

MUSEUM AT ELDRIDGE STREET

SCHOOL PROGRAMS



INFORMATION

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Programs available

Sunday-Thursday, 10 am to 5 pm

\$6 per student

Subsidies available



Explore this magnificent landmark and learn about immigration to the United States, neighborhood history, architecture and Jewish culture.

Led by experienced educators, all programs are customized to suit your students' interests and needs.

Programs last 60 minutes unless otherwise noted.

HISTORY & IMMIGRATION

New Lives in a New Land

Step into a building filled with color, light, and memories. Uncover fascinating stories of immigrant life at the turn of the last century. Program incorporates interactive exhibits, historic photographs, and oral histories.



Lower East Side Walking Tour

A century ago, New York's Lower East Side was home to the world's largest Jewish community. Today, new immigrants have changed the neighborhood yet again. But look closely. Tucked along these bustling blocks, signs of immigrant Jewish life – and hopes – still remain.



My New York

What's a synagogue doing in the middle of Chinatown? Curious second graders find out as we explore the historic Eldridge Street Synagogue and the Lower East Side. How has this exciting neighborhood changed over time? We'll figure it all out through stories, photographs, and a special art project.



The Eldridge Street Poetry Project

For 129 years, the magnificent Eldridge Street Synagogue has inspired thousands of people including artists, musicians, and now, budding poets. Explore the sanctuary's splendor and the synagogue's immigrant story. Young writers turn discoveries into words and words into poetry. Customized to suit your classroom curriculum; optional publishing party at the museum included!



ART & ARCHITECTURE

Shapes and Colors, Patterns and Light

(Grades K-2)

Bring your budding artists, designers, and mathematicians to investigate the shapes, patterns, and colors of the glorious Eldridge Street Synagogue. Armed with clipboards and clues, young explorers hunt for shapes, identify patterns, and create colorful designs of their own.



Landmark of the Spirit

Walls don't talk but buildings do tell stories. What does the architecture and design of the Eldridge Street Synagogue reveal about the building's fascinating past? Decipher clues about immigrant life, discover evidence of decades of decline, and find out how a 19th century synagogue became a 21st century treasure.



Artists' Sanctuary

Be inspired by dazzling colors, exquisite design, and a story of hope! Let us draw you in as you explore the history and splendor of the 1887 Eldridge Street Synagogue. Enjoy a 30 minute guided tour then create your own work of art as you sketch, draw, or take photographs in our magnificent sanctuary. Artists should bring their own materials.



HOLIDAYS & JEWISH CULTURE

Celebrate with Us! Jewish Holidays

(Grades K-4)

Ready to have some fun? Join us for one of our most popular school programs. Munch some matza, spin a dreidel, and enjoy the happy holiday stories of Chanukah (November-December) and Passover (March-April). Every winter and spring, students of all backgrounds sing, act, eat, and celebrate together!



Ways We Worship

(Grades 5-12)

Open the ark, step onto the bimah (reader's platform) and explore the diverse traditions of the Jewish people. This hands-on interactive program encourages questions and discussion and introduces students of all backgrounds to the historic Eldridge Street Synagogue.



So You're Celebrating a Bar or Bat Mitzvah?

(Grades 6-8)

As you prepare for your big day, come see how immigrant families celebrated 100 years ago. Try out a century old Bar Mitzvah speech and enjoy memories from the past. Connect your own coming-of-age experience to a treasured and evolving tradition.

