

Tenement Museum Mission:

To promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of the variety of immigrant and migrant experiences on Manhattan's Lower East Side, a gateway to America.

Goals of Kitchen Conversations

Goal 1: Engage visitors in dialogue that uses stories from the tour as the starting point for them to share their own related experiences and challenge their assumptions and beliefs about larger immigration issues today;

Goal 2: Help participants gain new perspectives on contemporary questions by looking at how they were answered in the past, through stories of former residents of 97 Orchard;

Goal 3: Encourage visitors to develop a heightened awareness of their own involvement with contemporary immigration issues;

Goal 4: Inspire visitors to become active in learning more about contemporary immigration-related issues.