

Tips for approaching present residents at any potential address

You want to be well prepared before approaching the residents of a 'Jewish house' to participate in Open Jewish Homes by opening their house. You know why you would like to include this particular address in the programme, but the history of the house may be unknown to the residents. Therefore always begin with a clear introduction of the project and the history of the house.

Questions may arise such as: 'Why are you offering this?', 'Why does this address fit in the programme of Open Jewish Homes?', 'Who were the former residents?', 'What has happened in the house?', and 'Who will be the storyteller for this house during Open Jewish Homes?'

The most natural way to find addresses that are in line with Open Jewish Homes and their present residents is indirectly. Tell everybody what you are doing. This will improve your chances.

Tip 1

Find out who is living at the address now by passing by and looking at the nameplate. Ring the doorbell! The advantage of ringing the doorbell is that you can hand over the recruitment letter or the flyer of the previous edition of Open Jewish Homes, and that you can answer questions face to face.

Tip 2

A less direct way of making contact is by telephone. A good way to look for a telephone number is through www.nummerzoeker.com. You can enter a street name without house number here. A list appears of the present residents with their house number and telephone number.

Tip 3

Possibly you only know the name of a resident, but you haven't got a telephone number and the residents are never at home. You can make contact with them through social media. Maybe they are active on Facebook and/or Twitter.

Tip 4

When you try to get in contact with the present residents through digital channels (email/social media), it might be useful to send them links where information on the address can be found, such as www.joodsmonument.nl.