



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

Proclaiming Jewish American Heritage Month in Sebastopol in May 2026

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have been an important part of the American story and have greatly contributed to all areas of American life and culture since our nation's earliest days; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2006, the Federal Government first proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month, stating, "As a nation of immigrants, the United States is better and stronger because Jewish people from all over the world have chosen to become American citizens;" and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans connect to their Jewish identity in many ways, including culturally, ethnically, religiously, and through Jewish ethics and values, creating a community that is racially, socially, politically, and economically diverse; and

WHEREAS, we recognize Jewish American commitment to civic engagement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Jill McLewis, on behalf of the City of Sebastopol, hereby declare the month of May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month in appreciation of the achievements and contributions made by members of our Jewish American community; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sebastopol will continue effort to confront antisemitism and hate impacting the Jewish community, support education about the diversity of our Jewish American community, and integrate Jewish American culture into year-round programs, activities, and ceremonies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 5th day of May 2026.

Jill McLewis
Mayor, City of Sebastopol