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Dates and Facts

Architecture

The new Jewish Museum Frankfurt is an architectural ensemble comprising the classicist Rothschild Palais built in 1821 and the "Lichtbau" (Building of Light) completed in 2020.

Address: Bertha-Pappenheim-Platz 1, 60311 Frankfurt am Main

General Data

City Council Resolution:	February 2012
Announcement of Competition Winner:	April 29, 2013
Presentation of Plans and Budget:	May, 29, 2015
Groundbreaking Ceremony:	December 3, 2015
Topping Out Ceremony:	March 7, 2018
Completion:	Autumn 2020
Opening:	October 21, 2020

Dimensions

Gross Floor Area:	Palais 3,649 m ² , "Lichtbau" 4,211 m ²
Net Floor Area:	Palais 2,287 m ² , "Lichtbau" 2,380 m ²
Permanent Exhibition (Palais):	1,417 m ²
Temporary Exhibition ("Lichtbau"):	634 m ²
Library:	269 m ²
Archive:	118 m ²
Lecture Hall:	124 m ²
Education & Outreach:	95 m ²
Workshops:	59 m ²

Planners

Client:	museumsbausteine GmbH on behalf of the City of Frankfurt am Main
Architects:	Staab Architekten, Berlin
Construction Management:	schneider+schumacher, Frankfurt am Main

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Highlights of the New Jewish Museum

Ariel Schlesinger (born 1980)

“Untitled,” Frankfurt am Main 2019; cast aluminum.
The sculpture on Bertha-Pappenheim-Platz
comprises two skeleton trees with entangled
crowns, whereby the one tree carries the other,
whose roots reach for the sky.

Foyer and Atrium

Staab Architekten, Berlin

The foyer and atrium are of premium quality exposed concrete. The extensively glazed atrium floods the core of the new building with daylight over three floors.

Library

The library is completely clad in ash wainscot, except for its two striking windows, one of which offers a view of the exterior, the other, of the atrium.
Staab Architekten, Berlin

Museum Shop

Literaturhandlung

The museum shop is leased to the Literaturhandlung bookstore founded by Dr. Rachel Salamander in 1982, which specializes in Jewish literature and ritual and everyday artifacts.
Manager: Yehoshua Chmiel.

Museum Café

FLOWDELI

FLOWDELI is the only café in Frankfurt to offer dairy kosher food and drinks. Community rabbi Avichai Apel vouches for its observance of the kashrut. The café comprises an indoor space and terrace and is run by the “Flow the kitchen” team: Florian Große, Daniel, and Miroslava Wittstock.

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New Permanent Exhibition in the Rothschild Palais

Exhibition Venue:	Three floors of the restored and remodeled Rothschild Palais
Exhibition Surface Area:	1,417 m ²
Exhibition Design:	Space4, Stuttgart / teamstratenwerth, Basel
Topic:	Jewish life in Frankfurt from the Emancipation and Enlightenment to the present day (complement to the permanent exhibition at the Museum Judengasse about Jewish life in the Early Modern period). Third Floor: Past and Present Second Floor: Tradition and Ritual First Floor: Everyday Family Life
The Frank Family Center:	1,300 objects formerly belonging to the family of Anne Frank. World premiere presentation of everyday artifacts, letters, paintings, and photos.
Visual Arts:	Paintings and drawings from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries along with work by contemporary artists (installations, photography, film).
State-of-the-Art Media:	Interactive hands-on stations, mixed media installations, film screenings, and touchables.
MUSEUM TO GO:	A newly developed giveaway uses RFID technology to combine on-site and online visits to the exhibition. Photos, films and other data can be sent to a personalized website then downloaded using an access code.
Catalog:	Fritz Backhaus, Sabine Kößling, Mirjam Wenzel (eds.), Jewish Frankfurt. From the Enlightenment to the Present, Munich: Beck-Verlag 2020. (280 pages, 150 color illustrations)

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**A Hands-On Activity Guide
for Children:**

The Hands-On Activity Guide, specially developed for children by visual communications experts, invites our younger visitors to explore the museum in fun and accessible ways.
Designed by von Zubinski

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