

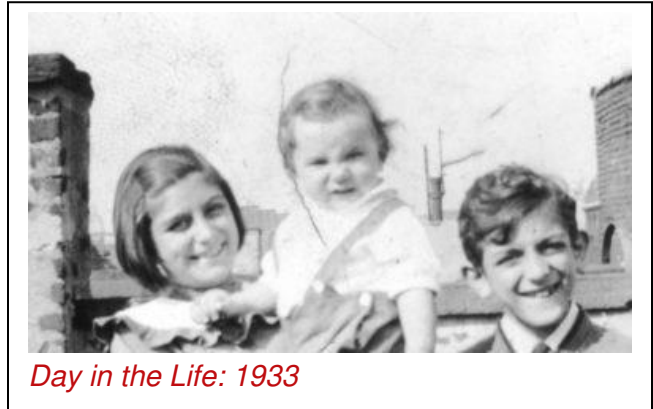
## Tenement Museum

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### **Museums, CT.org**

Museums are our windows into lives beyond ourselves. Museums give us a glimpse of people, places and events beyond our experience. Every small city and town has a reason to have a museum: local history, people or events associated with the community or significant assets be they historic, natural, technological or personal.

Find a place in town for a new museum; celebrate and support existing museums. They are a foundational element of community character.



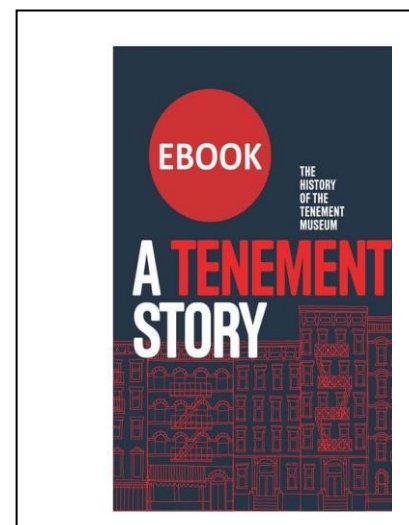
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### **“Engaging in the Immigrant and Migrant Experience**

The Tenement Museum provides many opportunities to understand the experiences of immigrants and migrants, and the fundamental role they play in defining our national identity. Below are a few ways we educate and inspire deeper understanding.”

### **“Our Beginnings**

Founded in 1988 by historian Ruth Abram and social activist Anita Jacobsen, the Lower East Side Tenement Museum explores the uniquely American story of immigration and the rich, diverse landscape it continues to create. The Museum took root when Abram and Jacobsen discovered 97 Orchard Street — a dilapidated tenement building that had been shuttered for more than 50 years.”

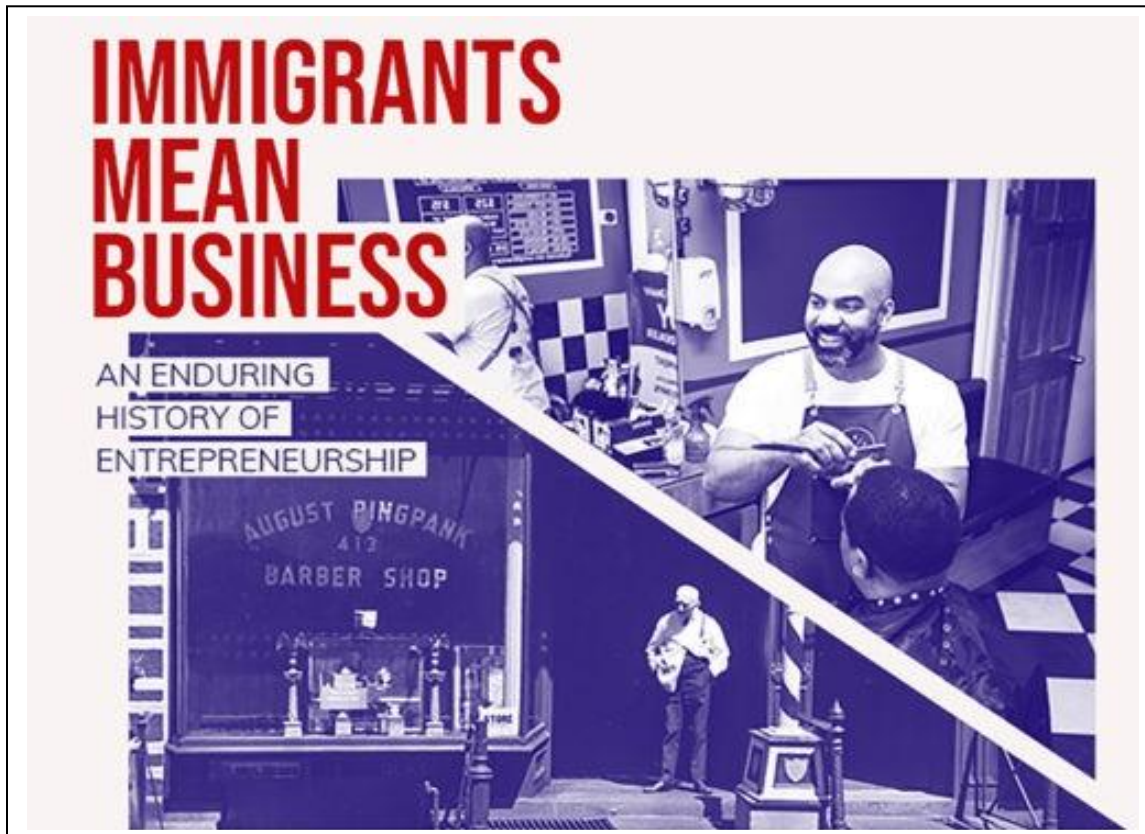


### “Revealing A Shared History

Although the building was in ruins, they uncovered personal belongings and other evidence of the immigrant families that called those apartments home between the 1860s and 1930s. These artifacts and the families who owned them became the foundation for what the Tenement Museum represents today: a belief that our national identity is best understood and appreciated through the stories of real families whose lives have shaped our shared history.”

### “Bridging the Past to the Present

Today, we explore stories of immigration and migration through guided tours of our two tenement buildings at 97 and 103 Orchard Street and their Lower East Side neighborhood. These immersive trips back in time offer a chance to explore identity, public policy, urban development, architecture, and other themes through the true stories of the ordinary families who lived in these iconic buildings and the people in the neighborhood.”



LINK: <https://www.tenement.org/about-us/>

LINK to video: <https://youtu.be/xLD7Bw-h7dk>