

JEWISH CULTURE



Terms

TORAH: religious text; sacred scroll telling the Old Testament

HEBREW: language used in the Torah and all recited prayer. Yiddish is the international language used by Ashkenazic Jews based in German with Hebrew and other languages

SYNAGOGUE (synagog): house of worship; place for liturgical service, assembly, and study

KOSHER: Torah specified dietary laws that specify how food is prepared, processed, and what food is consumed

MEZUZAH: symbol placed in a doorway to indicate that a Jewish household



Statistics

8.8%

Jewish population
New York

0%

Jewish population
South Dakota

5.8 M/2.4%

4.2 M = Jewish by religion
+
1.5 M = Jewish by culture

Jewish Groups

35% Reform
30% No Denomination
18% Conservative
10% Orthodox
6% Other

50,000

Living Holocaust survivors in the US. The youngest are 70s+

Timeline

586 BC

First Temple destroyed by Babylonians

1763

The Inquisition & Spanish Inquisition

1184-1800s

Oldest still standing Synagogue built, Rhode Island

1940's

Holocaust & establishment of Israel as a country

2004

350th anniversary of Jewish life in America



Values

Tradition

Rituals

Equal Rights

Repairing the World - Social Action/Justice - Tikkun Olam

Core Values articulated by the Torah

People



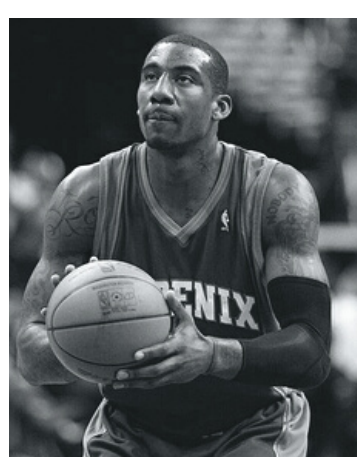
Irving Berlin



Louis Dembitz Brandeis



Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Amar'e Stoudemire

Action

- Commit to one Jewish-friendly action each week!
- Share our Infographic.
- Attend an related event at a Jewish Heritage Center, local college, Holocaust Museum, community center, or synagogue.
- Read, watch, or listen to content from Jewish American creatives.
- Learn about Jewish Americans from history like Sally Priesand, Stan Lee, Sammy Davis Jr. and Henrietta Szold.

