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National History Day 2018 Conflict & Compromise in History

With National History Day quickly approaching, we hope that you'll be considering utilizing all the resources that the National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH) has to offer. The Museum documents over 360 years of information about the lives of Jews in America. These rich stories highlight the history of a group that have had to overcome many obstacles and challenges on their way to understanding what it meant to be both American and Jewish. Whether you're interested in the American Revolution, Civil War, immigration, Feminism, theology, sports, gangsters, superheroes or Civil rights, the Jewish American experience all of these topics and many more.

Are your students stumped trying to find a topic? Have them come view our collections! Potential themes covered by our collections include:

- Abigail Franks (1696 – 1756) and being Jewish in a multifaith society
- Rebecca Gratz (1781 – 1869) and philanthropy
- The development of Reform Judaism (mid-1800s)
- Maintaining one's values and customs on the Oregon Trail (mid-1800s)
- Jewish reactions to slavery and the Civil War (mid-1800s)
- "The Trefa Banquet" (1883)
- Immigration and Americanization (1881 – 1924)
- Clara Lemlich (1886-1982), Rose Schneiderman (1882 – 1972), and labor reforms
- Food science and the development of American kosher standards (mid-1900s)
- Baseball and integration (mid-1900s)
- Zionism and the creation of the State of Israel (1880s-present)
- Leonard Bernstein (1918 – 1990) and the power of music
- Creation of the Borscht Belt (1950s – 1960s)
- Creation of the *bat mitzvah* tradition (mid- to late-1900s)



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