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RESOLUTION NO.

1	[Jewish American Heritage Month - May 2025]
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3	Resolution declaring the month of May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the
4	City and County of San Francisco and honoring the contributions of Jewish Americans
5	to the cultural, civic, and historic fabric of the city.
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7	WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month is a time to honor the generations of
8	Jewish Americans who have enriched the cultural, civic, and spiritual life of our country,
9	including here in San Francisco, where the Jewish community has been an integral piece of
10	the City since its earliest days; and
11	WHEREAS, In the mid-1800s, thousands of Jewish immigrants, many fleeing
12	persecution in Central Europe arrived in a young, rapidly growing San Francisco during the
13	Gold Rush where they found opportunity, community, and a rare sense of acceptance in
14	contrast to many other American cities where Jews faced deep discrimination, San Francisco
15	welcomed them as part of its founding story; and
16	WHEREAS, These early Jewish San Franciscans became merchants, civic leaders,
17	and philanthropists, shaping the city alongside their neighbors; and
18	WHEREAS, By the 1870s, San Francisco had the second largest Jewish population in
19	the U.S., and the city became known as the birthplace of a uniquely Western, secular, and
20	reform-minded Jewish identity; and
21	WHEREAS, Jewish San Franciscans continue to connect to their Jewish identity in a
22	variety of ways, such as culturally, ethnically, religiously and by following Jewish ethics and
23	values; and
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WHEREAS, Jewish San Franciscans are racially, ethnically, socially, politically and
 economically diverse, and around 25% of Bay Area Jewish households include a person of
 color; and

WHEREAS, Jewish communities have faced persistent discrimination, scapegoating,
and violence, including a troubling rise in antisemitic rhetoric and attacks in recent years; and
WHEREAS, In 2024, nationwide antisemitic incidents, including physical attacks,
vandalism, and verbal, online and physical harassment reached all-time highs according to
the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and 42% of surveyed Bay Area Jews directly witnessed or
experienced antisemitism in the past year according to the Jewish Community Relations

10 Council (JCRC); and

11 WHEREAS, Implicit bias and antisemitic attitudes contribute to this rise in antisemitism,

12 with 67% of Bay Area Jews surveyed by JCRC in 2024 reporting that people make

13 assumptions about them because they are Jewish, and in 2024 the ADL found 24% of

14 Americans surveyed endorsed six or more anti-Jewish tropes; and

15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco stands firmly against antisemitism

and all forms of hate, and reaffirms its commitment to being a safe, inclusive, and welcoming

17 city for people of all faiths, ethnicities, and identities; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month invites us not only to celebrate the
achievements of Jewish Americans, but to reflect on the ongoing need to defend democratic
values, fight bigotry, and build bridges across communities; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the 22 month of May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City and County of San 23 Francisco, and honors the resilience, contributions, and rich cultural legacy of Jewish

Americans, past, present, and future; and

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1	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will continue
2	efforts to confront antisemitism and other forms of hate impacting the Jewish community,
3	support local education about the diversity of our Jewish community, and integrate Jewish
4	culture into future programs, activities, and ceremonies throughout the year.
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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): \square 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) \square 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only) \square 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor 4. inquires..." 5. City Attorney Request Call File No. \square 6. from Committee. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion) 7. Substitute Legislation File No. \square 8. Reactivate File No. 9. \square Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on 10. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes): □ Small Business Commission □ Ethics Commission □ Youth Commission □ Building Inspection Commission □ Human Resources Department □ Planning Commission General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53): \Box Yes \square No (Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.) Sponsor(s): Subject: Long Title or text listed: