



JEWISH AMERICAN

HERITAGE MONTH

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1. Bella Abzug was an American lawyer, U.S. Representative, social activist, and a leader in the women's movement.

2. Rabbi Angela Buchdahl is the first Asian-American to be ordained as a rabbi, and the first Asian-American to be ordained as a hazzan anywhere in the world.

3. Louis D. Brandeis was an American lawyer and associate justice on the Supreme Court of the United States from 1916 to 1939.

4. Daniel Lubetzky is a Mexican and Jewish American billionaire businessman, philanthropist, author, and founder and executive chairman of snack company Kind LLC.

5. Deborah Lipstadt is an American historian, author, and the U.S. State Department's Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism.

6. Jerry S. Cohen was chief counsel to the United Farm Workers, working with Cesar Chavez in the late 1960s to successfully organize tens of thousands of agricultural workers and millions of allies with a nationwide boycott of California table grapes.

7. Sammy Davis Jr. was a famous American singer, dancer, actor, comedian, film producer and television director. He converted to Judaism at age 36, after studying and being inspired by Jewish history.

8. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an American lawyer and jurist who served as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1993 until her death in 2020.

9. Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser was a prominent Reform rabbi leader in the Central Conference of American Rabbis, founding board member of the American Jewish World Service, and a prominent ally of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers.

10. Andrew Goodman was a Jewish American civil rights activist and one of three Congress of Racial Equality field workers murdered by members of the Ku Klux Klan during the 1964 Freedom Summer in Mississippi.

11. Tiffany Haddish is a Jewish American stand-up comedian, actress, and author.

12. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel was a Jewish American rabbi, a leading Jewish philosopher of the 20th century, and a Civil Rights activist.

13. Anna M. Kaplan is a Jewish American politician from Great Neck, New York. She is the first political refugee and the first Iranian-American elected to the New York State Senate.

14. Emma Lazarus was an American author of poetry, prose, and translations, as well as an activist for Jewish causes, best remembered for writing the sonnet "The New Colossus" in 1883.

15. Clara Lemlich was a leader of the Uprising of 20,000, the massive strike of shirtwaist workers in New York's garment industry in 1909.

16. Julius Lester was a Jewish American writer of books for children and adults, civil rights activist, a photographer, and musician who recorded two albums of folk music and original songs.

17. Alejandro Mayorkas is an American government official and attorney who has served as the United States Secretary of Homeland Security since February 2, 2021.

18. Golda Meir was an Israeli-American politician, teacher, and kibbutznik who served as the fourth prime minister and first woman to lead Israel from 1969 to 1974.

19. Raquel Montoya-Lewis is a Jewish and American attorney, social worker, and jurist serving as an Associate Justice of the Washington Supreme Court.

20. Henry Moskowitz was a civil rights activist, and one of the co-founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

21. Daniel Pearl was a journalist for The Wall Street Journal who was kidnapped and later murdered by terrorists in Pakistan.

22. Letty Pogrebin is an American author, journalist, lecturer, feminist social activist, and founding editor of Ms. magazine.

23. Maya Rudolph is a prominent Black and Jewish comedian, actress, and singer.

24. Rose Schneiderman was a socialist and feminist, and one of the most prominent female labor union leaders.

25. Michael Schwerner was a civil rights activist and one of three Congress of Racial Equality field workers killed in Mississippi during the 1964 Freedom Summer, by members of the Ku Klux Klan.

26. Elie Wiesel was a Romanian-born Jewish American writer, professor, political activist, Nobel laureate, and Holocaust survivor.

27. Leo Hirshfield was a Jewish immigrant from Austria who created the Tootsie Roll in 1908.

28. Doug Emhoff, Vice President Kamala Harris' husband, is the United States first Jewish Second Gentleman and focuses his time on combating antisemitism at home and abroad.

29. Everybody who lived in at least part of the 20th century can easily recognize the cultural icon of the roaring lion before every movie by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, known worldwide as MGM. The founders, **Samuel Goldwyn** and **Louis B. Mayer**, were both Jews who immigrated (or their parents did) from Eastern Europe in the mid 19th century.

30. Best known for his comics, **Stan Lee** was a Jewish American comic book writer, editor and publisher and was the former president and chairman of Marvel Comics. Lee created what fans refer to as the Marvel Universe. Stan Lee and artist Jack Kirby created the Hulk, Iron Man, Captain America and the X-Men. With Steve Ditko, he created Doctor Strange and Marvel's most-successful superhero, Spiderman.

31. There were around 2,000 German born Jewish refugees who came to the United States to flee Nazi persecution, only to then go back to Germany to fight Nazis after joining the U.S. military. These German Jews were known as the "**Ritchie Boys**," after training at Camp Ritchie, MD.

