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The Last Jew

Consist of 4 parts

1. museum
 2. torah mesorah chain
 3. session
 4. 2 articles to read (part of session)
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Part one - museum

Set up a museum of object:

1. menorah
2. "soup bowl kippah"
3. torah (if possible)
4. siddur / chumash
5. matzah
6. purim grager (noise maker)
7. Shabbos candles
8. Israeli flag

Setting: sometime in the distant future in a world where Jews are extinct and there is a Jewish museum.

Try and use all the object in a weird way as the narrator (one of the translators) reads about what people in the future think we used the objects for.

Script is attached for English program so need to cut down for Russian translator and add for whatever objects we can find.

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1st clip History Channel Promo

Lights On

Museum Curator enters onto stage holding pipe dressed in 3 piece suit:

Welcome, welcome everyone to the Metropolitan Museum of Natural History. I am glad to see such a nice crowd this evening, your schools would be proud. Ahem, sir and madam in the back – if you don't mind! So you've all come to see the new exhibit! *(Clapping hands)* well lets get right to it then shall we. My name is Jay Stephen Green III, and on behalf of the museum and the History Channel, who have jointly curretted this exhibit, I welcome you all to the History of the Jewish People.

Walks and lectures to the air You see the Jewish people are perhaps the most fascinating people ever to have lived. In this museum you will find artifacts from civilizations long gone. Tonight we will delve into their history and their culture. We will examine some of the things that made the Jews special but also some of their greatest downfalls.

We have in this collection over 1000 authentic Jewish artifacts. If you follow me you will see over here an authentic Jewish Yarmulkah... This Yarmulkah as it is sometimes called is known by many other names, such as Kippah, Beini, skull cap and the ever popular JewCap....

No one is quite sure why the Jews had to wear such a thing. It was often the cause of many problems since it made a jew stand out as different. Some scholars suggest that the reasons Jews wore this hat was in order to constantly remind them of their belief in G-d and of the responsibility which that held. Others suggested the origin is more closely tied to the idea that at one point in time all male Jews had small protrusions from the top of their heads, resembling small horns, that this Yarmulka was designed to hide.

Most scholars think that the Jews were led out of Egypt by a man named Moses. According to the ancient Jewish Bible, It was at that time when one of the most unique events happened in Human history. G-d spoke to the Jews at Mount Sinai. Of some 1900 religions in the world, Judaism is the only one to claim National Revelation, meaning that every single man women and child spoke to G-d. **According to the ancient Hebrew Bible, Since the day of moses and the revelation at mt. Sinai, the Jews have endured pains and sufferings throughout the ages. Some called it a miracle that they survived at all.**

The Pain? The suffering? You probably don't even know what I am talking about....

Well you see, the Jews were hated for many reasons.... Some hated them because they were different; some hated them for their beliefs, some people actually thought that Jews were trying to control the world. But for some reason the Jews just couldn't help but survive. One of the exhibits in the museum is actually a list which wallpapers an entire room with all of the persecution that the Jewish people have been through... all the pogroms, expulsions, inquisitions and of course holocausts... yes the holocaust... that is something we will speak about a little later.... If you follow me to the next exhibit we will learn a little bit more about Jewish history...

Lights Out

Clip 2 Jewish History

Lights On

Well if you follow me this way you will see a Prayer Book also known as a siddur ... Scholars disagree as to when it was actually last in use. Nevertheless the Jews prayed these prayers even in the darkest of times... Even in the Holocaust of 1945 AD where over 6 million Jews were **allegedly** gassed and butchered, Jews would trade their daily bread in order to be able to read from the book.... You know it's a funny thing this Holocaust... less than 100 years ago people would talk about the Holocaust all the time. It became a widely popular of scholarship once again some eighty years ago when President David Duke took office.

Well that's all ancient history anyways... hahahah... ha... ha (sees nobodies laughing).

If you follow me now we will see the highlight of our exhibit... The first flag of the Jewish State of Israel. After over 2000 years of exile the Jewish people had a state of their own. All over the world, people saw the state as a source of pride. Jews thought that no matter where they were there was someone to look after them. Jewish blood was no longer cheap. There was just one problem... the Jews stopped moving to Israel, stopped visiting Israel and eventually stopped supporting Israel altogether. At about the year 2070 there was actually more Palestinians in Israel than Jews. About 2 years later the first Palestinian Prime Minister was elected to the Knesset. Scholars marveled how in so little time the Jews lost control of their biblical homeland. The dwindling Jews of the world watched as the remaining Jews of Israel emigrated to whichever countries would accept them. The **"JEWISH DREAM"** of returning to their land was finally over....

The most interesting thing about the Jews is their uncanny ability to be successful no matter what happened or where they went. Even after the death of the Jewish State the Jews to their new found home and picked up the pieces... they became advisors to powerful kings, senators, and even prime ministers. In some countries the Jews would sit as judges in many of the highest courts in the most powerful countries in the world. In North America, the Jews were by far the happiest and most integrated in society. They were Senators and Professors, leaders in Science and Medicine. The Jews had reached the upper echelons of every major part of society. There wasn't a movie or TV show that didn't have some Jewish reference or phrase. After thousands of years of persecution the Jews finally felt they had their chance to be....FREE.

Lights Off

Clip 4 Promise of the Jews

Lights On : spot light focuses in on tour guide

With that my friends we have come to the last stop in the Jewish exhibit of our Museum. Now some of you might be wondering where the artifact is located..... but my friends you will find no Jewish artifact in this room and the reason for that is because the only artifact in this room..... Is me.

I am the last living Jew on the face of this planet.... I only know this, because my grandfather told me in one of his last moments of his Jewish grandmother. When I die the Jewish people will finally disappear from the face of this planet.... I wonder how we have come to this. Today there is only one. What the Nazi's couldn't accomplish by their gas chambers the Jews were able to do to themselves.... I remember my grandfather telling me about the great Jewish cities like New York, Los Angeles and London...He told me about communities in almost every country in the world.

My grandfather said it started with little things like forgetting to light Shabbos candles on Friday night. Families no longer sat down for a meal with each other anymore. To hold a seder on Passover used to be an honor.... My grandfather told me how people used to talk about how beautiful a yom kippur prayer was. I have never had the chance to see one.

I have one last object to show you before we end the show...

This is a menorah... it used to hold the Jewish lights in the Temple. Jews around the world used to light it every year for a holiday... Although I cant quite remember what it was called...

Grandfather told me the lights of the menorah were the symbol of the greatness of the Jewish people. It represented the Flame of tradition that we managed to pass on each time we faced the Flames of destruction. *It cut through the thick darkness of assimilation and reminded us that WE ARE JEWS.*

As he lights the menorah...

Soon I will pass from this earth and will be gone FOREVER. I will light this menorah tonight perhaps for the last time... I am the last living Jew....

IMPORTANT: Lights fade out AS DOVI continues to light to all 8 candles... holds the candles high...then blows them out... DARKNESS FOR 3 SECONDS.

Clip 5 THE LAST JEW

Part 2 - torah mesorah chain

Set it up as kids are in the museum. It's a chain and should lead to where the next part of the program is.

Consists of pictures showing the chain of mesorah

1. fore fathers
2. Egypt
3. slaves
4. desert
5. mount Sinai
6. going into Israel
7. war for Israel
8. sages learning
9. Mishna
10. Gemarah
11. global picture
12. people learning (modern)
13. family picture
14. BLANK PAGE

Now as every one is walking around looking at all the pictures take one of them out and see what would happen to the chain.

[Pictures to follow – they're not attached now]

Part 3 - Session and articles

If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly the Jew ought hardly to be heard of; but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstruse learning are also way out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world, in all the ages and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself, and be excused for it. the Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream - stuff and passed away; the Greek and the Roman followed, and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew: all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?

**Concerning the Jews"
Mark Twain, 1863**

The Jew is that sacred being who has brought down from heaven the everlasting fire and has illuminated with it the entire world. He is the religious source, spring and fountain out of which all the rest of the peoples have drawn their beliefs and their religions....

The Jew is the emblem of eternity. He whom neither slaughter nor torture of thousands of years could destroy. He whom neither fire nor sword nor inquisition was able to wipe off the face of the earth, he who was the first to produce the oracles of G-d, he who has been for so long the guardian of prophecy, and who transmitted it to the rest of the world - such a nation cannot be destroyed. The Jew is as everlasting as is eternity itself.

**What is a Jew?
Leo Tolstoy**

HOW WILL WE SURVIVE?

MARK TWAIN ASKS, "WHAT IS THE SECRET TO OUR IMMORTALITY?"
IF YOU COULD TELL MARK TWAIN THE FOUR MOST IMPORTANT
FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO JEWISH SURVIVAL WHAT WOULD
THEY BE?

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2. _____

3. _____

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