

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History

Director of Education

Position Summary:

The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History (The Weitzman) seeks an entrepreneurial, dynamic, visionary, and strategic leader to serve as its **Director of Education**. Reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, this individual will be responsible for advancing the Museum's mission through innovative and engaging educational programming that deepens understanding of the American Jewish experience, fosters intercultural dialogue, and supports lifelong learning for diverse audiences.

The Director of Education will oversee the design, implementation, and evaluation of all educational initiatives, including K-12 school programs, teacher professional development, public programming, digital learning, and community outreach. The ideal candidate will bring a passion for Jewish history and identity, and demonstrated success in museum or informal education leadership.

Key Responsibilities:

Strategic Leadership & Vision

- Develop and implement a cohesive, multi-audience education strategy aligned with the Museum's mission, exhibitions, and long-term goals.
- Serve as an institutional thought partner on interpretive approaches and audience engagement.

Program Development & Oversight

- Lead the creation and delivery of educational content and experiences, both onsite and online, for K-12 students, educators, families, adult learners, and community groups.
- Supervise the Education team, interns, and volunteers, fostering a culture of collaboration, innovation, and accountability.

Partnerships & Outreach

- Cultivate and sustain partnerships with schools, cultural organizations, religious institutions, and community groups.
- Represent the Museum in local, national, and international education networks.

• Evaluation & Impact

- Establish metrics and evaluation tools to assess program effectiveness and inform continuous improvement.
- Prepare reports, proposals, and presentations for stakeholders, including funders, trustees, and partners.

• Resource Development

- Collaborate with the Development team to secure funding through grants, sponsorships, and donor engagement.
- Oversee the production of high-quality educational materials, curricula, and digital resources.



Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Education, Museum Studies, Jewish Studies, History, or a related field required, Master's Degree a plus.
- Minimum of 7–10 years of progressively responsible experience in museum or cultural education, including at least 3 years in a leadership role.
- Deep knowledge of American Jewish history and contemporary Jewish life, with the ability to present it through inclusive and accessible lenses.
- Proven experience designing and evaluating education programs for diverse age groups and learning needs.
- Strong communication and public speaking skills; ability to inspire and engage audiences.
- Familiarity with digital learning tools, inclusive pedagogies, and current trends in museum education
- Proven track record of obtaining funding for educational projects.

Benefits:

Comprehensive benefits package including health, dental, vision, retirement plan, PTO

To Apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume to: employment@theweitzman.org

About the Museum

The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, located on Historic Independence Mall, brings more than 360 years of American Jewish history to life. Tracing the stories of how Jewish immigrants became Jewish Americans, the Museum invites visitors of all heritages to share their ownstories and reflect on how history and identity shape and are shaped by the American experience. Anopen door for all, The Weitzman honors the past and propels the future by fueling imagination and ideas, culture and community, leadership and service, in ways that turn inspiration into action.

The Weitzman is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to workplace diversity and to providing employment opportunities to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, marital status, parental status, or veteranstatus.

All employees working on the Museum floor and during public events are required to provide or complete background checks and child abuse clearances.