

הקשר היהודי שלך Your Jewish Connection

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May Is JAHM Time!

May is JAHM time – time for Jewish American Heritage Month! According to [Wikipedia](#), JAHM was inaugurated by President George W. Bush in 2006 for the full month of May. Jewish American Heritage Month recognizes and celebrates Jewish American achievements in and contributions to the United States of America. Each year since 2006, the President has issued a proclamation announcing JAHM. You can read proclamations for 2010 to 2015 at the [National Museum of American Jewish History](#). To read the 2016 proclamation, check the [Proclamations page](#) at the White House web site.



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If you're wondering how JAHM came to be, check the [American Jewish Archives](#) for a brief history

If you're wondering how to celebrate or what to do, start with this list at [Reform Judaism](#). There are ideas for reading, listening, watching, cooking, and more. The suggestions are all ways to learn more about the Jewish American experience.

If you're wondering why you may not have heard of JAHM, you're in good company. [The Forward](#) published an article last year indicating that many Americans, including Jews, are not aware of it. Read the article to understand JAHM's history since 2006 and why, as Jews, we need to make all people aware of Jewish American contributions to the USA.

The [Jewish Heritage Month website](#) has a list of audio and video items about the Jewish American experience. There is also a list of events for May on the main page.

Did you know that there are Jewish places on the National Register of Historic Places? Review the highlighted list for JAHM on the [National Park Service website](#) for places in New England and beyond.

Though not directly associated with JAHM, the [Jewish Women's Archive](#) contains information on Jewish American women as well as those from elsewhere. You can find profiles, various collections and programs (including podcasts), as well as instructions on how to capture oral history.

Lastly, JAHM has its [own website](#), listing events and resources. One page of interest is 50 States/50 Stories. It turns out that New Hampshire is not yet represented here. Put on your thinking cap and write about a Jewish American from New Hampshire who made a difference in our state. You can then submit it to JAHM for consideration. Good luck and don't forget to celebrate!



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