

Jewish Museums

New York is famous for its museums and arguably for its museums with Jewish content. Here are some that are worth visiting.

The Center for Jewish History: The umbrella organization for five major institutions of Jewish scholarship, history, and art. The Center has an extremely rich archive as well as regular exhibits and cultural events.

15 W. 16th Street
(212) 294-8301
<http://www.cjh.org>

Eldridge Street Project: The not-for-profit Eldridge Street Project is restoring the landmark Eldridge Street Synagogue as the focal point of a Jewish heritage center for the 21st century.

12 Eldridge Street
(212) 219-0888
<http://www.eldridgestreet.org>

Ellis Island Immigration Museum: The museum dedicated to the famous gateway through which more than 12 million immigrants passed between 1892 and 1954.

Ellis Island, New York Harbor
(212) 363-3206
<http://www.ellisland.com>

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion: The educational and intellectual center of Reform Judaism has a museum in NY with five galleries illuminating Jewish history, culture, and contemporary creativity.

1 West 4th Street
(212) 824-2205
<http://www.huc.edu/museums/ny/index.shtml>

The Jewish Museum: An art museum exploring the scope and diversity of Jewish culture.

1109 Fifth Avenue, at 92nd Street
(212) 423-3200
<http://www.thejewishmuseum.org>

Children's Galleries for Jewish Culture: Run by the Jewish Children's Learning Lab Inc., teaches children and adults about Jewish culture and heritage through interactive exhibitions

515 West 20th Street, 4E
(212) 924-4500
<http://www.jcllcm.com>

Central Synagogue: The Sanctuary building in this storied synagogue is a National and New York City historic landmark. Tours offered every Wednesday at 12 PM.

123 East 55th Street
(212) 838-5122
<http://www.centralsynagogue.org>

Judaica Museum: Located at the Hebrew Home for the Aged, this museum has as its centerpiece the Ralph and Leuba Baum Collection, a collection of over 800 ceremonial objects.

5961 Palisade Avenue, Bronx, NY
(718) 581-1787
<http://www.hebrewhome.org/museum>

Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue & Museum: The only remaining Romaniote Synagogue in the western hemisphere

280 Broome Street
(212) 431-1619

The Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America: The Library mounts three exhibitions annually that open to the public its vast collections of rare books and manuscripts.

3080 Broadway, corner of 122nd Street
(212) 678-8082
<http://www.jtsa.edu/library>

Lower East Side Tenement Museum: Documents the variety of immigrant and migrant experiences on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

90 Orchard St.
(212) 431-0233
<http://www.tenement.org>

Museum of Jewish Heritage: A Living Memorial to the Holocaust: The museum memorializes those who perished during the Holocaust by celebrating their lives—examining their traditions, achievements and faith, and affirming the vibrant worldwide Jewish community that is their legacy today.

36 Battery Place, Battery Park City
(646) 437-4200
<http://www.mjhnyc.org>

Yeshiva University Museum: Exhibits celebrate the culturally diverse intellectual and artistic achievements of 3,000 years of Jewish experience

15 West 16th Street
(212) 294-8330
<http://www.yumuseum.org>