



## **Museum of the Jewish People at Beit Hatfutsot Celebrates the Addition of The Jewish Lens to its Program Platform**

**The agreement is celebrated with 2019 Jewish Lens Exhibition  
at the Museum, which showcases the photography of Jewish youth  
from 100 Jewish communities in 20 countries.**

The Museum of the Jewish People at Beit Hatfutsot in Tel Aviv opened The Jewish Lens 2019 Exhibit on February 11, 2019. The event marked the signing of an agreement between the Museum and the USA based non-profit The Jewish Lens. After a successful three-year pilot program that expanded the Jewish Lens program to new countries and venues, the use of all program materials and credits have been transferred to Beit Hatfutsot for further development, where they will benefit from the museum's vast influence on the Jewish educational world. With the generous help of the Covenant Foundation, the program will be expanded for further educational and communal impact.

The Jewish Lens 2019 Exhibition culminates the fourth year of the Jewish Lens @ Beit Hatfutsot competition, which invites students across the world to answer the question: What is my connection to the Jewish People? Through photography, the students seek to convey their unique perspectives and views on this theme. The exhibition takes a selection of outstanding submissions and displays them at The Museum of the Jewish People at Beit Hatfutsot for the public to see.

The exhibit is just the tip of the iceberg for the Jewish Lens' extensive catalogue of educational programming. This year, The Jewish Lens, founded by renowned photographer Zion Ozeri and co-founder, Alisa Doctoroff, in collaboration with the UJA Federation of New York and the Covenant Foundation, has expanded greatly and includes participants from 20 countries: Israel, USA, Australia, Moldova, Russia, Poland, Germany, Ukraine, Hungary, Italy, Spain, Argentina, Mexico, Uruguay, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Chile, Panama, and Costa Rica. The Koret International School for Jewish Peoplehood Studies at Beit Hatfutsot, in collaboration with Zion Ozeri, are dedicated to educating and inspiring the young generation to have a sense of belonging to the Jewish people.

During the festive opening of the exhibit, officials of the World Zionist Organization, partners of the project, awarded prizes to finalists chosen by the judging committee. Zion Ozeri, Founder of Jewish Lens, and Sanford Antignas, Jewish Lens treasurer and board member, attended the ceremony. An array of diplomats and esteemed guests representing embassies of countries participating in the exhibit, the Ministry of Education, Jewish Agency, JCC Global were in attendance as well. After the ceremony, guests were taken on a photography-focused tour of the museum and participated in a session led by photographer Meirav Heiman.

- Photos displayed in the exhibit: [Jewish Lens @ Beit Hatfutsot 2019](#). Credit appears when clicking on each photo and to The Jewish Lens @ Beit Hatfutsot.
- Photos from [exhibit opening](#). Credit: Anton Mislavsky
- On display until March 15, 2019