

## **Pathways to Freedom Encounter**

Sunday, April 8

11am-4pm

Included with admission

*Pathways to Freedom* is a public art project created by the Jewish Arts Collaborative and social sculptor Julia Vogl. Inspired by the Passover exodus story, the project engages the Greater Boston community in a dialogue about freedom and immigration. Meet the artist, share your stories, and participate in art making and other activities around the museum.

### ARTIST ENCOUNTER

#### ***Pathways to Freedom with Julia Vogl***

11am-4pm | Atrium

Join your neighbors from around the Greater Boston area in sharing your story. Answer four questions about what freedom means to you, then create a pathways button to take home. Drawing inspiration from the stories collected, Vogl will create a work to be displayed on Boston Common during ArtWeek, April 25 through May 6. Learn more at [jartsboston.org](http://jartsboston.org).

### ART DISPLAY

#### **What Makes You Feel Free?**

11am-4pm | Atrium

This colorful artwork was created by the Jewish Community Center of the North Shore, Epstein Hillel School, the Congregation Shirat Hayam Hebrew School, and Temple Emanu-el Hebrew School. The doorframe is bordered by recycled water bottles and personal statements that answer the question, "what makes you feel free?"

### DROP-IN ART MAKING

#### **Fingerprint Micrography**

11am-4pm | Create Space Studio 1

Micrography, or microcalligraphy, is a Jewish folk art that uses tiny letters to form pictures or designs. Choose or brainstorm words that define freedom for you, then create a unique art piece using your own fingerprint.

### STORYTELLING

#### **Children's Storytime with PJ Library**

11am and 12pm | Create Space Studio 2

PJ Library is a non-profit organization that sends free books that celebrate Jewish culture to families with children up to 8 years old. Stop by to hear readings of *Watch the Stars Come Out* by Riki Levinson, *Feivel's Flying Horses* by Heidi Smith Hyde, and *Castle on Hester Street* by Linda Heller. Presented by the Lappin Foundation.

#### **Judith Black: Stories of Freedom**

1pm-1:30pm and 2pm-2:30pm | Morse Auditorium

Judith Black, one of the nation's foremost storytellers, creates and tells compelling, humorous, and riveting stories. At the end of each set, artist Julia Vogl will speak on the *Pathways to Freedom* project.

#### DROP-IN DANCE WORKSHOP

##### **Breaking the Chains with Wee the People**

2pm-4pm | PEM Connect Building

*Free; All Ages*

Join social justice project Wee The People for an interactive, family-friendly dance workshop and storytime celebrating *Ibo*, a Haitian dance of freedom that honors the breaking of chains from slavery. The body is a powerful pathway to freedom -- a vessel for storytelling, healing, and resistance in the face of oppression. Dance artist Melissa Alexis and master drummer Kera Washington will take participants on a journey of freedom, retracing Haiti's story of struggle, rebellion, and liberation through dance and music.