

**San Mateo Union High School District
Proclamation Recognizing May 1-31, 2026
As Jewish American Heritage Month**

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2006, the Federal Government proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM), 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.” Celebrated annually in May, JAHM, honors and recognizes more than 350 years of Jewish contributions in American society, arts, culture, and history; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have played a vital role in the development of the United States contributing significantly to all areas of American life and culture since our nation’s earliest days; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish American experience is a story of faith, resilience and progress as generations have immigrated to this country seeking opportunities and making priceless contributions in support of equality and civil rights through their leadership and achievements; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans express and experience their Jewish identity in a variety of ways, including culturally, ethnically, religiously and through shared values and traditions and represent a community that is racially, ethnically, socially, politically and economically diverse; and

WHEREAS, many Jewish Americans continue to face prejudice, bigotry, and violence as they experience a documented rise in antisemitic events. The San Mateo Union High School District is committed to providing a safe learning and working environment that is free from discrimination and harassment. The District denounces bullying, hazing, hate incidents or any behavior that infringes on the safety or well-being of students, employees, or any person within the District’s jurisdiction without regard to intent, as outlined in the District’s [Bulletin on Responding to and Reporting Bullying, Hazing, and Hate Incidents and Crimes](#); and

WHEREAS, SMUHSD shares a responsibility to actively condemn and combat antisemitism wherever it exists, to include Jewish Americans in all facets of civic life, and to stand with the Jewish American community against hatred or bigotry in our District and country; and

WHEREAS, SMUHSD has an important role to play in educating students about the Jewish people through the curricula that accurately represents their history, contributions and lived experiences; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the rich and diverse heritage of the Jewish American community, including those who live, work, and contribute to the SMUHSD community, and;

WHEREAS, we recognize Jewish American commitment to civic engagement and how SMUHSD has been enriched by local Jewish institutions and synagogues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board that the San Mateo Union High School District hereby declares the month of May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month in appreciation of the achievements and contributions made by members of the Jewish community.

The SMUHSD Board of Trustees calls upon all members of our community to celebrate Jewish Americans who have woven the fabric of our country and community, and supports opportunities to learn more about Jewish American history and culture through sources such as the website <https://jewishamericanheritage.org/>.

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Passed and adopted on the 30th day of April, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Randall F. Baker", followed by a horizontal line.

Superintendent

Teri Chavez

President, Board of Trustees