Jewish American Heritage Month Resources

By Congressional resolution and Presidential proclamation in 2006, Jewish American Heritage Month is commemorated in May and is a national month of recognition of the history of Jewish contributions to American culture, acknowledging the diverse achievement of American Jews.

Below is a list of K-12 curriculum and other education resources to bring Jewish American Heritage Month to schools, communities and homes.

Children's Books
Books about Jewish Culture and Anti-Semitism

Books about Judaism

Books about Genocide and Holocaust

Curriculum

LESSON PLAN

Survival to Service: Examining Lives of Hidden Children of the Holocaust
MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL

Based on the life of a hidden child of the Holocaust, middle and high school students learn about individual stories of loss, survival and rescue to raise awareness about the Holocaust and taking action to combat bias and hate.
LESSON PLAN

Challenging Anti-Semitism: Debunking the Myths and Responding with Facts

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL

This curricular unit includes multi-grade lessons that provide students with a basic understanding of Judaism and the cultural, historical and religious aspects of the U.S. Jewish community and offer facts to refute anti-Semitic myths and stereotypes and ways to effectively respond to anti-Semitic incidents.
LESSON PLAN

Children of the Holocaust: A Discussion Guide
MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL

This discussion guide recounts the war-time experiences of three child survivors to help high school students understand the Holocaust and how it affected the children. These survivors speak for their friends and siblings—the one-and-a-half million children who were murdered during the Holocaust.

LESSON PLAN

Anti-Semitism Around the World: Global 100™
HIGH SCHOOL
A high school lesson that provides students an opportunity to understand more about anti-Semitic attitudes and stereotypes by people around the world, explore the Global 100 website and consider what can be done about anti-Semitic attitudes.

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On the Rise: Anti-Semitism in Europe

This lesson provides an opportunity for students to define anti-Semitism, identify and categorize incidences of anti-Semitism, gain an understanding of the Pyramid of Hate and learn more about the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe.
The People v. Leo Frank, a 2009 film by Ben Loeterman Productions, vividly brings to life one of the most fascinating criminal cases in American history: the 1913 murder of a...

The People v. Leo Frank

This three-part high school curricular unit has been prepared as a companion to Will Eisner's *The Plot*. It aims to increase student understanding of the history of anti-Semitism and the destructive influence of anti-Semitic stereotypes over time and throughout the world.
Aftermath

Aftermath is a foreign language film (recently released on DVD) that tells the story of two brothers from a small town in Poland, outside Warsaw. Franek, who has been living...

Education Programs and Resources

Holocaust Education

Holocaust education programs provide education and resources to help educators and students study the history of the Holocaust.

Words to Action
Words to Action programs empower middle, high school and college students to effectively respond to anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias.