



Kinderarchiv



Credits:

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Teacher Guide

Concepts and Competencies Covered:

- *Core Competencies:* Constructs his/her consciousness of citizenship through the study of history

Ages/Grades: Age six and up

Time Required: 30 minutes

Description of Lesson:

Children will become the “family historian” by preparing a basic family tree using outlines of their hands and arms. These family tree hands will then be joined together to create a community circle representing Jewish Montreal. In naming and assigning leaves for their various family members, children will discuss elements of their childhood that might be different from the childhoods of their parents and grandparents. Children will also be encouraged to identify elements of their lives that involve being part of the Jewish community.

Detailed Instructions:

1. Sit in a circle and discuss what a family tree is with the children. Discuss why it is so important to record our history and what an archive is.
2. Have each child trace their hand and arm on brown construction paper. Start by placing the finger tips of the hand against the edge of the short side of the paper and tracing the arm as far down the paper as possible.
3. As children are tracing and cutting out their tree trunks, ask them how many people they wish to list in their family tree and distribute the leaves.
4. Show the children how to past the leaves onto their tree trunks.
5. If there is time left place the family trees in a circle on the floor and have all of the children stand in the middle to illustrate that families are connected by a community.