

2024

Jewish American Heritage Month

For centuries, the perseverance, hope, and unshakeable faith of the Jewish community have inspired people around the world. During Jewish American Heritage Month, we celebrate the contributions and experiences of Jewish Americans and highlight how America's Jewish communities have shaped and been shaped by the cultural, social, and economic fabric of the United States. Click [here](#) for more information, tools, resources, and events honoring this observance.

“The people that can know the full darkness of history and yet rejoice is a people whose spirit no power on earth can ever break.”

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Here are some suggestions for celebrating Jewish American heritage throughout May and beyond

Discover the vibrant and varied American Jewish experience

- Like many other American ethnic groups, Jewish Americans are internally diverse. Sharing the true, dynamic, joyful, and powerful stories of American Jewish life across four centuries can help counter myths and promote connectedness. For starters: Listen to everyday tales of American Jewish families, clergy, and even a Supreme Court justice compiled by [StoryCorps](#). Celebrate the stories, people, and experiences of Jewish life in the South in the [Southern & Jewish](#) blog. Tune into [People of the Pod](#), a podcast examining current events and the people driving them. Or explore the [Shalvi/Hyman Encyclopedia of Jewish Women](#) to learn about Jewish women who influenced the fields of activism, business, education, media, philanthropy, science, sports, and more.

Explore Jewish American history, art, and culture

- There are so many repositories of Jewish history throughout the United States. Though you're bound to find one close enough for a day trip, many offer online exhibitions. In New York, a [walking tour of the Lower East Side](#), where most Jews lived at the turn of the 20th Century, including the [Tenement Museum](#), provides a window into the American Jewish experience. The [Museum of Southern Jewish Experience](#) in New Orleans and [Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim Synagogue](#) in Charleston explore the remarkable stories of Southern Jewish life. Other collections to explore include the [Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education](#), the [Mizel Museum](#) in Denver, the [Contemporary Jewish Museum](#) in San Francisco, the [Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History](#) in Philadelphia, and the [Jewish Museum of Florida](#) in Miami.

Create cuisine inspired by Jewish culture

- Jewish cuisine has been shaped by a number of influences, from dietary laws, holidays, and the sabbath to the economics, agriculture, and culinary traditions of the many countries where Jewish communities have settled. Learn how to make some classics for yourself, such as television host Ina Garten's [potato latkes](#), restauranter Michael Solomonov's [falafel wrap](#), and pitmaster Izzy Edelman's kosher [pastrami](#). For a modern take on traditional Jewish flavors, try [I Could Nosh: Classic Jew-ish Recipes Revamped for Every Day](#) by bestselling cookbook author Jake Cohen.



Looking for more? Great places to check for events are local colleges and universities, museums, or cultural institutions. As always, contact CCA@YourService for personalized resources, referrals, or other support you may need any time, any day.

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