



April:

Autism Acceptance Month

Did You Know?

KROST DEIB COMMITTEE EXPLAINS

We celebrate Autism Awareness Month in April to educate communities and ultimately raise awareness about autism. The Autism Society held its first National Autism Awareness month in April of 1970, over 50 years ago. Autism is now the fastest growing developmental disability in the world. The diagnosis rate of children with autism increased from 1 in every 2000 children back in the 70's and 80's to now, 1 in every 68 children.

April 2nd kicks off a month of events and is also known as World Autism Day. There are several communities throughout the US that hold fundraisers, such as awareness walks.



Puzzle pieces and the color blue are global symbols for Autism Spectrum Disorder. Through these continual awareness efforts, there are a variety of children's books to start important conversations as well.

There are many ways to get involved in the global discussion surrounding autism. Simply click on the link below.

We want to know about your traditions, customs, and cultural recipes.

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We recognize this list is not comprehensive. If we missed a celebration that is important to you, please share with us!



ALL MONTH

Ramadan (Muslim)

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.

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APRIL 8

National Day of Silence

This student led movement to protest bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, and transgender (LGBT) students and those who support them.

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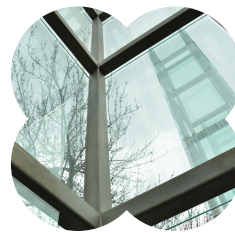


**MARCH 13 -
APRIL 15**

Deaf History Month

Deaf History Month is celebrated every year from March 13th to April 15th to recognize the accomplishments of people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

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APRIL 27-28

Yom HaShoah (Jewish)

Commemorating the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the heroism of survivors and rescuers.

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Nat'l Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities, as well as the barriers faced in connecting to communities.

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APRIL 6

International Asexuality Acceptance

International Asexuality Day is a coordinated worldwide campaign promoting the ace umbrella, including demisexual, grey-asexual, and other ace identities. The four themes are advocacy, celebration, education, and solidarity.

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APRIL 15

Passover (Jewish)

Celebrates the exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The beginning of the eight-day celebration is marked with the ritual feast called the Passover Seder. It is one of the biblically ordained Three Pilgrimage Festivals.

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APRIL 17

Easter (Christian)

Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus, which is one of the core tenets of the Christian faith. The celebration also marks the end of Lent, a 40-day period of penance.

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APRIL 22

Earth Day

An annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was created in response to the 1969 Santa Barbara Oil Spill. Each year has a specific theme to call attention to a major environmental issue.

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