



JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- WHEREAS,** the City of Berkeley takes great pride in supporting individual freedoms and is strengthened by the diverse religious, ethnic, political, and cultural contributions of its residents, including Jewish Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** the history of Judaism on this continent dates back to 1654, when 23 Jewish refugees fleeing persecution abroad sailed into modern-day New York City; and
- WHEREAS,** over 350,000 Jewish Americans live in the Bay Area and make invaluable and significant contributions to the fabric of our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Berkeley is home to a wide variety of Jewish institutions that cultivate space for sacred worship, study, and community, such as synagogues, community centers, preschools, non-profits, campus organizations, and more; and
- WHEREAS,** Jewish Americans are diverse, encompassing a wide range of identities, beliefs, racial backgrounds, lived experiences, observances, and cultural traditions, with connections to vibrant Jewish communities worldwide; and
- WHEREAS,** Tikkun olam, or "repairing the world," is a meaningful expression of Jewish values for many Jews, reflected in the involvement of countless Jewish Americans in movements for social progress, justice, equity, freedom, and liberation throughout American history; and

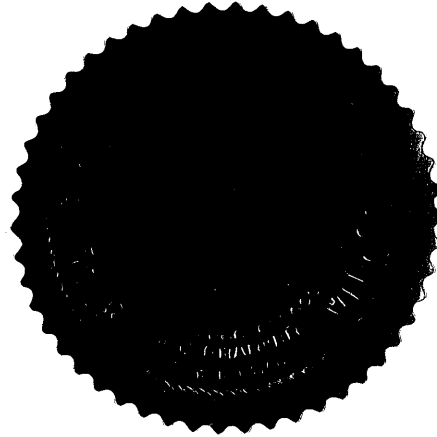
WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley honors the resilience of Jewish Americans amid a troubling rise in antisemitism in recent years, and reaffirms the shared moral responsibility to stand forcefully against all forms of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley City Council acknowledges the importance of local government in celebrating its diverse communities and advocating for equity and justice and reaffirms that Jews everywhere deserve to live in peace, dignity, and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Adena Ishii, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby declare May 2025 as

Jewish American Heritage Month

Adena Ishii
Mayor



May 20, 2025