

RESOURCES FOR TEACHING JEWISH HISTORY & CULTURE

Collated by The Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM)

ABOUT THE RESOURCES

This collated list of lesson plans and book lists on teaching Jewish identity, history, and culture in K-12 was gathered from Jewish museums and educational non-profits from across the nation. The resources are geared for teachers to utilize in their secular classroom.

Education is one of the most powerful ways to teach empathy and respect for communities and fight hate. Teaching about Jewish life and creating connections to Jewish stories, people, history and culture are vital to this work.

JEWISH CULTURE, HOLIDAYS, AND VALUES



Objects Tell Stories: Jewish Holidays

The Jewish Museum
PK-8



Understanding Judasim through Artifacts

Oregon Jewish Museum
7-12



Visions and Values Curriculum

Skirball Cultural Center
4-12



Ancient Ritual of Scribing a Torah

The Contemporary Jewish
Museum
4-12



Sephardi and Mizrahi Storytelling

JIMENA
6-8



Jewish Holiday Guide and Calendar

American Jewish
Committee
K-12



Sharing Shabbat in the Classroom

The Contemporary Jewish
Museum
K-5



Purim in the Classroom

Jewish Community
Relations Council Bay Area
K-12

AJC San Francisco

AJHS American Jewish
Historical Society

**CONTEMPORARY
JEWISH MUSEUM**

ICS Institute for
Curriculum Services

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JAHM
JEWISH AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

Jewish Museum

JCRC
BAY AREA

JIMENA
Jews Indigenous to the
Middle East and North Africa

PJ Library
Bringing Jewish stories home

Skirball
Cultural Center

**TENEMENT
MUSEUM**

**WEITZMAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY**
A Smithsonian Institution Affiliate

**OREGON
JEWISH MUSEUM
AND CENTER FOR
HOLOCAUST
EDUCATION**

JEWISH CULTURE, HOLIDAYS, AND VALUES



[Jewish Representation In December](#)

Jewish Community Relations Council Bay Area
K-12



[Sharing Hanukkah in the Classroom](#)

The Contemporary Jewish Museum
K-5



[Sharing Passover in the Classroom](#)

The Contemporary Jewish Museum
K-5



[Sharing Rosh Hashanah in the Classroom](#)

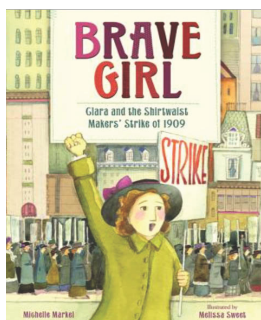
The Contemporary Jewish Museum
K-5

BOOK LISTS AND POSTERS



[Celebrating Jewish Culture for Young Learners](#)

SF Public Library and Contemporary Jewish Museum
K-8



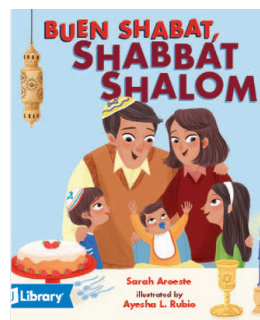
[The American Jewish Experience](#)

Association of Jewish Libraries
K-8



[Journey to the Mizrah Kids Books](#)

JIMENA
K-12



[Diversity of Jewish Life](#)

PJ Library
K-8



[Posters!](#)

Jewish American Heritage Month
K-12

ART



[The Story and Art of Ezra Jack Keats: Arts Integration Lesson Plan](#)

The Contemporary Jewish Museum
K-2



[Teaching with Marc Chagall](#)

The Jewish Museum
K-12



[Immigration Experiences in Art](#)

The Jewish Museum
K-12



[Portraiture and Identity](#)

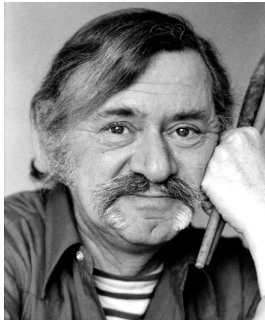
The Jewish Museum
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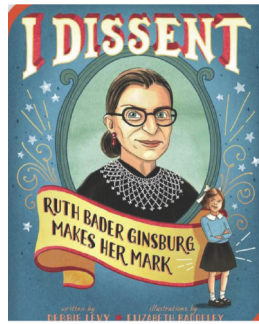
[Inherited Memory and Contemporary Art: Diverse Stories](#)

The Contemporary Jewish Museum
6-12

JEWISH LUMINARIES



Life of Ezra Jack Keats
The Contemporary Jewish Museum
K-2



I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark
Anti Defamation League
K-4



Judy Heumann and Disability Rights Activism
Anti Defamation League
K-8



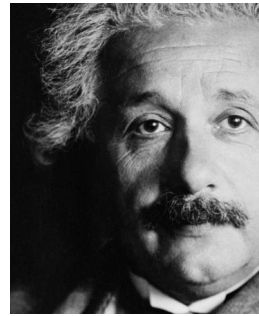
Levi Strauss and Stories of Early Jewish Life in San Francisco
The Contemporary Jewish Museum
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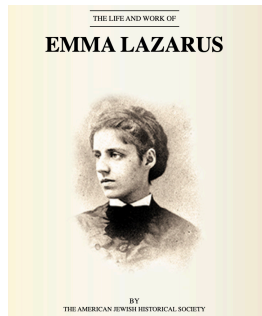
Jewish American Contributions
ConnectEd
6-12



Jewish LGBTQ Hero Michael Twitty
Keshet
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10 Jewish Americans Who Changed History
PBS
6-12



Emma Lazarus Project
American Jewish Historical Society
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Spotlight on 18 Groundbreaking Jewish Americans
Project Shema
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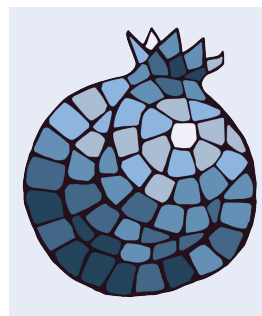
JEWISH IDENTITY



Jewish Diaspora
Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History
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Jewish Diversity
Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History
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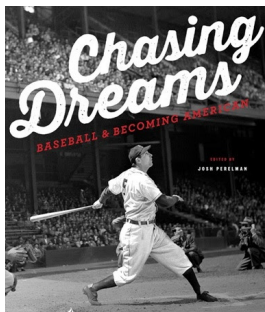
Jewish Peoplehood
Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History
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Language and Ancestral Diversity
Jewish Language Project
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Sephardic and Mizrahi Lesson Plans
JIMENA
9-12



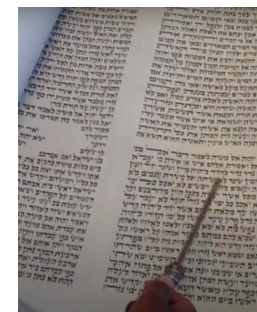
Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American
Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History
K-12



Jewish American: Identity, History and Experience
Institute of Curriculum Services
6-12



Historic Jewish Dress from the Middle East
The Contemporary Jewish Museum
6-12



Jewish Americans video
Institute of Curriculum Services
6-8

AMERICAN JEWISH IMMIGRATION



[Jewish Immigration to United States](#)

Institute Curriculum Services
K-12



[Rush to California Educational Video](#)

The Contemporary Jewish Museum
3-5



[The Levine Family Story](#)

Tenement Museum
All grades



[The Confino Family Story](#)

Tenement Museum
All grades



[The Rogarshevsky Family Story](#)

Tenement Museum
All grades



[The Epstein Family Story](#)

Tenement Museum
All grades



[Reva's Story: Honor Memory](#)

The Skirball
4-12

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For more resources for all ages visit the [Jewish American Heritage Month](#), powered by the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History.

For Holocaust education resources you can visit the [United State Holocaust Memorial Museum](#), [USC Shoah Foundation](#), [Facing History and Ourselves](#), [JFCS Holocaust Center](#), or a Jewish museum in your region.

For resources on teaching about antisemitism from institutions across the country visit [JAHM Understanding Antisemitism](#).

We want to hear from you: Please fill out our [survey](#). We'd like to know what else you'd like to see and how we can best support the teaching of Jewish culture, particularly in the K-5 classroom.

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