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MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE – A LIVING MEMORIAL TO THE HOLOCAUST HISTORICAL TIMELINE

- 2009 - Keeping History Center, a state-of-the art interactive, digital visitor experience, opens to the public;
- 2008 - *Daring to Resist: Jewish Defiance in the Holocaust* is honored by the American Association of Museums in their Excellence in Exhibition Competition;
- 2007 - The Museum introduces workshops for students about the genocide in Darfur;
- 2006 - The Museum takes over the operations of the Auschwitz Jewish center in Oswiecim, Poland;
- 2004 - *Ours To Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War* is named the grand-prize winner of the Excellence in Exhibition Competition by the American Association of Museums;
- 2003 - Robert Morgenthau Wing opens on September 15. Andy Goldsworthy's *Garden of Stones* opens on September 17. *January* - JewishGen: The Home of Jewish Genealogy becomes an affiliate of the Museum;
- 2001 - Museum closes for three weeks after September 11 terror attacks; construction of East Wing begins on November 27;
- 2000 - Ceremonial groundbreaking of East Wing takes place on October 26. Dr. David G. Marwell is appointed Director of the Museum;
- 1999 - Museum announces expansion plan for its new East Wing;
- 1998 - Museum inaugurates Lipper Internship for undergraduate and graduate students.
- 1997 - *September 15* - Museum of Jewish Heritage opens to the public; cost of building and exhibition was \$21.5 million dollars;
- 1994 - *October* - Groundbreaking of the Museum; Patrick Gallagher begins exhibition design;
- 1993 - Kevin Roche begins the design for the Museum building; *February* - Howard J. Rubenstein appointed co-chairman of the Commission;
- 1990 - Center for Holocaust Studies in Brooklyn merges with the Museum;
- 1987 - Development of professional staff and collecting of artifacts, photographs and video testimony begins;
- 1986 - *September* - Lease signing and dedication ceremony is held in Battery Park City;
June - David Altshuler is appointed Director of the Museum; Mission statement is adopted;
April - Commission is reconstituted as New York Holocaust Memorial Commission with Governor Mario M. Cuomo and Mayor Edward I. Koch as founding chairmen; Robert M. Morgenthau, George Klein, Manfred Ohrenstein, and Peter Cohen become co-chairmen;
- 1985 - Battery Park City Authority proposes the Commission build a new museum facility at the southern tip of Battery Park City - gave name *A Living Memorial to the Holocaust - Museum of Jewish Heritage*;
- 1984 - The Museum is incorporated as a private not-for-profit organization and chartered by the New York State Board of Regents shortly thereafter;
- 1982 - The New York City Holocaust Memorial Commission is established, with Mayor Koch as founding chairman. George Klein and Robert Morgenthau are co-chairmen; Senator Jacob Javits and Elie Wiesel are honorary chairmen;
- 1981 - Mayor Edward I. Koch appoints a Task Force on the Holocaust with George Klein as chairman. The Task Force prepares a report recommending a Museum and a Memorial be built in New York City.

