



# The California Three Rs Project

*Rights, Responsibility, and Respect*

## Resources on Jewish Heritage From a Collaboration in Washington, DC

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Sheet music for "Leben Zol Amerika (Long Live America)" by Leo Rosenbergs and M. Rubinstein (Library of Congress)

May is Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM), an annual recognition and celebration of the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans in the United States. This recognition began on April 20, 2006, when President George W. Bush proclaimed the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month. The announcement resulted from resolutions introduced by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) and Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) urging the president to proclaim a month that would recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture. The resolutions passed unanimously, first in the House of Representatives in December 2005, and later in the Senate in February 2006.

The California Three Rs Project joins in this recognition of Jewish contributions to U.S. society. Consideration of the experience of religious minorities in American history is necessary for comprehending the value of the First Amendment, and the Jewish experience spans the nation's entire history, significantly contributing to the establishment and triumph of religious liberty in U.S. constitutional tradition and practice.

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum collaborated to pay tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who have helped form the fabric of American history, culture, and society. Many of the resources below were selected from among the ones that were put forth in 2015.

## Government Sites

### **The Library of Congress's JAHM Home Page**

<http://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/>

### **Stories of Jewish Americans**

<http://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/stories.html>

### **Resources for Educators**

<http://www.jewishheritagemonth.gov/teachers.html>

### **From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in America – A Library of Congress Exhibit**

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/haventohome/>

### **Jewish Veterans of WWII Experiencing War – Library of Congress**

<http://www.loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-jewishveterans.html>

### **Life After the Holocaust – US Holocaust Memorial Museum**

<http://www.ushmm.org/exhibition/life-after-holocaust/>

### **Florence Kahn: Congressional Widow to Trailblazing Lawmaker – U.S. House of Representatives**

<http://history.house.gov/Exhibitions-and-Publications/Florence-Kahn/Florence-Kahn/>

### **Chasing Dreams: Baseball & Becoming Americans – National Museum of American Jewish History**

<http://chasingdreams.nmajh.org/>

## Nonprofit and Educational Sites

### **Resources for Educators – Jewish American Heritage Month 2015**

<http://www.jewishamericanheritagemonth.us/education.aspx>

This site includes:

1. Lesson plans and materials with annotated descriptors, including grade levels. Many lessons are aligned to standards; most for states other than California.
2. Book lists, including books for young readers.
3. Visual resources (on limited topics).

### **Jewish American Heritage Month – Wikipedia**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish\\_American\\_Heritage\\_Month](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_American_Heritage_Month)

**Only in America: 350 Years of the American Jewish Experience**

<http://www.onlyinamerica.info/index.shtml>

**Mission US: "City of Immigrants" Mission 4 – WNET Thirteen**

<http://www.mission-us.org/pages/landing-mission-4>

**Jewish Symbols – Judaism 101**

<http://www.jewfaq.org/signs.htm>

**Freedom of Conscience Dutch New York – PBS Learning Media**

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/nys09.soc.k-6.statloc.toler/freedom-of-conscience/>

**George Washington's Letter to the Hebrew Congregation at Newport – Teaching American History.org**

<http://teachingamericanhistory.org/library/document/letter-to-the-hebrew-congregation-at-newport/>

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The material above is available at the California Three Rs Project (CA3Rs) website at <http://ca3rsproject.org>. For further information contact the CA3Rs:

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