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Miles Nadal JCC and Museum of Toronto Present *You Belong Here: An Interactive Exhibition*

A new public exhibition invites Torontonians to reflect on belonging, identity, and community through shared stories and dialogue

Toronto, ON — April 29, 2026 — The **Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre (MNjcc)**, in partnership with Museum of Toronto, is proud to present ***You Belong Here: An Interactive Exhibition***, a dynamic new public installation exploring belonging, identity, and cross-cultural understanding in Toronto.

Opening this spring at the MNjcc's street-level gallery, *You Belong Here* invites visitors to participate in an interactive experience designed to spark conversation about what it means to belong, both individually and collectively, in one of the world's most diverse cities.

Inspired by social psychology research on intimacy and connection, the exhibition features a series of reflective prompts and creative activities that encourage visitors to share their experiences, perspectives, and hopes for inclusive community spaces. Through drawing walls, message stations, collaborative activities, and guided questions, participants will contribute to a living collection of reflections that evolves throughout the exhibition.

"Belonging is both deeply personal and profoundly collective," said Ryla Bramer, CEO, at the Miles Nadal JCC. "This exhibition invites people from all backgrounds to pause, reflect, and share their stories. By creating space for dialogue and curiosity, we hope to deepen understanding across the many communities that call Toronto home."

Developed with curatorial guidance from the Museum of Toronto, the exhibition builds on the MNjcc's long-standing role as a gathering place for Jewish life while welcoming participation from Toronto's broader multicultural community. Through partnerships with local cultural and community organizations, the project aims to foster meaningful dialogue about identity, and shared civic belonging.

“Toronto’s history is shaped by the experiences of the people who live here,” said **Heidi Reitmaier, CEO** from the Museum of Toronto. “This exhibition demonstrates how museums and community spaces can work together to create platforms where those stories can be shared, heard, and reflected upon.”

The exhibition is expected to engage **more than 20,000 visitors**, including youth, families, newcomers, and members of diverse cultural and faith communities across the city. Community responses gathered through the exhibition will be documented and preserved as part of a collective archive exploring how Torontonians understand belonging today.

As part of the project, the MNjcc will also host a **live storytelling event in the AI Green Theatre**, where local speakers will share personal narratives about identity, connection, and navigating difference in contemporary Toronto.

By combining interactive participation with storytelling and community partnership, *You Belong Here* positions the MNjcc as a hub for dialogue, learning, and cultural exchange—encouraging visitors to consider how inclusive spaces are created and sustained.

Exhibition Details

Exhibition: *You Belong Here: An Interactive Exhibition*

Location: Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Toronto

Opening: April 30, 2026

Admission: Free and open to the public

More information will be available at: <https://mnjcc.org/arts/gallery>

About the Miles Nadal JCC

The **Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre** is a vibrant hub for Jewish life and intercultural connection in downtown Toronto. For more than 70 years, the MNjcc has welcomed people of all backgrounds through arts and culture, education, wellness, and community programs that foster belonging, dialogue, and shared civic life.

About the Museum of Toronto

Founded in 2015, we are Toronto's City Museum. They offer a collection of experiences that tell the histories of Toronto. Their exhibitions and content aim to evoke curiosity and foster deeper connections between its visitors and the city. With a focus on building a living archive of the city, they strive to be a valuable resource for those interested in the cultural heritage of Toronto. Enjoy Museum's programming in their downtown exhibition space, throughout the city, and online.

For more information, please visit www.museumoftoronto.com

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