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MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE AND BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY ANNOUNCE FREE MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP FOR BATTERY PARK CITY RESIDENTS

*Running through June 2018, Community Membership Program Marks 20th Anniversary of the
Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust*

To thank the Battery Park City community, and in conjunction with its upcoming 20th anniversary, the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is partnering with the Battery Park City Authority to offer free Museum memberships to Battery Park City residents through June 30, 2018. The Community Membership program provides all the benefits of an Individual level membership, including free Museum admission, discounted or free program tickets, and more.

A commemorative Community Membership card has been designed specifically for this program. Community Membership cards may be claimed in person at the Museum's admission desk with proof of residency in one of Battery Park City's three zip codes (10280, 10281, and 10282). Once the request is received, the Community Membership card and a welcome packet will be mailed to the resident. The Museum's hours are 10am to 6pm Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10am to 8pm on Wednesday, and 10am to 5pm on Friday.

"As New York's Holocaust memorial museum, the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is extremely fortunate to be situated in Battery Park City, poised between the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island and the Freedom Tower," said **Museum President & CEO Michael S. Glickman**. "We are very grateful to our neighbors for helping this institution to flourish and, as the Museum approaches its 20th anniversary, we want to take this opportunity to express appreciation through the gift of a membership program exclusive to BPC residents."

"The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust offers visitors an incredible opportunity to learn about the atrocities of the past in a setting that never fails to provide hope for the future," said **Shari C. Hyman, President & Chief Operating Officer, Battery Park City Authority**. "By providing free membership to Battery Park City residents, Michael and his team are providing a unique chance for our community to have open access to what the Museum has to offer. Our shared hope is that greater local engagement will yield an even larger museum community beyond Battery Park City's borders."

Community Membership benefits include:

- Free general admission to the Museum and special exhibitions
- Invitations to Members-only exhibition previews
- Invitations to exclusive Members-only events, tours, and lectures
- Free admission for two to select Museum public programs
- Discounted admission for most Museum programs
- 15% discount at the Pickman Museum Shop
- 10% discount at the Museum's café, Lox
- 2 guest passes

"This exciting new partnership underscores the collaborative relationship between local institutions and neighborhood residents that allows Battery Park City to thrive, said **United States Congressman Jerrold Nadler**. "I am thrilled to hear that BPC community members will now have free access to the dynamic educational and cultural programming offered by the Museum of Jewish Heritage."

"When our cultural institutions give back to the community by offering free memberships to New Yorkers, everyone benefits," said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. "I commend the Museum of Jewish Heritage for launching this Community Membership Program for Battery Park City residents and hope everyone in the neighborhood will take advantage of the programming and exhibitions the museum has to offer."

"The BPC community is blessed to have this world class museum that spurs modern dialogue from some of the most interesting and thought provoking moments in history, said **Tammy Meltzer, Co-Chair, Manhattan Community Board 1 Battery Park City Committee**. " The stories told through its exhibits, family programming and lectures are vibrant and yet visitors can also find tranquility in the Garden of Stones and art collections. Thank you to the Museum of Jewish Heritage and Michael Glickman for welcoming in the local community and neighbors to share its art and resources,"

Dignitaries and Holocaust survivors, including Elie Wiesel, dedicated the Museum's core building with its distinctive hexagonal shape on September 11, 1997. The Robert M. Morgenthau building, which faces Battery Place, opened in 2004.

The Museum was created as a living memorial to those who perished in the Holocaust, as well as those who survived. Established as a place of learning and reflection, a repository for artifacts and information, and a catalyst for dialogue across all age groups about vital lessons of Jewish history, the Museum serves both local and global communities and creates opportunities for diverse audiences to engage with history and to consider its relevance to the present.

Since 1997, the Museum of Jewish Heritage has welcomed more than two million visitors; it maintains a collection of 30,000 artifacts, photographs, documentary films, and survivor testimonies and contains classrooms, a 400-seat theater (Edmond J. Safra Hall), special exhibition galleries, a resource center for educators, and a memorial art installation, *Garden of Stones*, designed by internationally acclaimed sculptor Andy Goldsworthy.

“I extend an invitation to the all BPC residents to see the Museum as a community resource and to take advantage of all it has to offer, from thought-provoking exhibitions, to outstanding talks and performances, to young professional events, to family programs, to a delicious meal at Lox café,” added Glickman.

The Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is located at 36 Battery Place. Learn more about the Museum at www.mjhnyc.org

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