



JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH



NOTABLE JEWISH CANADIANS

Howie Mandel



Howie Mandel was born and lived in the Willowdale area of Toronto, Ontario. Mandel is Jewish (his ancestors emigrated from Romania and Poland) and a distant cousin to violinist Itzhak Perlman.

Howard Michael Mandel (born November 29, 1955) is a Canadian comedian, actor and television host. He is known as host of the NBC game show *Deal or No Deal*, as well as the show's daytime and Canadian-English counterparts. His career as a game show host, Mandel was best known for his role as rowdy ER intern Dr. Wayne Fiscus on the NBC medical drama *St. Elsewhere*. He is also well known for being the creator and star of the children's cartoon *Bobby's World*, as well as a judge on NBC's *America's Got Talent*.

Seth Rogen



An actor, comedian and writer, Seth Rogen was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, to Sandy (Belogus), a social worker, and Mark Rogen, who worked for non-profits. His father is American-born and his mother is Canadian. He is of Russian Jewish descent. He attended Vancouver Talmud Torah Elementary School and Point Grey Secondary School (although he dropped out of high school to move to Los Angeles) and was known for the stand-up comedy he performed at Camp Miriam, a Habonim Dror camp. At sixteen, Rogen placed second in the 1998 Vancouver Amateur Comedy Contest.

Rogen was named the Canadian Comedy Person of the Year by the Canadian Comedy Awards in both 2008 and 2009.

Rosalie Abella



In 2004, Prime Minister Paul Martin appointed Rosalie Abella to serve on the Supreme Court of Canada. She became the first Jewish woman to sit on the bench.

In January 2016, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law's Centre for International Human Rights named Rosalie Abella the Global Jurist of the Year for her outstanding, lifelong commitment to international criminal justice and human rights. Abella is the youngest Canadian and first Jewish woman to be named to the bench. She was also the first pregnant judge in Canadian history. Her work and status in the justice system is an inspiration to all.

Joe Shuster



Joe Shuster was a Canadian-American comic book artist best known for co-creating the DC Comics character Superman, with writer Jerry Siegel, in *Action Comics* #1 (cover-dated June 1938).

Joseph Shuster was born in Toronto, to a Jewish family. His father, Julius Shuster (originally Shusterowich), an immigrant from Rotterdam, had a tailor shop in Toronto's garment district. His mother, Ida (Katharske), had come from Kiev in Ukraine. His family, including his sister, Jean, lived on Bathurst, Oxford, and Borden Streets, and Shuster attended Ryerson and Lansdowne Public Schools.

Molly Shoichet



Molly Shoichet was Ontario's first Chief Scientist. Known for her work in tissue engineering, she is an award-winning biomedical engineer. The University of Toronto recognized Molly as "Inventor of the Year" in 2013 and she was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2017.

