


City of Richmond

# Proclamation



## Jewish Heritage Month

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond honors and celebrates the significant contributions of Jewish Americans to our community, culture, and society; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish American Heritage Month is a time to acknowledge the rich history, enduring spirit, and invaluable contributions of the Jewish people who have greatly enriched the fabric of American life in diverse fields such as education, science, arts, business, and public service; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout history, Jewish Americans have persevered in the face of adversity, maintaining a resilient commitment to faith and tradition that has strengthened the moral fabric of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jewish community in Richmond has been an integral part of our city's development, contributing to our cultural diversity, economic vitality, and communal strength; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to remember and educate about the darker periods of Jewish history marked by persecution and immense suffering, as well as to celebrate the community's triumphs over such adversity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond is committed to upholding the values of inclusivity and respect for all individuals, and recognizes the importance of standing in solidarity against all forms of hatred and discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond reaffirms its commitment to promoting human dignity, fighting bigotry, and safeguarding the freedoms of religion and expression for all its citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Mayor Eduardo Martinez, on behalf of the City of Richmond, hereby proclaim May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Richmond. I urge all residents to join in this observance, recognizing the contributions, history, and lessons of our Jewish citizens, and to actively participate in the scheduled educational and cultural activities throughout the month.

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Mayor Eduardo Martinez  
City of Richmond  
April 30, 2024

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District 1 Councilmember  
City of Richmond

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