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The Jewish Museum and Archives of BC Unveils New Website

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The Jewish Museum and Archives of BC is pleased to announce the launch of its new website, www.jewishmuseum.ca. Featuring an elegant contemporary design, enhanced user experience and simplified navigation, this responsive website makes it easy for everyone to engage with the Museum's diverse programming and access the holdings of the BC Jewish Community Archives.

Implementing the archives database system, Access to Memory (AtoM), the new jewishmuseum.ca grants researchers unprecedented access to thousands of documents, photos, audio and video documenting the 150 year history of Jews in BC.

"For the first time in the history of the JMABC, we have the capability of providing online access to the treasures in the archives, while at the same time adhering to important archival standards," notes archivist Jennifer Yuhasz. "We are excited to join the vast community of professional archives already using AtoM, including UNESCO, World Bank Group Archives, Library and Archives Canada, and most of the provincial, municipal and university archives and libraries across BC."

Selections from this rich archival collection are presented in the form of online exhibits recounting specific themes and events in our community history. New exhibits will be added each year.

The production of this new site was made possible through the generous support of The Betty Averbach Foundation, The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Vancouver, numerous private donors, and the over 100 contributors to the JMABC's 2014 Indiegogo campaign.

About the Jewish Museum and Archives of BC

The Jewish Museum and Archives of BC is dedicated to the collection and sharing of community memories of Jewish life in British Columbia. With 300 linear metres of textual records, 300,000 photographs and 725 oral history interviews, the JMABC chronicles all facets of our community's history. Through innovative exhibits and public programming, the JMABC builds bridges with the diverse communities of BC and heightens awareness of the rich 150 year history of Jews in BC.