ENCOUNTERING OUR DIVERSITY

A workshop for schools on Judaism and diversity

What ?

Dialogue & Diversity (D&D) welcomes all schools for an introduction to **Jewish culture and a workshop on diversity**. Our society is made up of diverse social and cultural elements. D&D encourages the discovery of other cultures in order to foster greater understanding and acceptance of others. With this goal in mind, we have designed a workshop for school groups consisting of **two parts: an introduction to Jewish life and an identity game.**

1. “Introduction to Jewish culture”

These encounters offer students the perfect opportunity **to explore Jewish traditions for themselves** by visiting a synagogue or a Judaica exhibition. They will discover the diversity of Jewish culture today in Europe and around the world.

2. Identity Game

The aim of this workshop is to create a **‘safe and supportive’** space in which students from different cultural backgrounds are encouraged to discuss the **theme of diversity**. During this session, young people will have the opportunity to discover the various identities that we all carry and to rediscover what shapes the identity of their classmates. This exercise helps break down stereotypical narratives; instead, it encourages us to focus on the human being as an individual and to be attentive to the full spectrum of their identity.

Flexible activities

Depending on the time available, it is possible to carry out one, two, or three activities of your choice according to the students' needs.

J-Quiz

Test your knowledge of Jewish customs and traditions!
Break stereotypes through understanding and meeting others.

Identity Molecule

Better understand others by understanding yourself through discovering your multiple identities.

Concentric Circle

Focusing on others through active listening in order to share, with respect, the personal experiences that shape our identities.

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Jewish and Muslim traditions

Workshop led by two facilitators from each community.
Encouraging reflection on personal identity by exploring one's own roots.
Jewish and Muslim traditions: students explore historical coexistence and collaborations.
Developing empathy and intercultural understanding.

Historical testimonies

Students gain an understanding and appreciation of human experiences marked by suffering and resilience as a treasure for building the world of tomorrow.
This workshop gives each student the opportunity to bear witness in turn to historical events and to play an essential role in our collective memory and moral awareness.

Prepare your bread: Challah

Students will prepare the traditional Shabbat bread: challah.
They will also discover the symbolism and traditions connected to this central moment of Jewish life.

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Reveal your inner diamond

Understanding and honoring diversity through the lens of Jewish thought. Encouraging students to reflect on their active role in society and raising awareness of civic engagement.

Léa's Notebook

Visit to the exhibition dedicated to the notebook of Lea Gutterman, a child who was hidden during the Holocaust. The aim is to raise students' awareness of history, civic responsibility, and the power of acts of kindness, even in the darkest times.

Make your own charity box

**Students create a charity box (tzedakah) to collect coins for an institution of their choice.
This activity aims to raise students' awareness of the values of solidarity, generosity, and commitment to others.**

Who?

These workshops are intended for students **aged 9 to 18**. The activities are adapted to each age group. Maximum number of participants per group: **60 students.**

Where?

At the **European Jewish Community Center (22, Rue du Cornet, 1040 Brussels)**. Located in the heart of the European quarter, the EJCC is a focal point for Jewish events and is known for its commitment to fostering better understanding between diverse cultural groups through social and educational activities.

When?

Workshops take place from Monday to Friday between **10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m**. Registration form link: https://bit.ly/3cMjh2d

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