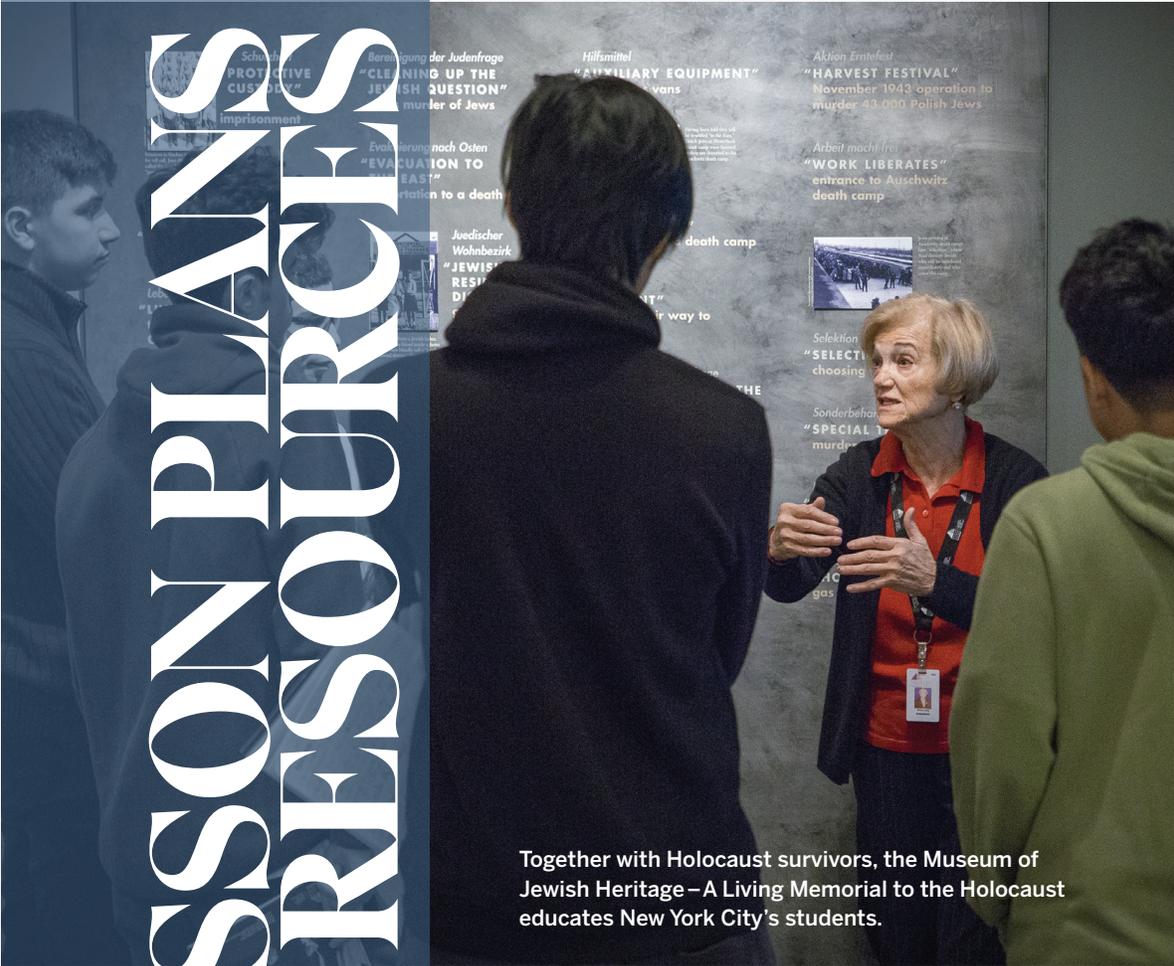




# LESSON PLANS AND RESOURCES

for students in  
New York City  
and beyond



Together with Holocaust survivors, the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust educates New York City's students.

“There are not many of us left to tell you firsthand about what we know as the most evil of times for Jews and others whom the Nazis deemed inferior.”

– Ruth Zimbler, eyewitness  
to *Kristallnacht*

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**New York's Holocaust Curriculum** is an innovative teaching resource featuring free, flexible lesson plans and primary sources for middle and high school students.

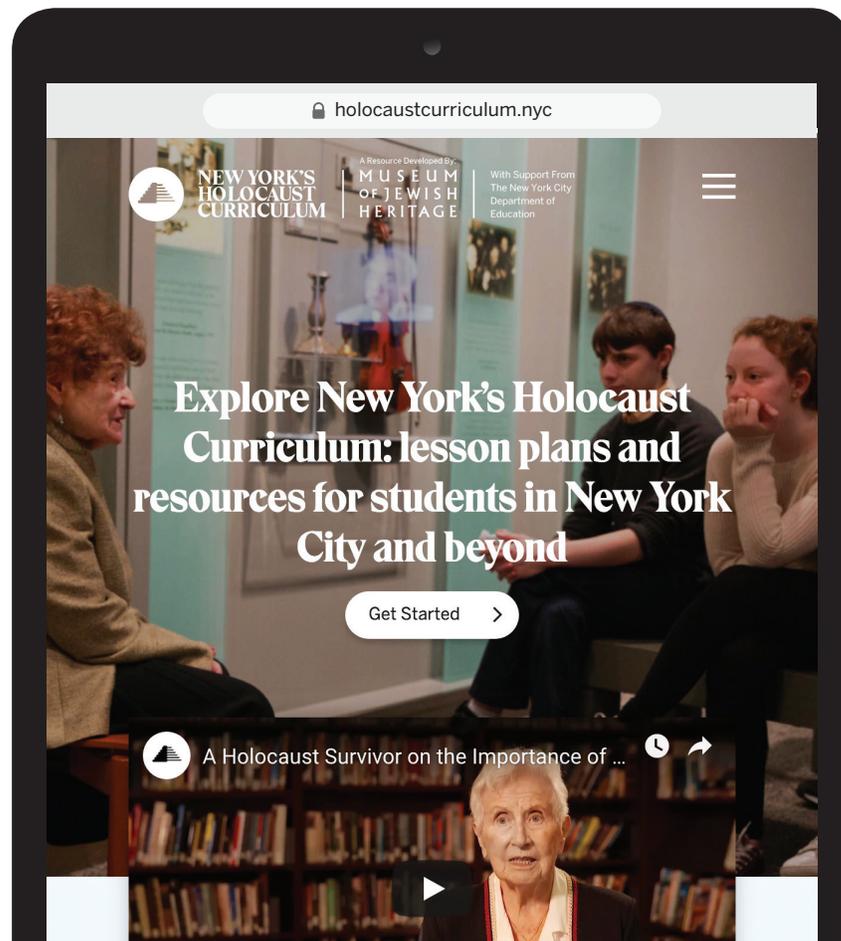
We created New York's Holocaust Curriculum to support New York teachers, community leaders, and others with structured lesson plans, multimedia resources, and options for a range of uses to teach about the Holocaust across grade levels and subject areas.

Our curriculum incorporates best classroom practices, emphasizing instructional outcomes and integrating primary sources for artifact-based learning from our Museum collection. Our lesson plans are aligned to Common Core standards, as well as the New York City Scope and Sequence for Social Studies and NYS Next Generation Learning Standards.

Learning about the Holocaust inspires students to envision a world worthy of their futures. We equip students with the tools to answer one of history's darkest chapters by becoming more caring, morally aware, and educated citizens.

"I hope that through this curriculum current and future students will learn more about Jewish history and grow to become knowledgeable individuals, prepared to fight bigotry and hatred in their own communities."

–Tori M., educator





### LESSON ONE

Introduction to Jewish Life during the Holocaust



### LESSON TWO

The Rise of Nazism in Germany



### LESSON THREE

Jewish Responses to Discrimination in Nazi Germany: Nuremberg Laws and *Kristallnacht*



### LESSON FOUR

Jewish Life in the Ghettos



### LESSON FIVE

Jewish Life in Concentration Camps



### LESSON SIX

Experiences of Jewish Children and Teens



### LESSON SEVEN

Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust



### LESSON EIGHT

Jewish Teens in Hiding



### LESSON NINE

Liberation and Aftermath



### LESSON TEN

Jewish and World Response

New York's Holocaust Curriculum was created in order to:

- Reach students throughout the five boroughs in their own classrooms—a meaningful and unprecedented expansion of our educational mission to teach diverse audiences about Jewish life before, during, and after the Holocaust.
- Ensure that a global, online audience of educators and students can also learn from digital versions of our remarkable collections through the largest high-quality digitization project in our institution's history.
- Expand the Museum's long-held role as New York's primary resource for teaching and learning about the Holocaust, nearly doubling the number of student visits over the next two years.

“The experience in the Museum made me more knowledgeable about the past. As a result, it passes on the message of not letting something like the Holocaust happen again. There is hope for the future.”  
 –Jasmine C., eighth-grade student

In addition to downloadable, mobile-friendly versions of the lesson plans, [holocaustcurriculum.nyc](http://holocaustcurriculum.nyc) features:

- Artifacts from the Museum collection
- Holocaust survivor testimony videos
- Comprehensive timeline and glossary
- Professional development videos
- Additional activities and resources for teachers and students

Start exploring at [holocaustcurriculum.nyc](http://holocaustcurriculum.nyc)



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**The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust** is New York's contribution to the global responsibility to never forget. The Museum is committed to the crucial mission of educating diverse audiences about Jewish life before, during, and after the Holocaust.

The Museum protects the historical record and promotes understanding of Jewish heritage. It teaches the dangers of intolerance and challenges visitors—including more than 60,000 schoolchildren a year—to let the painful lessons of the past guide them to envision a world worthy of their futures. We look forward to welcoming you to our New York City home.

**Free Museum admission is provided to NYC public and charter schools, students, and teachers.** Our tours and programs for school groups align with Common Core standards and meet the specific needs, interests, and backgrounds of various student groups—whether they are visiting from public, independent, parochial, or other schools. To plan your visit, visit [mjhnyc.org](http://mjhnyc.org). NYC public school educators with work ID (and an accompanying guest) are welcome anytime.

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