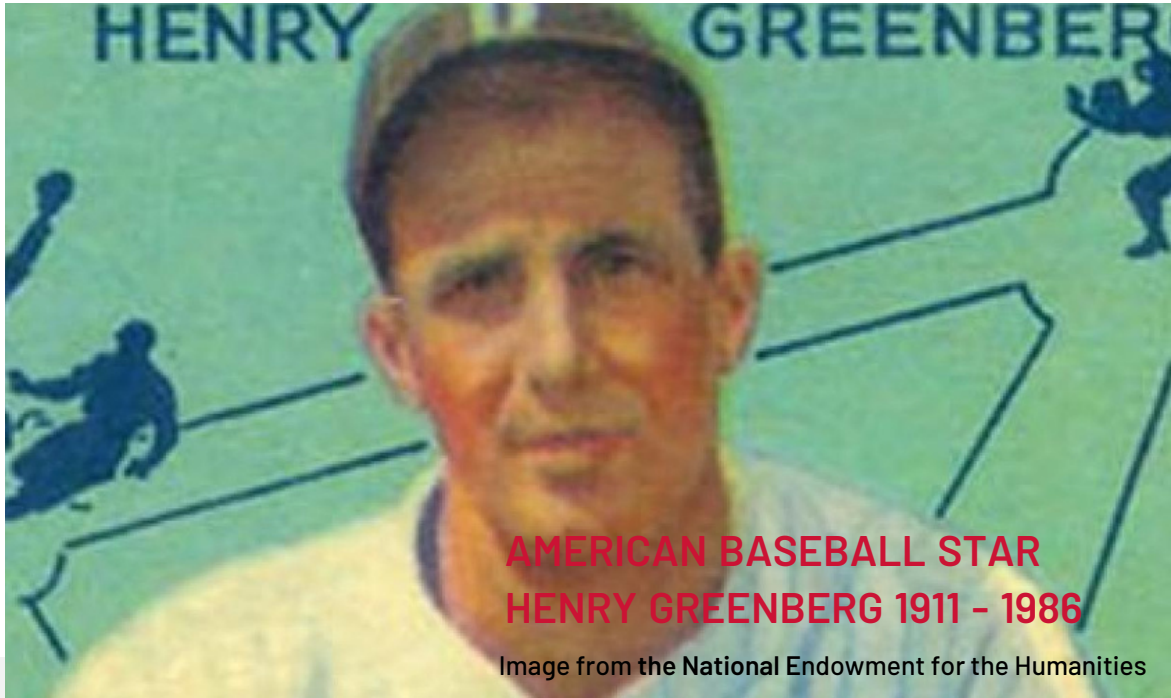


JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

RESOURCE TOOLKIT FOR AMERICAN SPACES

This Resource Toolkit is designed for programming at American Spaces to foster a greater awareness and understanding of the Jewish American community in the United States.



RESOURCES

[Official Jewish American Heritage Month Resources](#)

A compilation of U.S. Government educational resources

[American Library Association](#)

Curated lesson plans

[The National Museum of Jewish American History](#)

Articles on famous Jewish Americans, artifacts, and art

[Holocaust Remembrance Resource Toolkit for American Spaces](#)

Jewish American Heritage Month is a month to celebrate the contributions Jewish Americans have made to America since they first arrived in New Amsterdam in 1654. Jewish American Heritage Month had its origins in 1980 when Congress passed Pub. L. 96-237, which authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating a week in April or May as Jewish Heritage Week. President Carter issued this first proclamation, Presidential Proclamation 4752, in April 1980.

This May American Spaces can promote American values of inclusion and diversity by running programs on this diverse group of Americans.

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KEY VOCABULARY

Abrahamic Religions -

Because Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all recognize Abraham as their first prophet, they are considered Abrahamic religions.

Melting Pot - A place where a variety of peoples, cultures, or individuals assimilate into a cohesive whole.

Yiddish - Language used by Jewish people in Central and Eastern Europe before the Holocaust. It is mainly spoken in the United States, Israel, and Russia.

The Holocaust - The genocide of European Jews during World War II. Nazi Germany and its collaborators systematically murdered some six million Jews.

Anti-Semitism - Hostility to or prejudice against Jewish people.

ARTICLES

- [ShareAmerica: Five Jewish Americans who've made their mark](#)
- [ShareAmerica: A Fall tradition, American Jews observe holy days](#) Pew Research Center
- [A Portrait of Jewish Americans](#)
- [How many Jews are there in the United States?](#)



KANOPY FILMS

Kanopy films are accessible through [eLibraryUSA](#) and can be screened at American Spaces through our agreement with eLibraryUSA. American Spaces can also screen these films online in closed forums.

[RBG Ruth Bader Ginsburg \(100 minutes, 2018\)](#)

This 100-minute documentary explores the life and work of former Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. This film takes a look at the legacy and personal journey of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who was born into a first-generation American Jewish family.

[Supergirl \(80 minutes, 2016\)](#)

This film tells an uplifting story of an 11-year-old Orthodox Jewish weightlifter.

[Nana: A Holocaust Survivor Fighting Intolerance \(100 min, 2017\)](#)

Maryla Michalowski-Dyamant, a Polish Holocaust survivor, was forced to interpret for Josef Mengele, the Nazi Angel of Death. She dedicated her life after the war to speak publicly about her experiences.

[Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story \(89 min, 2017\)](#)

Austrian Actress Hedy Lamarr became one of Hollywood's most famous stars in the 1940s. Behind her talent on camera, Hedy Lamarr was an inventor whose work created the basis for Bluetooth technology.