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1	[Jewish American Heritage Month - May 2024]
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3	Resolution recognizing May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City and
4	County of San Francisco.
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6	WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have been an important part of the American story and
7	have greatly contributed to all areas of American life and culture since our nation's earliest
8	days; and
9	WHEREAS, On April 20, 2006, the Federal Government proclaimed May as Jewish
10	American Heritage Month, stating, "As a nation of immigrants, the United States is better and
11	stronger because Jewish people from all over the world have chosen to become American
12	citizens," and, since then, proclamations in support of Jewish American Heritage Month have
13	been made by Presidents of the United States annually; and
14	WHEREAS, Generations of Jews have fled to the United States in search of a better
15	life for themselves and their families, and these immigrants made invaluable contributions in
16	support of equality and civil rights through their leadership and achievements; and
17	WHEREAS, Jewish Americans connect to their Jewish identity in a variety of ways,
18	such as culturally, ethnically, religiously and by following Jewish ethics and values; and
19	WHEREAS, Jewish Americans are racially, ethnically, socially, politically and
20	economically diverse, and around 25 percent of Bay Area Jewish households include a
21	person of color, increasing to nearly 40 percent of households if the head of the household is
22	younger than 35; and
23	WHEREAS, At the start of 2023, antisemitism was already at an all-time high, including
24	but not limited to physical attacks, vandalism, verbal and physical harassment, and hateful

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comments posted on social media; and

1	WHEREAS, Antisemitism rose exponentially this past year, with a reported 360%
2	increase in antisemitic incidents in the U.S. during the three months following October 7,
3	2023; and
4	WHEREAS, Implicit bias and antisemitic attitudes are widespread today, with 63% of
5	Jews surveyed in the Bay Area in 2023 agreed that people make assumptions about them
6	because they are Jewish, and the Anti-Defamation Legue (ADL) found 24% of Americans
7	surveyed endorsed six or more anti-Jewish tropes in 2024; and
8	WHEREAS, San Francisco shares an obligation to condemn and combat antisemitism
9	wherever it exists, to include Jewish Americans in all facets of civic life, and to stand with the
10	Jewish American community against hatred or bigotry in our city and country; and
11	WHEREAS, There is a need for education and policies that are culturally competent
12	when describing, discussing, or addressing the impacts of being Jewish in all aspects of
13	American society, including discourse and policy; and
14	WHEREAS, We celebrate the rich and diverse heritage of the Jewish American
15	community, including those who live, work and play in San Francisco, and;
16	WHEREAS, We recognize Jewish American commitment to civic engagement and how
17	San Francisco has been enriched by local Jewish institutions; now, therefore, be it
18	RESOLVED, That San Francisco hereby declares the month of May as Jewish
19	American Heritage Month in appreciation of the achievements and contributions made by
20	members of the Jewish community; now, therefore, be it
21	FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
22	Francisco calls upon all residents to celebrate Jewish Americans who have woven the fabric
23	of our country and community, and supports opportunities to learn more about Jewish
24	American history and culture; now, therefore, be it

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1	FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco will continue efforts to confront
2	antisemitism and other forms of hate impacting the Jewish community, support local
3	education about the diversity of our Jewish American community, and integrate Jewish
4	American 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)

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	3.	Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee		
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	7.	Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)		
	8.	Substitute Legislation File No.		
	9.	Reactivate File No.		
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