 9-12 but may be adjusted for other grade levels. The Teacher Guide can be downloaded on our website under Education & Resources: For Teachers.

CHAPERONES

We ask that one adult accompany every 15 children under the age of 18 at all times in the Museum. Adults with babies may not serve as chaperones.

AUDIO GUIDES

Individual audio guides are available for all tour participants at no cost.

BUS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to the generosity of donors, we are able to offer limited bus funding for Los Angeles and San Diego area schools. For further information visit our website under Education & Resources: For Teachers.

CANCELLATIONS AND LATE ARRIVALS

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

Since Holocaust Survivors will be on site to speak to you and your students, please be respectful of their time and special needs.

Kindly call School Liaison, Maria Razo, at (323) 651-3704 to notify us of your cancellation. If you cancel in advance, your spot can be offered to another group.
Holocaust Survivor Talks

As part of your students’ tour, they have the opportunity to meet with a Holocaust Survivor, who shares their personal testimony and offers time for students to ask questions and interact one on one.

We work with a group of Holocaust Survivors who volunteer their time to share their life experiences and reflections with students. Our survivors come from many different backgrounds and each have their own individual experience to share. Our speakers have extensive experience in public speaking and have been involved in Holocaust education for many years.

“Thank you for sharing your story, your experience, your life. Your story really touched my heart, and I will keep it alive. Your journey of survival impacted my life.” — Elementary School Student

Our History

Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust is the oldest Holocaust Museum in the United States. It was founded by survivors in 1961 who wanted to create a space to memorialize those who perished, house their precious relics, and provide free Holocaust education to the community. The Museum’s permanent home opened in October 2010 in the green space of Pan Pacific Park. The Museum, complete with groundbreaking, eco-friendly architecture and innovative, high-tech exhibits offers each student engaging audio and visual material for their tour, including the World That Was interactive table, audio guides, and the Tree of Testimony, a state of the art, 70-screen video sculpture that displays over 51,000 survivor testimonies from the USC Shoah Foundation Database.

The Museum does not charge an entry fee, because the founding Survivors insisted that no visitors ever be turned away from learning about the Holocaust. Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust has created unique programming in the field of Holocaust Education and welcomes you and your students to be a part of this work. The Museum’s location in Pan Pacific Park is the perfect setting for your class to discuss, debrief, and reflect on the visit in a tranquil place.

“I found the Children’s Memorial to be the most impactful, because it gave me a visual of just how many children’s lives were lost, and writing them a note made the experience all the more personal and meaningful. This helped me connect to the Holocaust more than anything else on the trip.” — Middle School Student