Founding Teen Council

Who we are: A team of museum designers, educators, and storytellers building a new Jewish museum for the nation’s capital — just a block from the National Building Museum and close to the National Mall and the U.S. Capitol.

We’re creating a new kind of museum! The CJM will share stories about the impact of Jews on the course of our country and the many people from around the world drawn to the nation’s capital for public service, protest and global impact. But this is not just a Washington story, and it’s not just a Jewish story. We want to use immersive experiences and hands-on activities to get our visitors thinking about their own impact in their communities — wherever they live — and use their visit as a springboard for taking action!

How hands-on are we talking? Well, we picked up a historic synagogue, added wheels, and moved it down the block in January...for the third time!

The historic 1876 synagogue (our city’s oldest) will be attached to the new museum. We joke affectionately that it is our largest artifact!

Our new museum of course will have exhibitions, but we’re trying something different by focusing on games and fun experiences in the space.

And we are building our own action lab! We are looking to YOU to help us figure out what activities we offer in this innovative space!
Schedule and commitment required:

- Attend team meetings, generally held on the first Monday of every month from 4–6pm at venues across the DMV. We are flexible, so if you have a prior commitment on Mondays let’s talk about options!
- Attend at least two special programs annually
- One-year commitment from August 2019-August 2020

Who you are:

- A DC, Virginia, or Maryland student in grades 7-12
- Enthusiastic about history, advocacy, museums, design, and making a difference
- Excited to share ideas but also open to different perspectives and opinions
- Comfortable working collaboratively in teams
- All religious, racial, gender, and political backgrounds welcome

What you’ll gain:

- **Behind-the-scenes experiences**, such as hard hat tours of our construction site and a sneak peek inside the historic synagogue before it opens to the public
- New skills **curating a museum exhibition** and testing interactives
- Experience designing and programming our new **community action lab**
- Host a **podcast series** about your life in the DMV
- Opportunities to meet and **socialize with new friends and peers**
- Public speaking experience as a **museum ambassador** for the DC community
- Potential to become trained as a **walking tour guide**
- A **North American Reciprocal Museum card** for free entry at 1000 museums
- **Community service hours**
- **Yummy snacks** at each meeting!

To Apply:

Complete this [online application](#) by **September 4, 2019**.

Questions?

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