

**Jewish American Heritage Month Resource Guide – Curated by Michael Tapia – Spring 2023**

**Organizations/Websites Offering Resources (Partial List)**

	<p>Anti-Defamation League <a href="http://www.adl.org">www.adl.org</a></p>		<p>American Jewish Archives <a href="http://www.americanjewisharchives.org">www.americanjewisharchives.org</a></p>
	<p>American Jewish Historical Society <a href="http://www.ajhs.org">www.ajhs.org</a></p>		<p>American Jewish Committee <a href="http://www.ajc.org">www.ajc.org</a></p>
	<p>Colorín Colorado <a href="http://www.colorincolorado.org">www.colorincolorado.org</a></p>		<p>Docs Teach <a href="http://www.docsteach.org">www.docsteach.org</a></p>
	<p>Jewish American Heritage <a href="http://www.jewishamericanheritage.org">www.jewishamericanheritage.org</a></p>		<p>The Jewish Education Project <a href="http://www.jewishedproject.org">www.jewishedproject.org</a></p>
	<p>Learning for Justice <a href="http://www.learningforjustice.org">www.learningforjustice.org</a></p>		<p>National Endowment for the Humanities NEH Edsitement <a href="http://www.edsitement.neh.gov">www.edsitement.neh.gov</a></p>
	<p>National Museum of Jewish History <a href="http://www.theweitzman.org">www.theweitzman.org</a></p>		<p>PBS LearningMedia <a href="http://www.pbslearningmedia.org">www.pbslearningmedia.org</a></p>
	<p>read write think NCTE <a href="http://www.readwritethink.org">www.readwritethink.org</a></p>		<p>AFT Share My Lesson <a href="http://www.sharemylesson.com">www.sharemylesson.com</a></p>
	<p>United States Holocaust Museum <a href="http://www.ushmm.org">www.ushmm.org</a></p>		<p>YouTube <a href="http://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a></p>

# JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

As educators, we should provide as many year-round learning experiences as possible that reflect our students' intersecting identities along with the lessons that offer insights into others with whom they may not have a deep understanding or appreciation. The value of offering these *mirrors and windows* is well established and should be provided thoughtfully and consistently in our nation's classrooms.

Jewish American Heritage Month began as Jewish Heritage Week in 1980 after being authorized by Congress and President Jimmy Carter proclaiming it for the week of April 21-28. In his proclamation, President Carter spoke of the "bountiful contributions made by the Jewish people to the culture and history of the United States." Between 1981 and 1990, Congress annually passed laws proclaiming a week in April or May as Jewish Heritage Week; the designations expanded to two week-long observances, with one in April and one in May through 2006. In February 2006, Congress urged the president to observe American Jewish History Month; on April 20, 2006, President George W. Bush issued the first proclamation designating May 2006 as Jewish American Heritage Month. This annual observance has continued to this day. Please note that there are a many resources in this guide that would be appropriate for recognizing Holocaust Remembrance Day, observed annually in either April or May.

While the custom of cultural monthly observances may seem out-of-date, please consider them as additional opportunities to highlight the achievements and contributions of a particular group of our citizenry in greater depth — a worthy goal. At a time when there is a critical need to promote acceptance, respect and harmony throughout our diverse communities, please consider engaging students in experiences that lead to a greater appreciation of the collective contributions made by others of similar, as well as differing, identities. Please also remember to provide adequate context to these accomplishments in light of the challenges our marginalized citizenry had to overcome to reach their goals. Hopefully, these learning experiences help students understand we are all woven into the rich cultural tapestry of humanity in this place we call America.



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### **Lessons/Activities**

#### **Elementary/Middle School/High School**

- [9-ideas-for-teaching-jewish-american-heritage-month.pdf \(adl.org\)](#) Grade Levels: K-12
- [Challenging Antisemitism: Debunking the Myths and Responding with Facts | ADL](#) Grade Levels: K-8, 6-12
- [Come to the Golden Land: Jewish Immigration Images | Lesson Plan \(sharemylesson.com\)](#) Grade Levels: 5-12
- [Uncovering America](#) National Gallery of Art, Grades K-12

#### **Elementary**

- [Linked | ADL](#) Age Levels: 8-12
- [I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes her Mark | ADL](#) Age Levels: 6-10
- [The Ninth Night of Hanukkah | ADL](#) Age Levels: 6-8
- [Nathan Blows Out the Hanukkah Candles | ADL](#) Age Levels: 4-8
- [Jeremy's Dreidel | ADL](#) Age Levels: 4-8
- [Judaism: Holidays | Lesson Plan \(sharemylesson.com\)](#) Grade Levels: 3-5

#### **Elementary and Middle School**

- [When Hateful Symbols Cause Hurt and Harm | ADL](#) Grade Levels: K-5, 6-8
- [Survivors of the Holocaust Educator Guide | Share My Lesson](#) Grade Levels: 3-8

#### **Middle School – Grades 6-8 (unless otherwise noted)**

- [Anne Frank: One of Hundreds of Thousands | NEH-Edsitement](#)
- [Fighting Injustice by Studying Lessons of the Past | Read Write Think](#)

- [Investigating the Holocaust: A Collaborative Inquiry Project | Read Write Think](#)
- [Dynamic Duo Text Talks: Examining the Content of Internet Sites | Read Write Think](#)
- [Using Technology to Analyze and Illustrate Symbolism in Night | Read Write Think](#)

**Middle School/High School Grades 6-12 (unless otherwise noted)**

- [Survival to Service: Examining Lives of Hidden Children of the Holocaust | ADL](#)
- [Children of the Holocaust: A Discussion Guide | ADL](#) Includes links to 5 related resources
- [Antisemitic Incidents: Being an Ally, Advocate and Activist | ADL](#)
- [Contemporary Antisemitism | ADL](#)
- [Echoes & Reflections \(echoesandreflections.org\)](#) Historical Anti-Semitism – (This is a 2-lesson unit) – ADL
- [Unit: Teaching the Holocaust and Armenian Genocide: For California Educators | Facing History](#)
- [Why Do People Migrate? The Pogroms and Russian Jewish Immigration | Lesson Plan \(sharemylesson.com\)](#) Grade Levels: 7-12
- [Judaism and Jewish History | Share My Lesson](#)
- [Introduction to the Holocaust: Documentary Film and Classroom Materials | Lesson Plan \(sharemylesson.com\)](#)
- [How To Teach About The Holocaust | Lesson Plan \(sharemylesson.com\)](#)
- [The Samuel Project - an art-communications-history program inspired by the film | Lesson Plan \(sharemylesson.com\)](#)
- [Coming of Age in the Holocaust, Coming of Age Now | NEH-Edsitement](#)
- [Analyzing a Writing Assignment by a Teenage Refugee in New York During World War II | DocsTeach](#)  
Grade Levels: 7-12
- [Presidential Decision Making: Truman's Recognition of Israel | Harry S. Truman \(trumanlibrary.gov\)](#)  
Grade Levels: 8-12
- [Recognition of Israel | Harry S. Truman \(trumanlibrary.gov\)](#) Grade Levels: 8-12
- [Emma Lazarus Project Curriculum - American Jewish Historical Society \(ajhs.org\)](#)

- [Lesson Plan – Breaking Down Identity Barriers \(WWII and 9/11\) - American Jewish Archives](#) Grade: 12  
Includes links to other lessons
- [The Rogarshevsky Family Story - Tenement Museum](#)
- [Elie Wiesel was born on September 30, 1928. | Read Write Think](#) Grade Levels: 7-12

**High School – Grade Levels 9-12 (unless otherwise noted)**

- [Antisemitism Around the World: Global 100 | ADL](#)
- [The Resilience of Antisemitism: The Lies of The Protocols of The Elders of Zion | ADL](#)
- [Swastikas and Other Hate Symbols | ADL](#)
- [Hate Symbols \(en Español\) | ADL](#) Scroll down for Spanish version
- [Addressing Hate Online: Countering Cyberhate with Counterspeech \(en Español\) | ADL](#) English and Spanish
- [Deadly Shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue | ADL](#)
- [The Alt Right and White Supremacy | ADL](#)
- [The Chosen \(Identity Through Revolution\) | Lesson Plan \(sharemylesson.com\)](#)
- [Introducing Kristallnacht | Share My Lesson](#)
- [We Share the Same Sky | Lesson Plan \(sharemylesson.com\)](#)
- [Beyond the Yellow Star: Human Rights Abuses in Nazi Germany | Lesson Plan \(sharemylesson.com\)](#)
- [Visual Literacy: Personal Narratives of Holocaust Survivors | SML \(sharemylesson.com\)](#)
- [Holocaust and Resistance | NEH-Edsitement](#)
- [HistoryUnfolded\\_Lesson\\_Plan.pdf \(ushmm.org\)](#) Links to multiple resources included
- [Sol LeWitt's Concepts and Structures \(nga.gov\)](#) Grade Levels: 9-10
- [The SS Quanza and European War Refugees | DocsTeach](#)
- [U.S. Policy and the Holocaust Refugee Crisis | DocsTeach](#)

- [\(1\) New Messages! \(everfi.com\)](#)
- [Hope, Despair and Memory | Learning for Justice](#)
- [Life is Beautiful: Teaching the Holocaust through Film with Complementary Texts | Read Write Think](#)  
Grade Levels: 10-12
- [Using Student-Centered Comprehension Strategies with Elie Wiesel's Night | Read Write Think](#)
- [Making It Visual for ELL Students: Teaching History Using Maus | Read Write Think](#)



### **Articles/Publications/Guides/Blogs**

- [JAHM\\_2023ResourceGuide\\_Public\\_Final.pdf \(jewishamericanheritage.org\)](#)
- [Jewish American Heritage Month Collection | The Jewish Educator Portal \(jewishedproject.org\)](#)
- [18 Ways To Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month \(2023\) \(goodgoodgood.co\)](#)
- [7 Lessons for Holocaust Education to Cultivate Critical Thinking | Blog | Share My Lesson](#)
- [5 Ways to Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month | AJC](#)
- [‘Never Again’ Starts With Education | Learning for Justice](#)
- [Teach — United States Holocaust Memorial Museum \(ushmm.org\)](#)
- [Investigating the Holocaust - FDR Presidential Library & Museum \(fdrlibrary.org\)](#)
- [Jewish American Heritage Month | NEH-Edsitement](#)
- [American Jewish Historical Society \(ajhs.org\)](#) Includes links to multiple resources
- [When It Comes to Holocaust Awareness, We Need to Raise the Bar | Learning for Justice](#)
- [Documents | DocsTeach](#) Provides links to thousands of primary sources
- [Empowering Young People in the Aftermath of Hate \(In English and Español\) | ADL](#) English and Spanish

- [Helping Students Make Sense of News Stories about Bias and Injustice | ADL](#)
- [6 Ways to Be an Ally \(en Español\) | ADL](#) English and Spanish
- [Antisemitism Today | ADL](#)
- [Pyramid of Hate \(en Español\) | ADL](#) English and Spanish
- [Six Facts About Threats to The Jewish Community | ADL](#)
- [Gun Violence and Mass Shootings | ADL](#)
- [10 Ways Youth Can Engage in Activism | ADL](#)
- [Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2022 | ADL](#)
- [U.S. Antisemitic Incidents Hit Highest Level Ever Recorded, ADL Audit Finds | ADL](#)
- [Defining Extremism: A Glossary of White Supremacist Terms, Movements and Philosophies | ADL](#)
- [Violence and Hate Unite the Right | ADL](#)
- [From Alt Right to Alt Lite: Naming the Hate | ADL](#)
- [Despite Internal Turmoil, Klan Groups Persist | ADL](#)
- [Vanguard America | ADL](#)
- [White Supremacists on Campus: Unprecedented Recruitment Efforts Underway | ADL](#)
- [Alt Right Groups Target Campuses with Fliers | ADL](#)
- [Richard Spencer: Five Things to Know | ADL](#)
- [Andrew Anglin: Five Things to Know | ADL](#)
- [Daily Stormer Book Clubs \(SBC\) | ADL](#)
- [Slurs and Biased Language \(en Español\) | ADL](#) English and Spanish
- [How Do We Discuss Inappropriate References to the Holocaust? | Blog | Share My Lesson](#)
- [Teaching About Holocaust Remembrance | Blog | Share My Lesson](#)

- [Schindler's List: Steven Spielberg on Teaching the Film \(sharemylesson.com\)](https://sharemylesson.com)
- [Countries at Risk for Mass Killing 2022–23: New Early Warning Report — United States Holocaust Memorial Museum \(ushmm.org\)](https://ushmm.org)
- [Hebrew National | The National Endowment for the Humanities \(neh.gov\)](https://neh.gov)
- [The Jewish Americans | The National Endowment for the Humanities \(neh.gov\)](https://neh.gov)
- [America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today | National Archives](https://nationalarchives.gov.uk)
- [Jewish American Heritage Collection \(americanarchive.org\)](https://americanarchive.org)
- [Core Exhibition & Virtual Tour - The Weitzman](https://weitzman.com)
- [Center for Jewish History :: 15 W. 16th Street NY, NY 10011 \(cjh.org\)](https://cjh.org)
- [Hidden History \(nationalgeographic.org\)](https://nationalgeographic.org)



## **Booklists/Related Resources**

### **Booklists**

- [Resources Search | ADL](#) *Children's and Young Adult Literature – Jewish Heritage*
- [Resources Search | ADL](#) Books about Genocide and Holocaust
- [Sydney Taylor Book Award – Association of Jewish Libraries](#) Includes winners for 2023 and others back to 1968
- [Jewish Americans in Children's Literature \(441 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](https://goodreads.com)
- [Children's and Middle Grade Books That Mirror the Diversity of Jewish Communities | PJ Library](#)
- [Jewish Books For Kids...and more! - with Barbara Bietz](#)
- [10 Best Jewish Books for Kids in 2023 \(bestproducts.com\)](https://bestproducts.com)



- [9 Children's and YA Books by Jewish Authors \(diversebooks.org\)](https://diversebooks.org)
- [Best Jewish Children's Books \(28 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](https://goodreads.com)

### **Related Resources**

- [Diverse Books: Booklists and Related Resources | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org) (Multiple resource links are available on this page)
- [Choosing Children's Books: Cultural Relevance Rubric | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org) by David and Yvonne Freeman
- [5 Ways to Audit Your Classroom Library for Inclusion | Edutopia](https://edutopia.org) by Hoa P. Nguyen, August 4, 2021
- <http://hereweeread.com/2020/07/diversify-your-bookshelves-download-this-free-printable-checklist.html>
- [Teaching-Tolerance-Reading-Diversity-Extended-Edition-2016-VFF.pdf \(learningforjustice.org\)](https://learningforjustice.org)
- [Reading Diversity Lite—Teacher's Edition2.pdf \(learningforjustice.org\)](https://learningforjustice.org)
- [Why Diverse Books Matter: Mirrors and Windows | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org) by Dr. Tracy Flores, Dr. Sandra Osorio, 2021
- [How to Find Diverse Books | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org) by Dr. Tracie Flores, Dr Sandra Osorio
- [Using Diverse Books with Young Children | Colorín Colorado \(colorincolorado.org\)](https://colorincolorado.org)
- [Diverse Books Project | AdLit](https://adlit.org) Adolescent Literacy/AdLit



### **Videos/YouTube Videos/Virtual Experiences**

- [Jewish American Heritage Month Opening Ceremony with Peter Maer - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) 35:49
- [Jewish American History month - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) 1:39
- [The History of Jewish Life in America | The Jewish Story | Unpacked - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) 7:58
- [Jewish American Heritage Month Capitol Hill Celebration 2022 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) 11:18

- [Morning Meeting - Jewish American Heritage Month - YouTube](#) 11:58
- [Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month! w/ Blue's Clues & Bubble Guppies | Nick Jr. - Bing video](#) 1:10
- [American Jewish History \(Essential Lectures in Jewish History\) Dr. Henry Abramson - YouTube](#) 14:47
- [Jewish Immigration with Hasia Diner and Daniel Okrent - YouTube](#) 1:00:16
- [Pioneers: Remembering the First Jews in America - YouTube](#) 1:01:42
- [Jews in the Thirteen Colonies \(1654-1789\) - YouTube](#) 21:59
- [Jews and Revolution: The American Experience - YouTube](#) 58:21
- [\(7\) Facebook](#) Bat Mitvah 1:00
- [Koala Challah by Laura Gehl - YouTube](#) The book, *Koala Challah* is read. 6:09
- [Jewish American Heritage Month at the Skirball Cultural Center - YouTube](#) 8:49
- [The Jewish Americans: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Her First Experience with Anti-Semitism - YouTube](#)
- [GI JEWS: JEWISH AMERICANS IN WORLD WAR II | Trailer | PBS - YouTube](#) 2:16
- [GI JEWS | Jewish Service Broadcast from WWII Germany | PBS - YouTube](#) 2:49
- [How America failed European Jews during the Holocaust - YouTube](#) 7:39
- [The Unbelievable Reality of Auschwitz | The U.S. and the Holocaust | PBS - YouTube](#)
- [This Family Escaped the Nazis But Never Recovered | The U.S. and the Holocaust | PBS - YouTube](#) 7:28
- [How U.S. Antisemitism Shut the Door on Countless Refugee Children | The U.S. and the Holocaust | PBS - YouTube](#) 7:00
- [What Happened Right Before Jewish Concentration Camps Were Liberated? | Auschwitz Untold: In Colour - YouTube](#) 6:40
- [Jewish Life before World War II | Holocaust Education | USHMM - YouTube](#) 28:35
- [Why Did the Holocaust Happen? - YouTube](#) 1:21:42
- [The Auschwitz Album- Visual Evidence of the Process Leading to the Mass Murder at Auschwitz-Birkenau - YouTube](#) 5:41

- [Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust - YouTube](#) 15:29
- [Teaching the Holocaust in Today's World - YouTube](#) 11:10
- [Chapter 1: Why is Holocaust Education Relevant? - YouTube](#) 2:34
- [Chapter 2: Teaching About the Jewish Victims - YouTube](#)
- [Chapter 2a: Teaching About the Jewish Victims- Life in a World of Dehumanization - YouTube](#) :56
- [Chapter 2b: Teaching About the Jewish Victims- Choiceless Choices - YouTube](#) 1:12
- [Chapter 2c: Teaching About the Jewish Victims- Light in the Darkness - YouTube](#) :57
- [Chapter 3: Teaching About the Perpetrators - YouTube](#) 1:27
- [Chapter 4: Teaching About the Bystanders - YouTube](#) :47
- [Chapter 5: Teaching About the Righteous Among the Nations - YouTube](#) 1:09
- [Chapter 6: "Never Again" Starts with Education - YouTube](#) :34
- [The Jewish Americans | PBS](#) Provides access to multiple videos related to Jewish Americans; includes several lesson plans in the section, *FOR EDUCATORS*.
- [Virtual Field Trips | Tenement Museum](#)
- [The Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust \(mjhny.org\)](#)
- [The Journey of the Jewish Americans | PBS LearningMedia](#) Grade Levels: 6-8, 9-12, 3:52
- [The Beta Israel | PBS LearningMedia](#) Grade Levels: 9-12, 2:28
- [The Dead Sea Scrolls | PBS LearningMedia](#) Grade Levels: 9-12, 3:40
- [The Emergence of Monotheism | PBS LearningMedia](#) Grade Levels: 9-12, 4:16
- [The Story of the Jews: Interactive Map | PBS LearningMedia](#) Grades 9-12
- [Hellenism | PBS LearningMedia](#) Grade Levels: 9-12, 3:36
- [The World's First Ghetto | PBS LearningMedia](#) Grade Levels: 9-12, 1:57
- [Jews in the Islamic World | PBS LearningMedia](#) Grade Levels: 9-12, 4:21

- [The Cairo Genizah | PBS LearningMedia](#) Grade Levels: 9-12, 3:32
- [Jewish Archives - Critical Media Project](#) Grade Levels: 11-12; includes access to 6 videos
- [10 Most Influential Jewish People In History - YouTube](#) 9:08
- [10 Jewish Discoveries and Inventions That Changed The World - YouTube](#) 9:35
- ["Jews in Medicine" Presented by The Genesis Prize Foundation - YouTube](#) 10:02
- [Jewish college students are seeing a new face of anti-Semitism - YouTube](#) 8:02
- [Jewish teens discuss personal encounters with antisemitism in school and online - YouTube](#) 5:02
- [Why Is Anti-Semitism Still Present In America? | AJ+ - YouTube](#) 10:02
- [New Book Examines What It Means To Be Jewish In Today's America | The Mehdi Hasan Show - YouTube](#) 11:41
- [What is Holocaust Remembrance Day? ¿Qué es el Día de la Memoria del Holocausto? - YouTube](#) 15:43
- [Jewish Americans in 2020: Cultural engagement, diversity, politics and anti-Semitism - YouTube](#) 1:26:43
- [The Children Who Survived Hitler's Holocaust | Our History - YouTube](#) 49:58
- [The Last Survivors \(full documentary\) | FRONTLINE - YouTube](#) 53:08
- [America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today - Bing video](#) 1:24:45