

Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education Fellowship: Teaching the Holocaust and Other Genocides with Intention



The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education (OJMCHE) announces a new and exciting initiative for middle and high school Social Studies and Language Arts Teachers: The OJMCHE Education Fellowship, Teaching the Holocaust and Other Genocides with Intention.

This Fellowship offers teachers a unique, transformative opportunity to immerse themselves in OJMCHE's Holocaust and

other Genocide educational resources and programming with a cohort of fellow teachers. Teachers will participate in five, 60-minute online sessions with professionally-trained Holocaust educators from OJMCHE. Meetings are held monthly, January through May. An in-person capstone event in July will bring teachers to OJMCHE in Portland for a three-day Institute offering tours, additional curriculum training, and curriculum planning in consultation with OJMCHE's Education department. Teacher training will use OJMCHE's standards-based curriculum and best pedagogical practices for teaching the Holocaust to middle and high school students.

In 2019, the Oregon State Legislature passed SB664 requiring school districts to teach Holocaust and other genocides in K-12 classes. The Oregon Department of Education will publish revised social studies learning standards starting in 2026 that include learning concepts from the SB664 mandate. This development comes at a great time. Nationally, anti-Jewish and antisemitic rhetoric is on the rise. At the same time, student knowledge of Holocaust history has been diminished by a great number of factors: changes in curricula, unreliable or harmful social media posts, and shifts in reading habits. OJMCHE has responded to these trends by developing curricula and programming opportunities rooted in the personal narratives of Oregon Holocaust survivors and Oregon's Jewish culture and history.



Fellows will each receive:

- A \$150 participation stipend. Stipend awards require attendance and participation in all scheduled monthly meetings and in-person Institute, as well as the creation of a Holocaust teaching artifact that demonstrates measurable change to a teaching practice and/or curriculum development.
- Graduate course credit from Western Oregon University.
- A three-day, all-expense paid visit to Portland to attend an on-site Institute at OJMCHE. Participants receive a \$100 travel stipend, hotel accommodations, meals, and curriculum materials.
- Access to and training in implementing OJMCHE's free lesson plans and digital curriculum in your classes.
- A guided tour of our museum and the Holocaust Memorial in Washington Park by our education team.
- A presentation by a first- or second-generation survivor of the Holocaust.
- Opportunities to network with teachers from around the state as well as access to curriculum planning time either with your PLC, statewide colleagues, and/or OJMCHE's educational team.
- Opportunities to collaborate and build a community with Fellows in 2026.
- Professional recognition for having undertaken advanced training in Holocaust education.

Calendar: All on-line sessions will occur at 5-6pm PST

January 16, 2025:

SB664 Overview and Introduction to Holocaust Education Best Practices

February 20, 2025:

Understanding Judaism through Artifacts

March 20, 2025 :

Analyzing Antisemitic Stereotypes and Scapegoating

April 17, 2025:

Law and Order?: The Impact and Legacy of Legal Discrimination in Nazi Germany

May 15, 2025:

Resistance During the Holocaust

July 15 - July 17, 2025:
Capstone Institute at OJMCHE

Who should apply:

The Fellowship is open to those teaching English/Language Arts and Social Studies/History in grades 6-12. We are particularly interested in supporting World History teachers who need to address the Holocaust and other genocides in their curriculum as a result of the 2026 ODE social studies standards revisions. Applicants are encouraged to attend the Fellowship with team members or your professional learning community (PLC). Each individual should submit their own application. If you participate as a group, stipends will be given to each individual in that group.

Questions? Please contact Andrew Duden, Head of Student Programs at OJMCHE,
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Application Deadline: December 1, 2024

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