



# Jewish Museum Berlin

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## Press Information

### **: The Jewish Museum Berlin**

Since opening its door in 2001, the Jewish Museum Berlin has joined the ranks of Europe's leading museums. Its exhibitions and permanent collection, educational activities, and diverse program of events make the museum a vibrant center for German-Jewish history and culture. It is dedicated to serving as a forum for research, discussion, and the exchange of ideas – as a museum for everyone: young and old, Germans and non-Germans, Jews and non-Jews.

An architectural masterpiece, Daniel Libeskind's spectacular structure has firmly established itself as one of Berlin's most recognizable landmarks. The zinc-paneled building is truly innovative in the connection it creates between the museum's themes and its architecture. Libeskind has dubbed his design "Between the Lines", a title which reflects the tensions of German-Jewish history. Inscribed within the design of the building, this past takes shape along two lines charting various cultural connections and modes of thought: one is straight, but broken into many fragments; the other is winding and open-ended. The intersection of these lines is marked by voids, empty spaces that cut through the entire museum. Rich in symbolism, the museum's architecture makes German-Jewish history palpable, raises numerous questions, and provokes reflection.

The museum's permanent historical exhibition extends over 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> and invites visitors to journey through two millennia of German-Jewish history. Its depictions of 14 historical periods from the Middle Ages to the present paint a vivid portrait of German-Jewish life. Artistic and everyday objects, photos and letters, interactive displays and media stations together convey the history of Jewish culture in Germany and show how tightly Jewish life and German history are interwoven.

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Temporary exhibitions on cultural history, contemporary art installations, and special displays – these are a few of the ways in which the museum's special exhibitions draw on a broad range of themes to complement the permanent historical exhibition.

### **Visitor Information**

#### **Opening Hours:**

Daily 10 am - 8 pm

Mondays 10 am - 10 pm

The museum is closed on 6 and 7 September 2013 (Rosh Hashanah), on 14 September 2013 (Jom Kippur), on 16 November 2013 (Presentation of the "Award for Understanding and Tolerance") and on 24 December 2013 (Christmas Eve).

#### **Admissions:**

Regular charge: 5 euros, reduced charge: 2.50 euros

Children under the age of six: free of charge

Family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children): 10 euros

On every first Saturday of the month, admission is free of charge for everyone under the age of 18.

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