

# ATN NEWSLETTER

May is Canadian Jewish Heritage Month!



**DATES OF NOTE FOR MAY**

- All Month:**
  - Asian Heritage Month**  
(Theme: Stories of Determination)
  - Canadian Jewish Heritage Month**
- May 1st** - Tsuut'ina Day
- May 1st to 7th** - National Week of Action for MMIWG2S, Canadian Mental Health Week
- May 5th** - National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & 2Spirit (MMIWG2S) #RedDressDay, Vesak, Cinco de Mayo
- May 10th** - Bear Witness Day
- May 11th** - [Moose Hide Campaign](#)
- May 17th** - International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia & Transphobia (Theme: [Together Always: United in Diversity](#))
- May 21st** - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

## DENOUCING ANTI-SEMITISM EVERYDAY!

### From the desks of the Antiracist Teachers Network:

Tackling topics of targeted hate towards marginalized groups is not something the AntiRacist Teacher's Network has ever shied away from. With Canadian Jewish Heritage Month starting alongside Asian Heritage Month, we at the ATN decided to pivot and bring awareness to this month by highlighting starting with some key information.

As noted in [B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights Annual Audit of Antisemitic Incidents for 2022](#), almost 8 antisemitic incidents occurred every day in Canada, an increase of one compared to last year. 2021 and 2022 mark some of the highest rates of antisemitic incidents in the organization's auditing history. There was some hope in this final report however as Antisemitic incidents are down as a whole. Alberta officially accepted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)'s definition of the Holocaust in official legislation which reads:

**“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”**

Antisemitic hate, however, still finds a home in Alberta despite our efforts as educators. We must continue to call it out and denounce it in our classrooms and school communities as denialism and targeted hate continues to be recorded. We hope this month's newsletter helps to empower you and your students to tackle this hate head-on, and when unsure B'Nai Birth Canada encourages reporting of any antisemitic incidents experienced or witnessed through [their online form](#), app or over the phone at 1-800-892-BNAI (2624)

# OUR MONTHLY BOOK RECCS

From the ATN Resource Bank!



**K to 4 - Shabbat Shalom!** by Douglas Florian, **The Bagel King** by Andrew Larsen, **All of Me** by Chris Baron, **Get a Grip Vivy Cohen** by Sarah Kapit, **Black Bird, Blue Road** by Sofiya Pasternack

**5 to 9 - This is Just a Test** by Wendy Wan-long Shang and Madelyn Rosenberg, **My Basmati Bat Mitzvah** by Paula J. Freedman, **How to Find What You're Not Looking For** by Veera Hiranandani, **Lily and Dunkin** by Donna Gephart, **Anya and the Dragon** by Sofiya Pasternack, **Looking for Me... In this Great Big Family** by Betsy R. Rosenthal

**10 to 12 - Color Me In** by Natasha E. Diaz, **Night** by Elie Wiesel, **See You Yesterday** by Rachel Lynn Solomon, **Lucy Clark Will Not Apologize** by Margo Rabb, **Camp** by L.C. Rosen, **All Kinds of Other** by James Sie, **The Fever King** by Victoria Lee

**For Teachers - The Art of Leaving** by Ayelet Tsabari, **Kiss the Red Stairs** by Marsha Ledermen, **Flawed** by Andrea Dorfman, **The First Step** by The Azrieli Foundation, **Heroes in my Head** by Judy Rebick

**Reading Challenge!** - **The Asian Readathon** is back for 2023 @asianreadathon on twitter! **The official 2023 Asian Readathon Challenges can be found on Storygraph** with **a supporting Google Doc!**

## COOL STUFF!

- **The Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion** has developed a list of resources for [Jewish Heritage Month](#)
- **The IRHA** and **CIJA** provide guides for **countering Antisemitism** which can find their guides [here](#) and [here](#) respectively.
- Celebrate **Canadian Jewish Culinary History** by going on [an auditory exploration with The Secret Life of Canada!](#)
- Explore the [Jewish Book Council](#) and [Canadian Jewish Literary Awards](#) for the latest reads and recommendations
- [The Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre](#) (OJA) is the largest repository of Jewish life in Canada, including podcasts, webinars and activities for kids.
- **The Canadian Race Relations Foundation** has released videos highlighting [Jewish Canadian Doctors](#) and [Sammy Luftspring](#) a famous Canadian Boxer!
- **The National Film Board** has collected interviews and films highlighting [Canadian Jewish Heritage](#)
- A throwback from our January issue, check out [Here to Tell](#) which is developed by Calgary's Jewish Federation
- **The Azrieli Foundation** [provide a wide variety of Education Resources](#) focused on Holocaust Survivor Memoirs and documenting witness accounts.
- **The Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre** provides [a variety of online programming and resources for learning](#).



## TSUUT'INA DAY (ALSO CALLED THE TSUUT'INA NEW YEAR)

- Begin your explorations by navigating the [Tsuut'ina Nation's official website](#) we recommend [the Living Timeline](#)
- Investigate Tsut'ina further using [The Canadian Encyclopedia](#) as your guide
- The Calgary Guardian has collected [Historical Photos from the Tsuut'ina](#)



**Art Teachers!** Click the picture above to access the **Art Canada Institute's** newsletter platforming **Canadian Jewish Artists!**

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