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## **Tragedy in Pittsburgh: McCord Museum Invites Montrealers to Come Learn More about the City’s Jewish Community**

### **Free Admission This Week to the Exhibition *Shalom Montreal – Stories and Contributions of the Jewish Community***

**Montreal, October 29, 2018** – In the aftermath of the tragic events that occurred in Pittsburgh last Saturday, the McCord Museum would like to make a gesture to encourage open-mindedness—one of the Museum’s core values—and celebrate the various communities that enrich our society.

So until Sunday, the Museum is offering free admission to the exhibition *Shalom Montreal – Stories and Contributions of the Jewish Community*, which seeks to help Montrealers discover the contribution that the Jewish community has made to our city and culture through an ongoing dialogue with the city and its residents. The exhibition is running for just a few more weeks.

*\*Please note that next Sunday, like the first Sunday of every month, admission to the Museum is free to Quebec residents.*

“As a social history museum, we have a citizenship role to play. In light of this weekend’s incomprehensible action, we must reiterate how important it is to carry on our efforts to celebrate diversity and encourage open-mindedness through education and dialogue,” said Suzanne Sauvage President and Chief Executive Officer of the McCord Museum.

Like all the McCord’s exhibitions, *Shalom Montreal – Stories and Contributions of the Jewish Community*, is intended to be thought-provoking. Part of the exhibition is a wall displaying visitors’ answers to the question “And how about you? What’s your contribution to Montreal?” It showcases their ideas and perceptions of our society and our contributions as individuals and as vectors of positive change. **Visitors are also invited to leave an expression of sympathy to be forwarded to Pittsburgh’s Jewish community when the exhibition closes on November 11.**

With the exhibition *Shalom Montreal – Stories and Contributions of the Jewish Community*, the McCord Museum would like to reach out to Montrealers of all origins who know little or nothing about the Montreal Jewish community, its stories and its contributions to the city’s development.

#### **About the McCord Museum**

The McCord Museum is the museum of all Montrealers, a social history museum that celebrates life in Montreal, both past and present—its history, its people, and its communities. Open to the city and the world, the Museum presents exciting exhibitions, educational programming and cultural activities that offer a contemporary perspective on history, engaging visitors from Montreal, Canada and beyond. It is home to over 1.5 million artefacts, comprising one of the largest historical collections in North America, organized into the following departments: Dress, Fashion and Textiles, Photography, Indigenous Cultures, Paintings, Prints and Drawings, Decorative Arts, and Textual Archives. McCord Museum: Our People, Our Stories.

Interviews may be arranged with Suzanne Sauvage, President and Chief Executive Officer of the McCord Museum.

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