

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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1 WHEREAS, Jewish San Franciscans are racially, ethnically, socially, politically and
2 economically diverse, and around 25% of Bay Area Jewish households include a person of
3 color; and

4 WHEREAS, Jewish communities have faced persistent discrimination, scapegoating,
5 and violence, including a troubling rise in antisemitic rhetoric and attacks in recent years; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2024, nationwide antisemitic incidents, including physical attacks,
7 vandalism, and verbal, online and physical harassment reached all-time highs according to
8 the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and 42% of surveyed Bay Area Jews directly witnessed or
9 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
16 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

18 WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month invites us not only to celebrate the
19 achievements of Jewish Americans, but to reflect on the ongoing need to defend democratic
20 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
24 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.



City and County of San Francisco
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Resolution

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May 13, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sauter,
Sherrill and Walton
Excused: 1 - Mandelman

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/13/2025 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

05/23/2025

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

05/23/2025

Date