

The Jewish Museum of Belgium: A living place of history, art & culture

**Educational Service of the Jewish Museum of Belgium
2024**



OVERVIEW

1. Cultural Awareness

**2. Remembrance &
civil action**

**3. Upstanding
discrimination, racism
& antisemitism**





Context & presentation

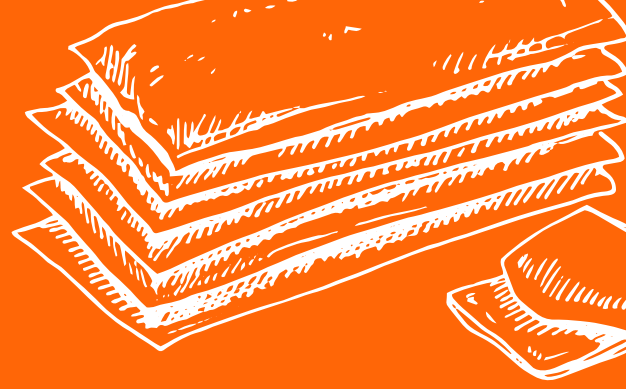
Ideally located in the heart of Brussels, between the Sablon and the Marolles, the Jewish Museum of Belgium is much more than just a museum. It is a veritable artistic, educational and social laboratory, where Jewishness is revealed in all its forms, between contemporary art, history and culture.

2024: A year of transformation

From September 2024, the Jewish Museum of Belgium will temporarily close its doors for an ambitious renovation. But don't worry, we remain active and ready to welcome you through a rich and diverse off-site program!

Stay tuned!

Do you want to know more about our activities and stay informed? Subscribe to our newsletter via **this link**.



Our mission: Connecting through Education

The Education & Mediation Department (EDU/MED) aims to build bridges between the different communities. Through workshops, programmes and mediation tools, we highlight Jewish cultures, religions and diasporas, while anchoring ourselves in the history and present of Jewish Belgium.

Workshops for everyone, everywhere

Our workshops and programs are designed to be scalable, and can be held online, in the classroom, or in a variety of spaces tailored to each group's needs.

Quality recognition

Our commitment is recognized by many institutions:

- Winner of the 2020 Democracy and Human Rights Prize, awarded by the Parliament of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.
- Centre labelled by the "Democracy or Barbarism" unit.
- Approved by the Secretary of State for Equal Opportunities and Diversity (2024-2028 cycle) as an anti-racism association.
- Labelled for the reception of young volunteers by the European Commission.
- Trained by the AEJM/MEST and the ICOM/CECA, as well as the CEJI.

Our areas of action

The Jewish Museum is a space for dialogue open to all, where questions are welcome and where reflections are built together. Our programs are structured around three main axes:

1. Cultural Awareness
2. Remembrance and civil action
3. Upstanding discrimination, racism and antisemitism

1. Cultural Awareness

The ABCs of Judaism (90 min)

Discovery of the festivals, rites and practices of Judaism. What does it mean to be Jewish? What does Shabbat represent?

Rites, rituals and passages (90 min)

Exploration of the universal rituals that connect us to the collective. What are the similarities and differences between cultures?

The Great Synagogue of Brussels

(from November, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday)

Dive into the history and architecture of an exceptional heritage, witness to the integration of the Jewish community.



2. Remembrance & civil action

Meeting with a witness to the Shoah (60 min)

The witness passes on a living memory. The event is framed by a broader reflection on society through a 90-minute educational activity of your choice:

1. Tales of the Resistance (90 min)

Explore the stories and choices of emblematic figures of the resistance. This workshop addresses stereotypes, discrimination and civic responsibility to raise students' awareness of the importance of engaging in the face of injustice.

2. Obedient, me? (90 min)

Learn how societies are sliding toward blind obedience. This workshop unveils mechanisms such as propaganda, conformism and submission to authority, while encouraging critical reflection on the act of disobedience.

3. The Mechanisms of Hate (90 min)

After a powerful testimony, dive into an analysis of the processes that lead to genocidal hatred. This workshop explores categorization, polarization, and dehumanization, to better understand and prevent the escalation of hate.

Reflection on the escalation of hatred *

This activity allows the group to confront daily situations of contempt for the other, thus becoming aware of individual responsibility within the escalation of hatred.

**Version for Primaries (75 min)*





The Marolles, exile and Jewish memory (90 min or 120 min interactive)

An exploration of the stories of Jewish immigration in Brussels, through a walk or an interactive investigation in the neighbourhood of the Marolles.

3. Upstanding discrimination, racism and antisemitism

Introduction to the History of antisemitism (90 min)

Identification of the historical roots of antisemitism. Jews dominate the world ..., Jews are leading the power... Where do these stereotypes come from? Why are they still alive in the collective imagination? This activity identifies the historical roots of antisemitism.





Practical information

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Access :

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Bus: 33, 48, 95

Metro: Louise

Train: Bruxelles-Central

Group rates:

Workshop 1h30 : €120

Testimony & workshop : €160

Synagogue : €60

Our mobile program incurs an additional fee of €20.

