

## JOE 2052 Info Packet for We2-Jewish Lower East Side Walking Tour

Day: Wednesday, August 28, 2019	Start Time: 8:15 AM	End Time: 6:00 PM
Leader:	Co-Leader:	Limit:
Transportation: NJ Transit / MTA Subway & Buses		Location: Lower NYC
Tour Cost: \$TBD	Travel Distance: N/A	Travel Time: Several options

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The first stop this morning will be to the [National September 11 Memorial](#), a place of profound significance dedicated to honoring those who were killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The names of those who died are engraved on two bronze panels flanking the Memorial pools. The pools, each an acre in size, mark the footprints of the Twin Towers that once stood on that site.

Our next stop is the [Museum of Jewish Heritage](#), a treasure trove of modern Jewish history, life, and culture. Here, you can delve into the complexities of Jewish life in the 20th and 21st centuries before, during, and after the Holocaust. Check out exhibits like [The Holocaust: What Hate Can Do](#), which provide an overview of the Holocaust through artifacts and personal stories. Tour [Courage to Act: Rescue in Denmark](#), which discusses the rescue of Danish Jews through ordinary actions in an accessible, interactive format. Another exhibit just released, [Survivor Stories](#), will be on view, and an interactive dialogue with Holocaust survivors.

On our way to lunch, we will walk through the financial district, stopping for photo ops at “The Charging Bull,” the New York Stock Exchange, and Federal Hall, where George Washington gave his first Presidential inaugural address in 1789. The walk to lunch continues past City Hall, the Brooklyn Bridge, Foley Square, and the infamous [Five Points](#).

Lunch is at [Buddha Bodai, a kosher vegetarian restaurant](#) in [Chinatown](#). Here, you can savor New York City's cultural diversity with various dishes, including dim sum, spring rolls, and tasty noodle dishes.

Following lunch, we visit the restored historic [Eldridge Street Synagogue](#). A 19th-century landmark with stunning architecture that initially opened its doors to a wave of Eastern European Jewish immigrants, it recently reopened as a vibrant arts and education center for all ages and backgrounds, with exhibitions and tours of the restored synagogue.

Take a guided tour of the historic synagogue and a guided walking tour of the Lower East Side. The Lower East Side was once home to the largest Jewish population in the world as Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe streamed in to settle in the crowded tenements that lined the street. Your knowledgeable guide will stroll the neighborhood streets, visiting old synagogues, Yiddish newspaper buildings, socialist hot spots, and the best pickle shop in New York.

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After our Lower East Side tour, there are two options for getting to the Circle Line Cruise Line by 6:00 p.m.

- A. Stopping at [Yonah Schimmel's](#) for a knish, then use a combination of subway and bus to get to the Circle Cruise Line with minimal walking.
  - B. Take the NYC subway uptown and walk through Times Square to arrive on time at the Circle Cruise Line. The cruise offers non-kosher food.
- Tour Duration: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
  - Tour Cost: \$38 Adult / \$32 Senior (+65) (Price includes admission to both museums, a tour of the Lower East Side, and the first leg on the NJ Transit Train to Newark).
  - Other Fees (one-way):
    - PATH \$3.00 (not included)
    - MTA Subway. \$2.70 (not included)
    - Lunch at Buddha Bodai One (Pay as You Go)
    - Dinner option at Yonah Schimmel's (Pay as You Go)
  - Bring comfortable walking shoes and money for lunch.
  - Note that this tour involves a lot of walking, some along very crowded, narrow streets in possibly hot, humid conditions. If you do not like crowds, do not sign up for this tour.
  - The Museum of Jewish Heritage requires final counts and non-refundable payment for the group rate by Monday, July 28th. No refunds for this activity will be allowed, and the price will increase by \$8 / \$1 for Seniors 65+ after this date.

### Leader's Responsibilities

- Run the meet the leader meeting on Tuesday evening.
- Meet in the hotel lobby at 8:00 am. Walk 7/10 miles to North Elizabeth train station to catch the NJ Coast Line at 8:41 am.
- Keep the group together. Arrange for specific meeting points. Allow time for restroom and meal breaks. Suggest appointing a sweep to keep everyone together. Be available by phone to direct anyone who may have fallen behind.
- We will create a WhatsApp group to keep everyone informed throughout the Pre-Trip. Help everyone install the app on their phone and join the group. At pre-arranged times/locations, keep the Chairpeople informed of your progress during the day.
- Call ahead to the restaurant to get reservations.
- Be at the Circle Line Ticket Office at Pier 83 on the Hudson River @ W. 43<sup>rd</sup> St by 6:00 pm

### Schedule:

**6:00 am – 8:00 am** Breakfast in the Breakfast Room next to the lobby

**8:00 am** Meet in the lobby. Take your train and cruise tickets! It is your responsibility to safeguard your tickets. These tickets were distributed to you at Tuesday's Meet the Leader meeting.

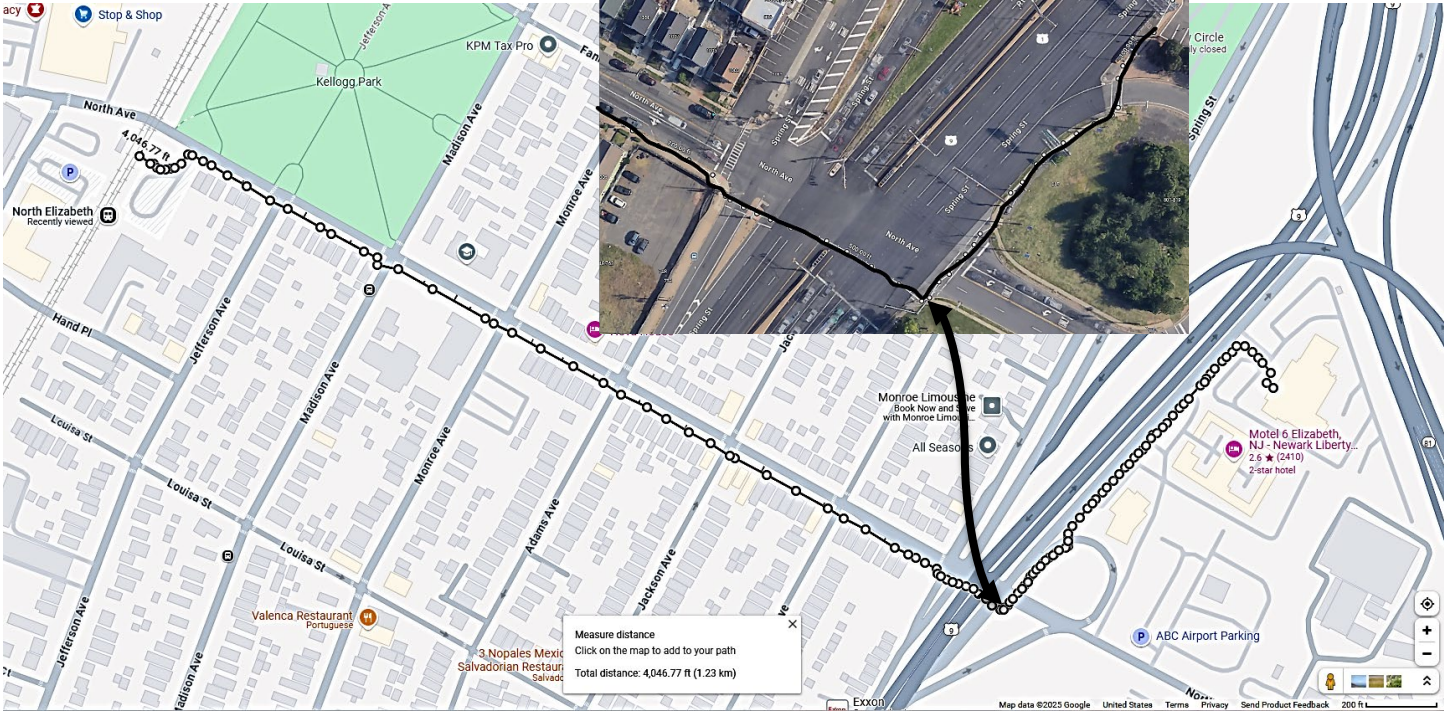
**8:05 am** Depart Crowne Plaza Hotel - Newark Airport to walk to North Elizabeth train station.

### [Walking Directions from Hotel to Train Station](#) (allow 20 minutes)

1. Walk out of Crowne Plaza Newark Airport beyond the gate and turn left. Stay off the road in the Motel 6 parking lot.
2. Use the sidewalks and crosswalks to cross over North Ave.
3. At the far corner of North Ave and Spring Ave, turn right to cross over Spring Ave (Rts. 1/9) to stay on North Ave. USE CROSSWALKS for safety.

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4. Follow North Ave 1/2 Miles / 6 1/2 blocks to the NJ Transit North Elizabeth Train Station. Follow the driveway into the parking lot and up to the tracks. Do not cross under the tracks. If you find Stop & Shop, you went too far.

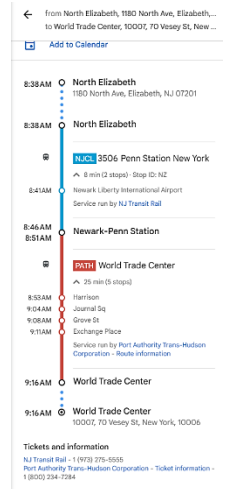


**8:38 am** Take the next NJ Transit Train (2 or 4 stops pending local or express) to Newark Penn Station (2 or 4 stops pending express or local). **DO NOT BOARD** an Amtrack train, or you will pay more \$\$ to get to the same place.

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	North Elizabeth Station	Newark Penn Station	New York Penn Station	Time between Elizabeth and Newark	Time between Elizabeth and NY	Difference in time (h:mm) between previous train
New Jersey Coast	7:41 AM	7:52 AM	8:14 AM	0:11	0:33	0:24
New Jersey Coast	8:15 AM	8:23 AM	8:43 AM	0:08	0:28	0:34
New Jersey Coast	8:38 AM	8:48 AM	9:08 AM	0:10	0:30	0:23
Northeast Corridor	8:49 AM	8:59 AM	9:19 AM	0:10	0:30	0:11
New Jersey Coast	9:07 AM	9:17 AM	9:37 AM	0:10	0:30	0:18
New Jersey Coast	9:48 AM	9:58 AM	10:18 AM	0:10	0:30	0:41
New Jersey Coast	10:24 AM	10:34 AM	10:54 AM	0:10	0:30	0:36

Bus #112 towards New York			
Board at North Ave + Dowd Ave - Stop ID: 28717 near hotel	New York Port Authority	Duration of travel	Difference in time (h:mm) between previous bus
7:14 AM	7:34 AM	0:20	0:15
7:29 AM	7:49 AM	0:20	0:15
7:44 AM	8:04 AM	0:20	0:15
8:04 AM	8:24 AM	0:20	0:20
8:36 AM	8:55 AM	0:19	0:32
9:46 AM	10:05 AM	0:19	1:10
11:05 AM	11:24 AM	0:19	1:19



**The schedule is subject to change.**

Check live updates at: <https://www.njtransit.com/dv-to/Elizabeth%20Station>

Or updated schedule at [NJ Transit Train](https://www.njtransit.com/dv-to/Elizabeth%20Station)

**8:51 am** Transfer to the PATH train to the World Trade Center (Last Stop).

**9:16 am** Arrive at World Trade Center PATH station.

**9:16 am—9:30 am:** Walk through the lower floors of the Oculus to the exit on the corner of Fulton and Greenwich Streets.

**9:30 am – 9:50 am** Walk across the street to view 9/11 Memorial Pools, 180 Greenwich St, New York, NY 10007

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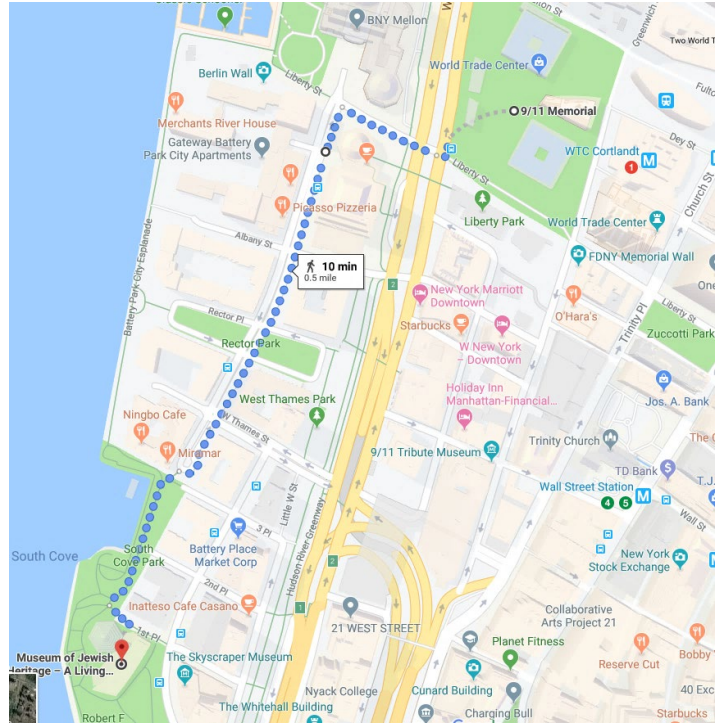
**9:50 am – 1:10 am** Walk to the Museum of Jewish Heritage

1. Walk to the south side of the 9/11 Memorial and walk through the enclosed Liberty Street Pedestrian Bridge over West Street towards the Hudson River.
2. Take the escalator to the ground floor. Turn left, walk south on South End Avenue to the end, and enter Battery Park. Continue approximately five hundred feet to the Museum of Jewish Heritage. (The Statue of Liberty should be visible from the promenade outside the museum-look south)

**10:10 am – 12:00 pm** Museum of Jewish Heritage Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, 36 Battery PI, New York, NY 10280 (Advance reservation)

Leader Note: Before heading into the Museum, take a poll to see who plans to join you for lunch at Buddha Bodai One Kosher Vegetarian Restaurant. Then, call the restaurant to update the final count and re-confirm the reservation. We will arrange a reservation the week before under your name.

**BUDDHA BODAI** Kosher Vegetarian Restaurant  
<https://www.buddha-bodai.com>  
(212) 566-8388



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**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm** Walk through the Financial District to Buddha Bodai One Kosher Vegetarian Restaurant, 5 Mott Street in Chinatown (Streets are very crowded. Please stay together.) Total 1.8 Miles

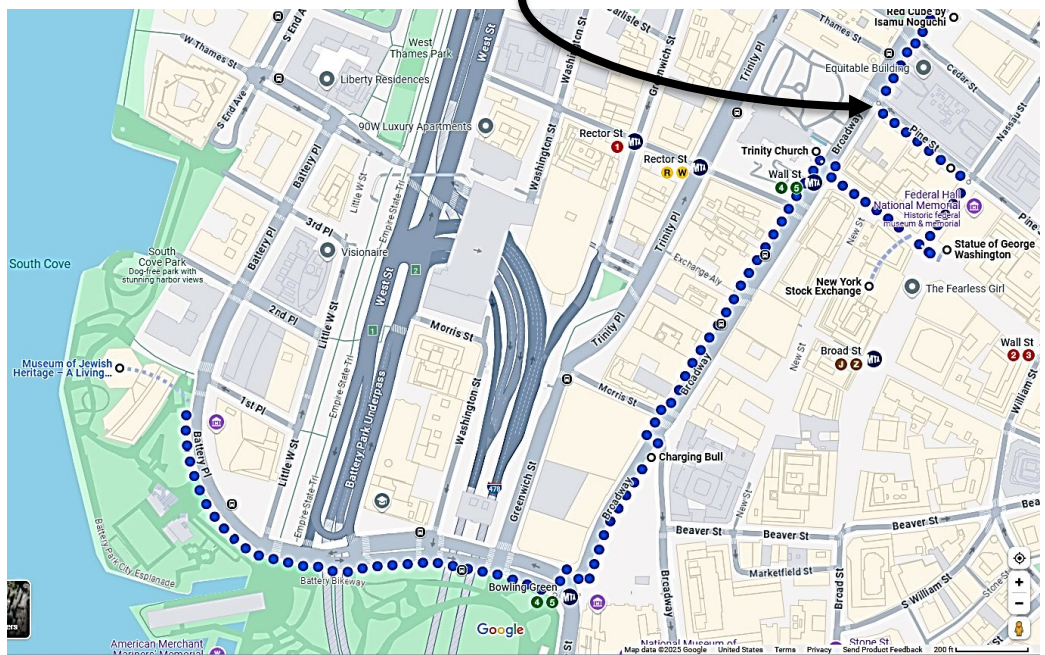
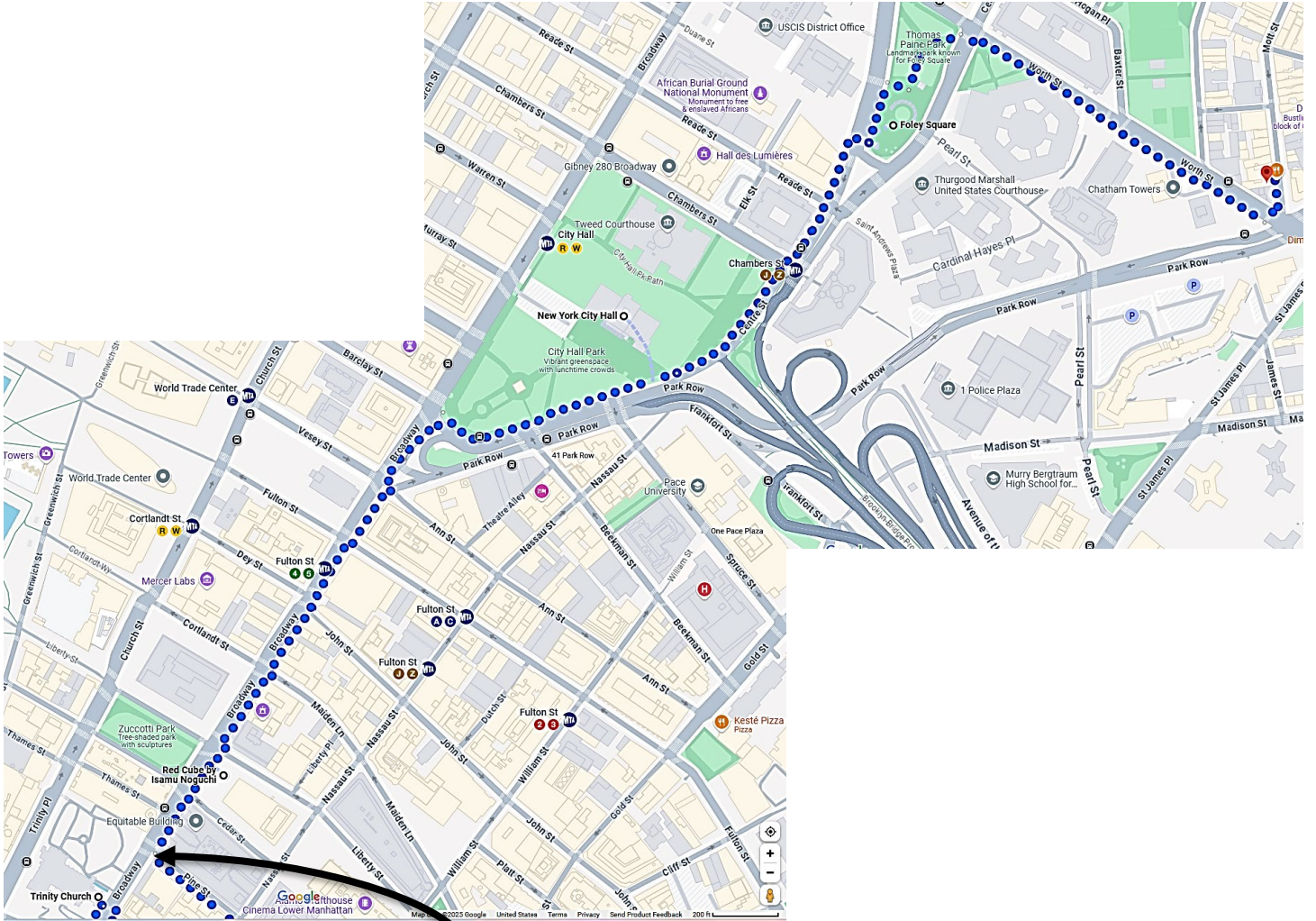
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1. Walk east along Battery Place three blocks to Broadway.
2. Turn left on Broadway and walk uptown one block to the [Charging Bull Statute](#) at the north end of Bowling Green.
3. Walk 2 ½ blocks further north on Broadway to find [Trinity Church](#), a Historic Episcopal church and cemetery where Alexander Hamilton and other early Americans are buried.
4. Cross the street and head down Wall Street, passing by the [New York Stock Exchange](#) (founded 1792).
5. Walk a half block further north to [Federal Hall](#). You will find a Statute of George Washington, where he delivered his first inaugural address in 1789.
6. Turn up Nassau Street and then turn left onto Pine Street.
7. Go one block back to Broadway.
8. Go 1 ½ blocks to the [Red Cube by Isamu Noguchi](#) in the Harry B Helmsley Plaza
9. Continue another five blocks along Broadway to the start of City Hall Park.
10. Turn right on Park Row, keeping City Hall Park on your left.
11. As you reach the north end of City Hall Park, you will see [City Hall](#) to your left and the Brooklyn Bridge to your right. You also may find a tour with someone dressed [as Alexander Hamilton](#) passing through.
12. At the north end of City Hall Park at Chambers Street, cross over to the east side of the street.
13. Walk north along Centre Street, passing the art deco Municipal Building and several courthouses at [Foley Square](#) and [Triumph of Human Spirit Statue](#).
14. You will come to Worth Street at the park's far end.
15. Turn right onto Worth Street.
16. Go a couple of blocks to the corner where Worth Street meets Park Row (right), Mott Street (hard left), Chatham Square (left), and Oliver Street (straight across). You will pass [U.S. District Court - Southern District of New York](#) along the way
17. Turn hard left onto Mott Street.
18. The Original Buddha Bodai Kosher Vegetarian Restaurant, 5 Mott St, New York, NY 10013, will be the second storefront on your left.

Sites you will be passing:

- A. [Museum of Jewish Heritage](#) – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, 36 Battery Pl, New York, NY 10280
- B. [Charging Bull, Bowling Green](#), New York, NY 10004
- C. [Trinity Church](#), 89 Broadway, New York, NY 10006
- D. [New York Stock Exchange](#), 11 Wall St, New York, NY 10005
- E. [Statue of George Washington](#), 26 Wall St, New York, NY 10005
- F. [Red Cube by Isamu Noguchi](#), 140 Broadway, New York, NY 10006
- G. [New York City Hall](#), New York, NY 10007
- H. [Alexander Hamilton Live](#), 20 Chambers St, New York, NY 10007
- I. [Foley Square](#), Lafayette Street, Worth Street, Centre St, New York, NY 10013
- J. [Triumph of the Human Spirit](#), Duane St. & Centre St, New York, NY 10013
- K. [NYC StoryCorps Booth](#), 111 Foley Square, New York, NY 10013
- L. [New York County Supreme Court](#), 60 Centre St, New York, NY 10007
- M. [The Original Buddha Bodai Kosher Vegetarian Restaurant](#), 5 Mott St, New York, NY 10013

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**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm** Lunch at Buddha Bodai One Kosher Vegetarian Restaurant – Pay as You Go  
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5 Mott St., New York, NY, 10013  
<https://www.buddha-bodai.com>  
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**2:00 pm – 2:30 pm** Walk to the Museum at Eldridge Street (1887 Synagogue) - Allow 10 minutes.

1. Walk east on Bowery to Division Street.
2. Walk east on Division Street to Eldridge Street, first passing under Manhattan Bridge.
3. Turn left at Eldridge Museum. Eldridge Street is at 12 Eldridge Street, a half block from your left.



**2:30 pm – 4:30 PM** Tour of the Eldridge Street Synagogue and Lower East Side Walking Tour

The [Museum at Eldridge Street](#) is housed in the Eldridge Street Synagogue, a magnificent National Historic Landmark that has been meticulously restored. Opened in 1887, the synagogue is the first great house of worship built in America by Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe. Today, it is the only remaining marker of the great wave of Jewish migration to the Lower East Side that is open to a broad public who wishes to visit Jewish New York. Exhibits, [tours](#), [cultural events](#), and [educational programs](#) tell the story of Jewish immigrant life, explore architecture and historic preservation, inspire reflection on cultural continuity, and foster collaboration and exchange between people of all faiths, heritage, and interests.

**Museum At Eldridge Street:** 12 Eldridge Street New York, NY 10002 / 212-219-0302 / [contact@eldridgestreet.org](mailto:contact@eldridgestreet.org)  
Jaime Cohen, Senior Manager, Education and Docent Engagement [jcohen@eldridgestreet.org](mailto:jcohen@eldridgestreet.org) /212-219-0302 x303

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OPTION A: Stop for a bite to eat at [Yonah Schimmel's](#). Then, head up via subway and bus to Circle Line Cruise.

Allow 1 ½ hours. To allow enough time, you must leave the Museum at Eldridge Street by 4:30 p.m.

Yonah Schimmel's Knish Bakery is a bakery and restaurant located at 137 East Houston Street (between First Avenue and Second Avenue) in the Lower East Side, Manhattan. It has been selling knishes on the Lower East Side since 1910, when it moved from its original location on Houston Street. Over the decades, many notable fans have come by for a knish, including Eleanor Roosevelt, Barbara Streisand, and Woody Allen, who filmed a scene from "Whatever Works" with Larry David.

A knish (/kəˈnɪʃ/ pronounced knysh) is an Eastern European snack food made popular in North America by Jewish immigrants. A knish consists primarily of potato, onion, and seasoning filling wrapped with a thin layer of dough that is baked and never fried. The best handmade knishes can be purchased at the original store in New York City or online. Yonah Schimmel's is the oldest family-owned and operated Knishery in America.

### 4:30 pm - 4:45 pm - Walking Directions

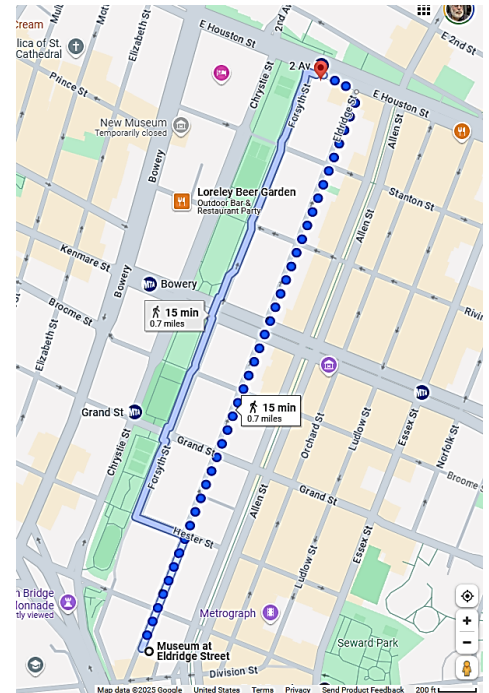
From: Museum at Eldridge Street, 12 Eldridge St, New York, NY 10002

To: [Yonah Schimmel's Knish Bakery](#), 137 E Houston St, New York, NY 10002

(212)477-2858

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1. Head north on Eldridge St toward Canal St
2. Walk seven blocks to Houston Street (0.6 mi)
3. Turn left onto E Houston St near the corner of Houston Street and Forsyth Street.
4. Find the restaurant on the right between Red Entrance 141 Houston and The Gatsby Hotel.



### 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm

Enjoy a quick meal at Yonah Schimmel's Knish Bakery.

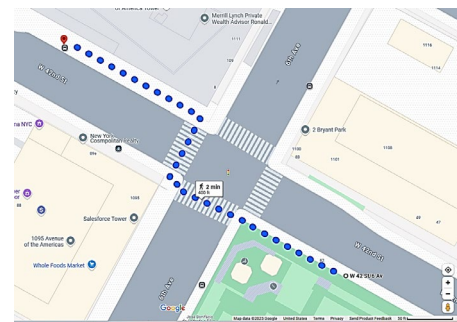
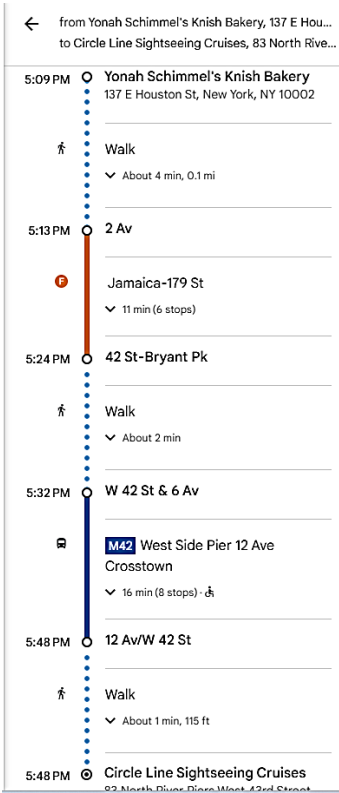
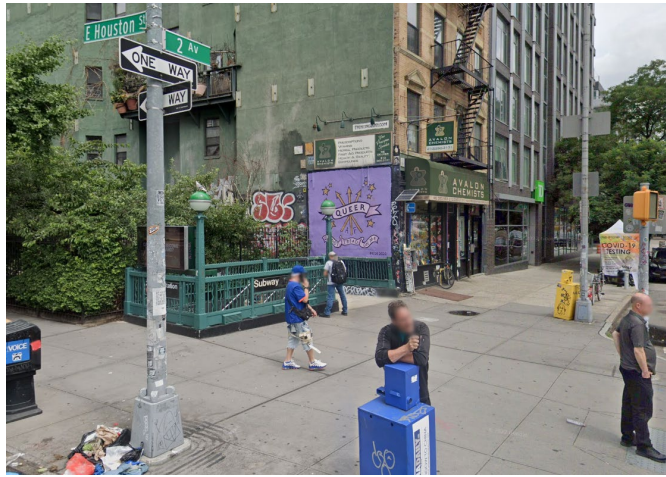
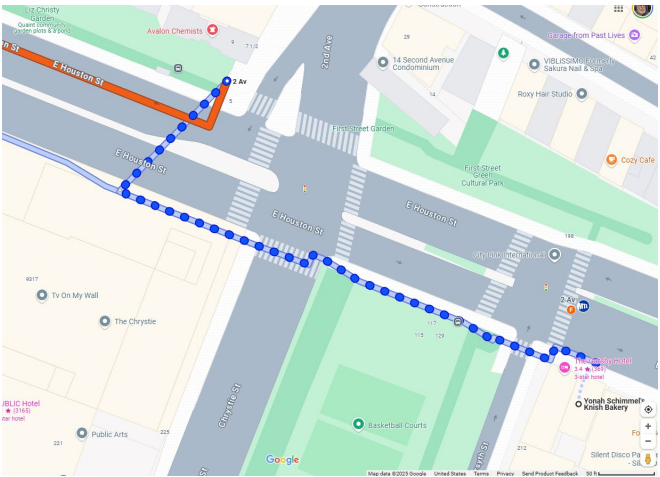


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**5:15 pm – 6:00 pm**

Walking/Subway/Bus Directions from Yonah Schimmel's to Circle Line Cruise – Pier 83 @ W. 43<sup>rd</sup> St

1. Leave Yonah Schimmel's Knish Bakery (137 E Houston St, New York, NY 10002)
2. Walk about ½ block, 4 min, 0.1 mi to find the stairs leading down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Metro Subway Station (F line)
3. Take a F Line Subway Uptown towards Jamaica-179 St (11 min, six stops)
4. Get off the subway at 42 St-Bryant Park
5. Take the stairs · Exit via 6th Ave & 42nd St at SW corner.
6. Walk about 2 min to W 42 St & 6 Av to take the Crosstown Bus M42 (West Side Pier 12 Ave)
7. Go on the M42 Bus for 16 min (8 stops) to 12 Av/W 42 St
8. Walk about 1 min, 115 ft to the Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises ticket booth.



Transfer from Subway to Bus. The M42 crosstown bus stop is in front of the Bank of America Tower.

Go eight stops / approx. 15 minutes to get off in front of the Circle Line Cruises building.



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**Option B (Travel to Circle Line Cruises via Times Square):**

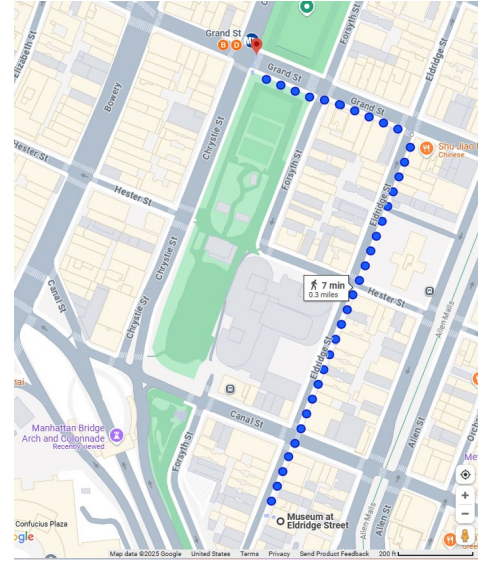
YOU MUST leave the Museum at Eldridge Street by 5:00 to be on time at Circle Line Cruise.

1. [Subway B/D to 42 St-Bryant Park. The transfer to M42 Bus to Circle Line](#) (Total 50 Min)
2. Subway B/D to 42 St-Bryant Park. Walk 1.1 > 1.5 Miles to Circle Line
  - a. [Part 1 -Subway to 42nd](#) (20 Min)
  - b. [Part 2 – Walk to Circle Line](#) (30-40 Min) Option to walk up Broadway through Times Square

From: Museum at Eldridge Street, 12 Eldridge St, New York, NY 10002  
 To: Grand St Subway Station, Grand Street & Chrystie St, New York, NY 10002

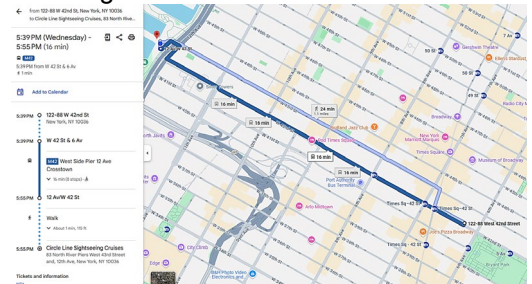
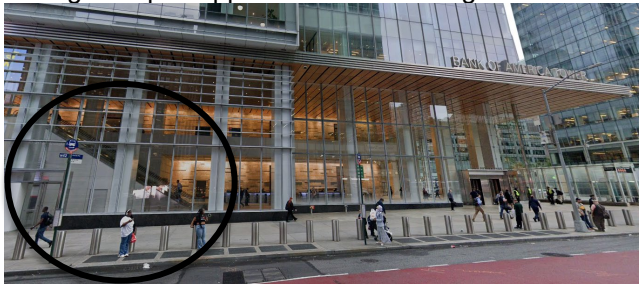
1. Head north on Eldridge St toward Canal St 0.2 miles.
2. Turn left onto Grand St Destination, on the left.
3. Take the B/D Subway to four stops at 42 St-Bryant Park.

Once you check the time at 42nd Street, you can walk (30-40 Min) to the Circle Line or take the M42 bus (15 Min).

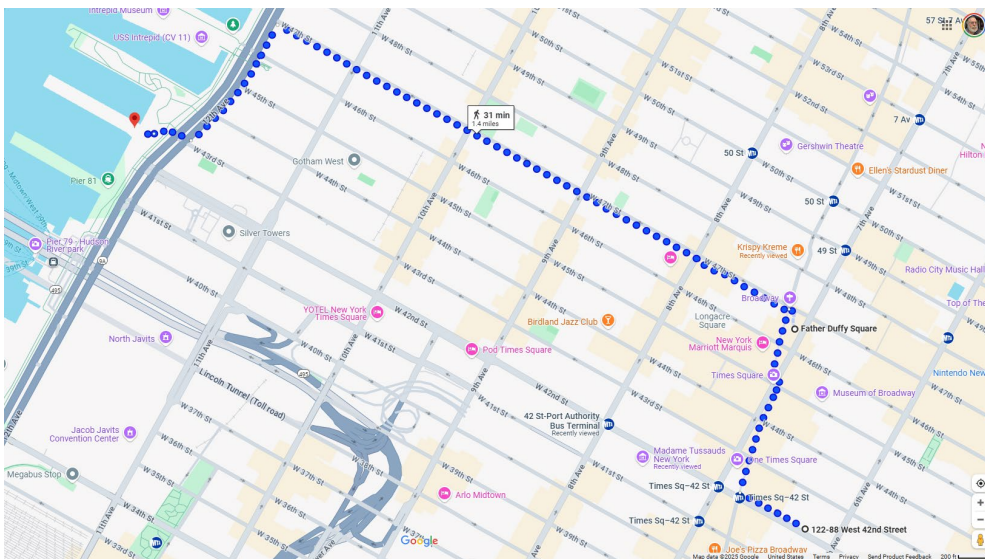


*Walk from Museum to Grand Street 1*

The M42 crosstown bus stop is in front of the Bank of America Tower. Go eight stops / approx. 15 minutes to get off in front of the Circle Line Cruises building.



OR, walk a little north on Broadway to 47th Street to see Times Square. Then, turn left to head to the corner of 43rd Street and 12th Avenue. Allow 40 Minutes at minimum.



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Meet at the Circle Line Ticket window. If you are after 6:15 pm, board the Circle Line.

