

*City of Santa Clara*  
**Proclamation**

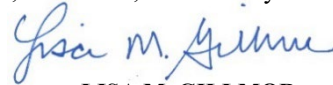
- WHEREAS,** President George W. Bush first proclaimed Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM) on April 20, 2006, as a result of cooperation with Senator Arlen Specter, as well as the Jewish Museum of Florida and the South Florida Jewish Community; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2020 the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia repositioned Jewish American Heritage Month to May to empower communities across the country to celebrate the inspiring history of Jewish people in America; educate diverse public audiences about Jewish culture; and spark crucial conversations about the American Jewish present and future; and
- WHEREAS,** May was chosen as the month of Jewish American Heritage Month because of the successful 350th Anniversary Celebration of Jews in America marking the Jewish arrival in New Amsterdam. Each May, hundreds of organizations and Americans of all backgrounds join together to discover, explore, and celebrate the vibrant and varied American Jewish experience from the dawn of our nation to the present day; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Santa Clara is committed to inclusion and human dignity, and actively condemns antisemitism and all forms of hate, ensuring Jewish Americans are fully embraced in every aspect of civic and communal life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Santa Clara, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026, as

**JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

in the City of Santa Clara and do hereby urge all citizens to recognize and celebrate American Jews' achievements and contributions to the United States of America during the month of May.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.



**LISA M. GILLMOR**  
MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA



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