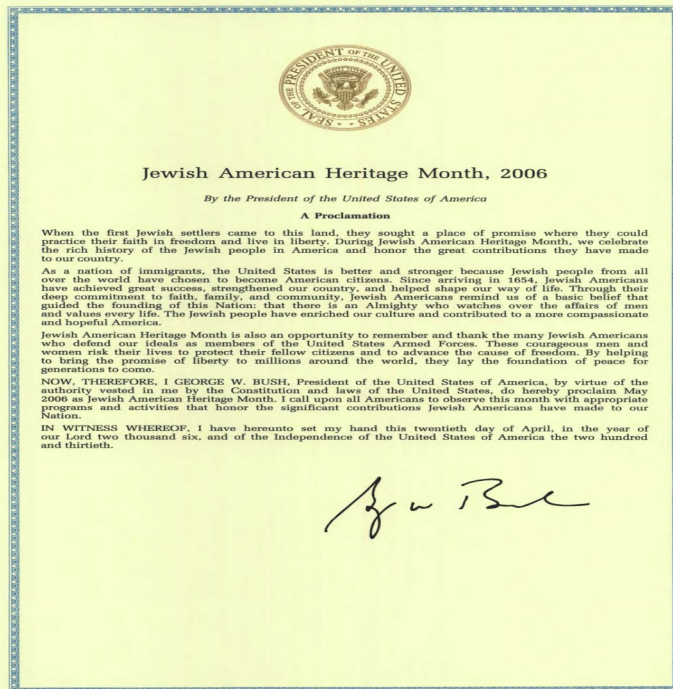




# Jewish American Heritage Month

May



## JAHM

- President George W. Bush first proclaimed the month on April 20, 2006, as a result of cooperation with Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) as well as the Jewish Museum of Florida and the South Florida Jewish Community.
- Since then, annual proclamations have been made by Presidents George W. Bush, Barack Obama, Donald Trump, and Joseph Biden.



# Jewish Americans in Michigan History

## Ezekiel Solomon and Chapman Abraham

In 1761, Ezekiel Solomon and Chapman Abraham were the first known Jewish traders to live and trade with British settlers in Michigan.

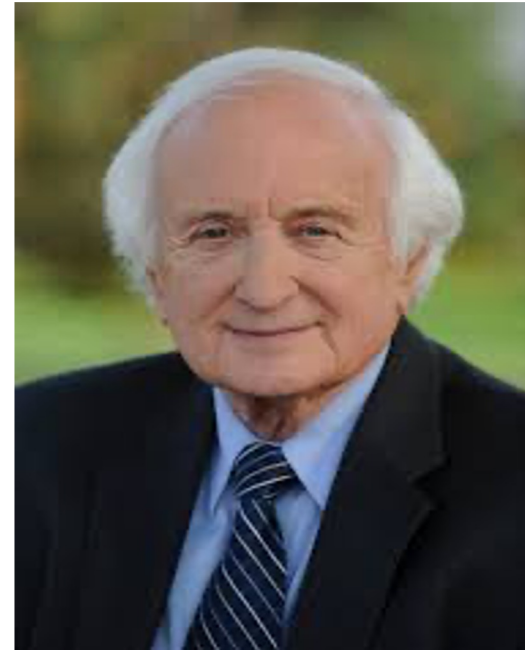


Later waves of Jewish immigrants were attracted to the region for religious freedoms, public education, and profitable trade networks across the region.



**Senator Carl Levin**

**Congressman Sander Levin**



## Enduring legacies



**Max Fisher**

Business and Politics



**Myra Wolfgang**

Activism and Workers Rights



**Arthur Miller**

Art and Literature



**Elsie Sulzberger**

Maternal Health



# Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor has a rich history of Jewish contributions



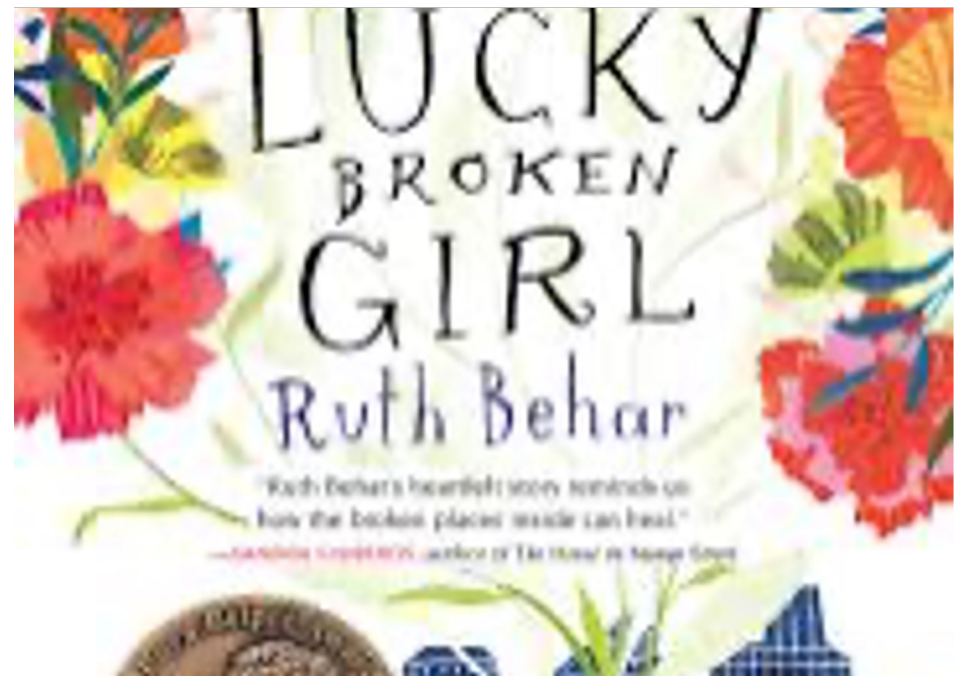
Education  
Art  
Activism  
Community

# Ruth Behar



Ruth is known for her humanistic approach to understanding identity, immigration, and the search for home in our global era. She is now the Victor Haim Perera Collegiate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Michigan.

Ruth Behar is a Cuban-American anthropologist and writer. Her work includes academic studies, as well as poetry, memoir, and literary fiction. She settled in Ann Arbor and has traveled as an ethnographer in Spain, Mexico, and Cuba.





## Sooji Min-Maranda



Sooji Min-Maranda is a non-profit executive who advocates for strategic partnerships, racial justice and efficient, effective resource allocation.

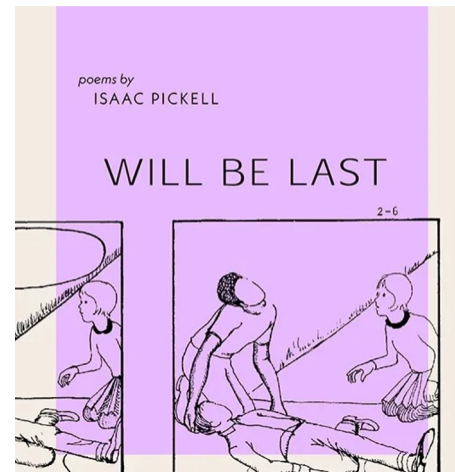


## Zilka Joseph

Zilka Joseph's work is influenced by Indian and Western cultures and by her Bene Israel roots. Her new book, *Sweet Malida: Memories of a Bene Israel Woman*, engages with the centuries-long history and legends of the Bene Israel Jews of India, and food, culture, and childhood memories.

# Isaac Pickell

Isaac Pickell is a Black and Jewish poet, PhD candidate, and adjunct instructor in Detroit. A Cave Canem Fellow, Isaac is a graduate of Miami University's MFA program.



# Resources

## Resources

- [Jewish American Heritage Month from the New York Public Library](#)
- [Jewish American Heritage Month from The National Archives](#)
- [San Diego County Office of Education Guide to Observing Jewish American Heritage Month](#)
- [Jewish American Heritage Month from the Library of Congress](#)

