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Manhattan’s Historic and Haunted Lower East Side with Charlie Adams

Saturday, June 17, 2017

$125 Member/$135 Non-Member

Charlie Adams will once again entertain participants in this ghostly tour of the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

The Merchant’s House Museum is the only nineteenth-century home in New York City preserved intact, both inside and out. Built in 1832 by hatter Joseph Brewster, it was later sold to Seabury Tredwell in 1840 whose daughter lived there until the 1930s. Gertrude was responsible for the preservation of this elegant home, and after her death a distant cousin opened it as a museum. Considered one of the finest surviving Greek Revival rowhouses in America, the house is a miraculous survivor of old New York. Whose ghostly spirit haunts this house?

After our visit to the Merchant’s House Museum, participants will have free time to shop and eat.

Later we will meet 14-year-old Victoria Confino at the Tenement Museum. She will share her immigrant experience as well as the challenges she faces as she lives on the Lower East Side. Victoria, along with her Jewish family, came from Greece in 1916. The museum has seven apartments restored in this four-floor tenement building that housed 7,000 working class immigrants between 1863 and 1935. The Tenement Museum has a novel way to recreate the immigrant experience in New York City.

Bus departs from the Shillington Shopping Center parking lot BEHIND where the Driver’s License Photo Center is located at 7:13 am, and will return at approximately 9:13 pm. Transportation is provided by Elite Coach (price does not include bus driver tip).

Contact Vicky Heffner, Education Curator, at 610.375.4375 or education@berkshistory.org for more information.

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