

Welcome to the Skirball

For more than twenty-five years, the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, California, has been a place of meeting guided by the Jewish tradition of welcoming the stranger and inspired by the American democratic ideals of freedom and equality. We welcome people of all communities and generations to participate in cultural experiences that celebrate discovery and hope, foster human connections, and call upon us to help build a more just society.

About this Curriculum

Whether you complete one lesson or the full curriculum, these materials for Grades 4 through 12 draw on Jewish traditions and invite young people of all cultural backgrounds to explore and celebrate their family histories, create original works of art, and become agents of change.

The *Visions and Values* Curriculum was created in partnership with the Skirball Teacher Advisory Council, a dynamic group of educators serving LA County's diverse student populations. Each lesson connects to the Skirball's six essential Jewish values:

Welcome the Stranger

You shall not oppress a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Exodus 22:21)

Honor Memory

Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. (Deuteronomy 32:7)

Seek Learning

Great is study, for it leads to action. (Talmud, b. Kid. 40b)

Pursue Justice

You shall not stand idly by while your neighbor bleeds. (Leviticus 19:16)

Build Community

How good and pleasant it is to dwell together. (Psalms 133:1)

Show Kindness

The world is sustained by compassionate deeds. (Pirke Avot 1.2)

Which value resonates most with you?

Visions and Values: Jewish Life from Antiquity to America

This curriculum is inspired by stories and objects in the Skirball's permanent exhibition. Within *Visions and Values*, visitors can learn how the Jews have survived as a diverse, migratory, minority population by actively engaging with the many communities and cultures they've encountered, while also retaining a core set of values.



Did you know? Children 2–12 and full-time students receive discounted admission to the Skirball. Teachers can visit for FREE with code 99957 (valid work ID required at check-in). [Learn more about special admissions offers.](#)