

Family Guide

Age-appropriate activities
for visitors
8 and up



UNITED STATES
HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
MUSEUM

WHAT'S IN THIS GUIDE?

This guide highlights areas of the Museum for which passes are not required as well as activities recommended for visitors ages 8 and up. Not included are exhibitions that are recommended for visitors 11 and older such as the Permanent Exhibition *The Holocaust*.

AT THE MUSEUM

Visit the Exhibition *Remember the Children: Daniel's Story*

FIRST FLOOR

This exhibition introduces the history of the Holocaust through the eyes of a young boy growing up in Nazi Germany.

As you go through this exhibition, think about all the changes that happened to Daniel and his family once the Nazis came into power and once World War II began.

Who is Daniel?

The exhibition tells about real events based on the experiences of Jewish children from Germany, though Daniel was not an actual individual. If you would like to learn what happened to a particular Holocaust survivor, ask to meet and speak with a survivor volunteer at the Museum or go upstairs to the Wexner Center.

What is freedom?

To a boy like Daniel, freedom was running as far as he could. Say what freedom means to you, using the cards and markers provided at the end of the exhibition.



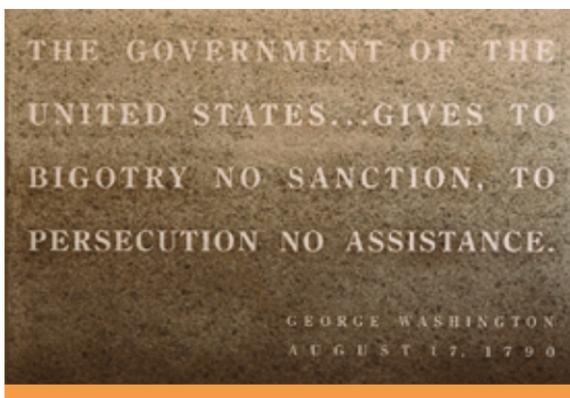


Look around the Building

The designer of the Museum building, architect James Ingo Freed, wanted to create an unusual space that would help visitors reflect on their own feelings and experiences. Look at the skylight in the Hall of Witness where you entered. What comes to mind when you see it? When some Holocaust survivors view it, they think about the sky above the forced labor camps where they worked. For them, the sky was the only thing the Nazis could not control.

Read the Inscriptions

On the walls of the Museum, both inside and out, are the words of many well-known people, including presidents George Washington, Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, and William J. Clinton. These statements express American values, such as freedom, equality, compassion, and justice. Look for an inscription and discuss what it means to you.



Create Your Own Statement

If you could leave behind a statement on the Museum's walls designed to inspire people from all over the world, what would you say?

Visit the Children's Tile Wall

LOWER LEVEL

View designs that children from all over the United States created to memorialize the young people who did not survive the Holocaust. Select your favorite tile and share why you like it.

Light a Candle in the Hall of Remembrance

SECOND FLOOR

You can light a candle in memory of the many people who died in the Holocaust.

Explore From Memory to Action

WEXNER CENTER SECOND FLOOR

The four interconnected rooms of the Wexner Center are organized around the themes of memory and action. Explore how the Holocaust and memory of it become the catalyst and a framework for thinking about the world today. Learn more about the Holocaust, related problems in today's world, such as in Darfur, Sudan, or search for a name of someone you know of who was in the Holocaust.



Take a Break

Have a look around the Deanie and Jay Stein Museum Shop on the First Floor near the 14th Street entrance or visit the Museum Cafe, located in the adjacent Ross Administrative Center, accessible through the entrance on Raoul Wallenberg Place (15th Street). Restrooms can be found in the Museum on the Lower Level as well as in the Cafe.

AT HOME

Think about How People Reacted

Daniel's Story tells what it was like when millions of people were robbed of their freedom and their right to live. Many Museum visitors ask, "How did the world allow the Holocaust to happen?" To answer this question, think about how the Holocaust did not have to happen, but was the result of choices made by individuals. Many thousands of people played some role in the killing process, and millions of bystanders turned aside and did nothing to stop what was going on. On the other hand, a few risked their lives to save complete strangers.

Visit the Museum's Web Site www.ushmm.org

Discover stories about the extraordinary actions of everyday individuals and the choices they made during the Holocaust and other related world events. Find links to the Holocaust Encyclopedia,

testimonies about survivors, guidelines for teaching the Holocaust, animated maps, and an exhibition about the well-known diarist, Anne Frank.

The screenshot shows the website interface for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. At the top, the museum's name is displayed in a dark banner. Below this is a navigation menu with links for 'MUSEUM', 'EDUCATION', 'RESEARCH', 'HISTORY', 'REMEMBRANCE', 'GENOCIDE', and 'SUPPORT'. The main content area is titled 'HOLOCAUST ENCYCLOPEDIA' and features a search bar. A large black and white photograph of a concentration camp is the central focus. To the right of the photo is a 'GLOBAL CLASSROOM' section with a 'Choose a language' dropdown menu listing various languages like English, Spanish, Hebrew, etc. Below that is a 'FOR STUDENTS' section with a link to 'The Holocaust: A Learning Site for Students'. At the bottom left, a 'FEATURED ARTICLE' section highlights 'Auschwitz' with a brief description of the camp.

Think about What You Can Do

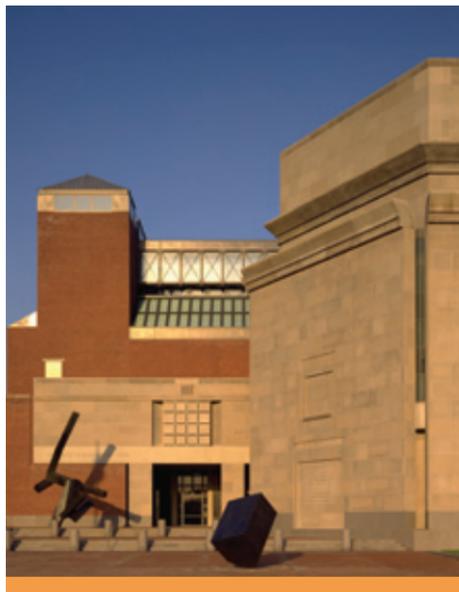
Survivors of the Holocaust often talk about how the future of the world depends on traits such as honesty, compassion, respect, responsibility, and courage—the qualities of good citizenship. They believe that to keep these active, everyone must work to influence and inspire one another. Whom do you influence and inspire?

Share What You Have Seen and Spread the Word

One way to inspire others is to tell friends, relatives, and classmates what you learned at the Museum. Imagine how many people they could reach if they then told others.

The Museum's exhibitions, educational and scholarly activities, and efforts to collect and preserve evidence of the Holocaust are made possible in part through individual donations. Learn more about supporting the Museum by visiting ushmm.org/join or calling 866.998.7466.

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