

# The Inspiring Story of Jewish American Fighter Pilots in Modern Jewish History

The history of Jewish American fighter pilots is a long and distinguished one. From the early days of aviation to the present, Jews have served with honor and distinction in the United States military, and have made significant contributions to the defense of our country.



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One of the earliest Jewish American fighter pilots was **Ira Clarence Eaker**, who was born in Texas in 1886. Eaker enlisted in the Army Air Service in 1917 and served as a fighter pilot in World War I. After the war, he continued to serve in the military and rose to the rank of general. During World War II, he commanded the Eighth Air Force, which played a major role in the Allied victory.

Another notable Jewish American fighter pilot was **Benjamin O. Davis Jr.**, who was born in Washington, D.C., in 1912. Davis was the first African American to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West

Point. He served as a fighter pilot in World War II and the Korean War, and rose to the rank of brigadier general.

In recent years, Jewish American fighter pilots have continued to serve with distinction in the United States military. One of the most famous Jewish American fighter pilots is **Colonel Gail Halvorsen**, who flew 32 combat missions over Iraq and Afghanistan. Halvorsen is known for dropping candy from his plane to children in Iraq and Afghanistan, a gesture that earned him the nickname "The Candy Bomber".

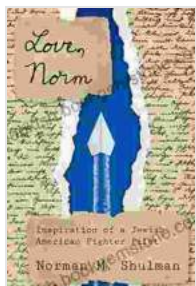
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**Here are some additional facts about Jewish American fighter pilots:**

- **Jewish Americans have served in every major conflict in American history, from the Revolutionary War to the present day.**
- **Jewish Americans have been awarded more than 500 Medals of Honor for their service in the military.**
- **Jewish Americans make up a disproportionately large number of fighter pilots in the United States military.**
- **Jewish American fighter pilots have played a major role in the development of aerial warfare.**

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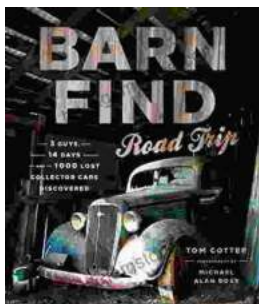
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