

New Family Program! Archaeology Mondays at the Jewish Museum Beginning February 15

New York, NY – Expanding its offerings for families, the Jewish Museum is launching Archaeology Mondays, a new after-school program in the galleries of *Archaeology Zone: Discovering Treasures from Playgrounds to Palaces*. Beginning Monday, February 15, 2016 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, and continuing on the third Monday of the month through May, families will participate in a simulated archaeological dig. Unique to New York City, this hands-on experience features artifact replicas from ancient to modern times. Children can discover how objects change over time, and unearth the stories these relics tell.

In addition to the digging experience, each month's program will focus on a distinct artifact, with parents and children working together to examine and sketch the object after hunting this treasure in the Museum's collection. Participants receive a special archaeologist's "passport," where they will collect stamps for each visit to the dig and artifact hunt. After earning three stamps, kids will receive a special gift.

Archaeology Mondays are free with Jewish Museum admission: \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for senior citizens, \$7.50 for students, free for visitors 18 and under and Jewish Museum members. This program is for children ages 3 to 10. Adults are asked to accompany their children. For further information regarding family programs at the Jewish Museum, the public may call 212.423.3337 or visit TheJewishMuseum.org/programs/families. The Jewish Museum is located at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street, Manhattan.

In *Archaeology Zone: Discovering Treasures from Playgrounds to Palaces*, an engaging and thoroughly interactive experience, children become archaeologists as they search for clues about ancient and modern objects. Visitors discover what happens after archaeologists unearth artifacts and bring them back to their labs for in-depth analysis.

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About The Jewish Museum

Located on Museum Mile at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street, the Jewish Museum is one of the world's preeminent institutions devoted to exploring art and Jewish culture from ancient to contemporary, offering intellectually engaging, educational, and provocative exhibitions and programs for people of all ages

and backgrounds. The Museum was established in 1904, when Judge Mayer Sulzberger donated 26 ceremonial objects to The Jewish Theological Seminary as the core of a museum collection. Today, the Museum maintains a collection of over 30,000 works of art, artifacts, and broadcast media reflecting global Jewish identity, and presents a diverse schedule of internationally acclaimed temporary exhibitions.

The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, New York City. Museum hours are Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, 11 am to 5:45 pm; Thursday, 11 am to 8 pm; and Friday, 11 am to 4 pm. Museum admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for senior citizens, \$7.50 for students, free for visitors 18 and under and Jewish Museum members. Admission is Pay What You Wish on Thursdays from 5pm to 8pm and free on Saturdays. For information on the Jewish Museum, the public may call 212.423.3200 or visit the website at TheJewishMuseum.org.

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