FILE NO. 260465 RESOLUTION NO. 268-26

[Jewish American Heritage Month - May 2026 - San Francisco Jewish Week - May 9 through 16, 2026]

Resolution recognizing May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month; and May 9 through 16, 2026, as San Francisco Jewish Week in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Generations of Jewish Americans have enriched the cultural, civic, and spiritual life of the United States and San Francisco from their earliest days; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1800s, thousands of Jewish immigrants—many fleeing persecution in Central Europe—arrived in a rapidly growing San Francisco during the Gold Rush where they found opportunity, community, and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, In contrast to many other American cities where Jews faced deep discrimination, San Francisco welcomed them as part of its founding story; and

WHEREAS, These early Jewish San Franciscans, free to build rather than assimilate into existing power structures, became merchants, civic leaders, and philanthropists, shaping the City alongside their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, By the 1870s, San Francisco had the second-largest Jewish population in the U.S., and the City became known as the birthplace of a uniquely Western, secular, and reform-minded Jewish identity; and

WHEREAS, Jewish institutions across San Francisco have laid the foundation for a community that has continued to evolve—enriching diversity, civic responsibility, and a commitment to justice, while maintaining deep cultural roots; and

WHEREAS, Throughout history and into the present day, Jewish communities have faced persistent discrimination and violence, including a troubling rise in antisemitic rhetoric and attacks across the United States in recent years; and

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 City for people of all faiths, ethnicities, and identities; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month, observed each May, is a longstanding national tradition first proclaimed in 2006 and reaffirmed by every president since, recognizing the more than 350 years of Jewish life, contribution, and community in America and serving as an annual invitation for all Americans to learn from, celebrate, and take pride in the depth and breadth of Jewish American heritage; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco Jewish Week, occurring in its second annual celebration from May 9 through 16, 2026 is a vibrant, joyful, citywide celebration of Jewish culture, community, and connection through food, music, culture, and family, bringing together a diverse and wide range of Jewish identities, traditions, and backgrounds that reflect the full spectrum of Jewish life in San Francisco, made possible through the dedicated sponsorship and organization of Value Culture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the month of May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month and May 9 through 16, 2026 as San Francisco Jewish Week in the City and County of San Francisco and honors the contributions and extraordinarily rich cultural legacy of Jewish Americans—celebrating centuries of Jewish life, creativity, and community.

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May 05, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong
Excused: 2 - Fielder and Mahmood

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/5/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

for **Angela Calvillo**
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

05/15/2026

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

05/15/2026

Date