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NEW CHILDREN’S EXHIBIT AT JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA, FROM HOME TO HOME: JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA - thru January 27, 2013

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.— (October 3, 2012) The Jewish Museum of Florida is excited to present its first ever, fully interactive exhibit especially for children, From Home to Home: Jewish Immigration to America. The exhibit is specially designed for ages 6 to 12 and allows children and their families to experience the process of moving to a new home.

From Home to Home explores issues related to relocating to a new land, such as leaving behind the familiarity of neighborhoods, schools, friends, food and language. The exhibit uses the Jewish immigration experience as an example of the acculturation process of people from all backgrounds and cultures, exploring the similarities and challenges people faced. Examples of interactive activities include:

- Using a real scale to weigh tangible arguments for staying or leaving their home
- Participating in a family conversation in Germany in the wake of the Nuremberg Laws of the 1930s
- Deciding which items are truly important to take and packing them into a small trunk
- Shopping in a supermarket where everything is in a foreign language
- Trying to fit a family of 10 into a small apartment
- Finding their way to school
- Building a neighborhood and deciding on the character of a community through a democratic process
- “Americanizing” products brought from their countries of origin

From Home to Home has 28 colorful modules with hands-on activities that help children discover themes including:

- Why Move?
- Where to Go?
- What to Take?
- New Beginnings
- Helping Each Other
- Change and Influence
Since Florida is a state of immigrants, with more than 155 ethnic groups represented in local schools, nearly everyone’s family, in some generation, has experienced moving to a new country. The exhibit compliments the Museum's core exhibit, MOSAIC: Jewish Life in Florida.

From Home to Home will inspire visitors of all ages and background to learn more about their own family origins. It also serves as a valuable tool for encouraging discussing around kitchen tables and in classrooms of how we are all more alike than different, to help dispel stereotyping and bigotry.

Complementary programs on the exhibit themes include a statewide creative writing contest for grades 2 through 12, panel discussions, cultural performances, multi-cultural food demonstrations, family days and more.

The exhibit is on display through January 27, 2013 and is primarily sponsored by the Publix Super Market Charities and RBC Wealth Managements. Contributors include: Isabel Bernfeld Anderson, Kenneth Bloom in memory of Dr. Harold & Mrs. Ilse Posner, Elliot and Bonnie Sockel Stone, Judy Gilbert-Gould and Gerald Gould, and Norman and Sylvia Levine (as of 9/30/12).

About Jewish Museum of Florida
The Jewish Museum of Florida is housed in two adjacent lovingly restored historic buildings on South Beach that were once synagogues for Miami Beach’s first Jewish congregation. The Museum’s focal point is its core exhibit, MOSAIC: Jewish Life in Florida, 1763 to Present and its temporary history and art exhibits that change periodically.

PROJECT MAH JONGG will run through March 17, 2013. A Collections and Research Center, several films, Timeline Wall of Jewish history, Museum Store filled with unique items and Bessie’s Bistro complete the experience for visitors of all ages and backgrounds. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Museum is located at 301 Washington Avenue, South Beach 33139. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Mondays, Jewish and Civil holidays. Admission: Adults/$6; Seniors/$5; Families/$12; Children Under 6/Free; Saturdays/Free. For more information, 305-672-5044 or www.jewishmuseum.com.

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