



March 30, 2026

Jewish Americans have been present at every chapter of our nation's story for nearly 250 years. They fought in the Revolutionary War, built businesses on Main Streets across America, shaped our arts and sciences, served in every branch of the military, and helped construct the legal, cultural, and civic institutions that define American life today. Jewish Americans are not a recent addition to the American story; they are part of its foundation.

Since 2006, every U.S. President has recognized May as Jewish American Heritage Month, honoring that legacy. As mayors, we can bring that recognition home to our neighborhoods, our schools, and the residents who make our cities great.

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The City of Albuquerque is partnering with the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) to invite mayors across the United States Conference of Mayors to stand together visibly and joyfully in recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month in May 2026.

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I encourage every mayor to take two concrete steps this May:

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1. Issue a proclamation affirming that Jewish Americans are an integral and celebrated part of your city's history and future.

[www.cabq.gov](http://www.cabq.gov)

2. Host or participate in a community event such as a municipal ceremony, cultural celebration, or community gathering, that brings residents together to learn about and honor Jewish American contributions to your city and our country.

When we celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month, we are celebrating American history. We are recognizing neighbors, colleagues, and fellow citizens whose presence has enriched every corner of this country. A proclamation puts that recognition on the record. An event makes it real, visible, and communal.

At a time when antisemitism is on the rise, public recognition like this sends a powerful message. It tells Jewish residents, and everyone in our communities, that

Jewish life is valued, that Jewish history is our shared history, and that belonging to our communities is not conditional.

Last year, Mayor Gloria of San Diego led this initiative with more than 200 mayors participating nationwide. In 2026, let us build on that momentum with our strongest showing yet.

Cities can draw on educational resources, event ideas, and program guides available through CAM's initiative at [jewishheritage.info](http://jewishheritage.info). CAM stands ready to support your office with implementation, community engagement, and programming.

I urge you to sign the attached statement, issue a proclamation, and plan an event. Let May 2026 be a month when Jewish Americans in cities across this country feel the full pride and recognition they have always deserved.

A draft proclamation is attached. Please contact CAM's Chief Government Affairs Officer, Lisa Katz, at [lisa@combatantisemitism.org](mailto:lisa@combatantisemitism.org) for assistance or for more information.

Respectfully,



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Mayor of Albuquerque, New Mexico