
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 195
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Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Jewish American Heritage Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month in California and would commend the Jewish American community for its profound contributions to California's growth, innovation, and diversity, and would state that the Legislature encourages all Californians to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) May is nationally recognized as Jewish American Heritage Month, first proclaimed in 2006, celebrating more than 350 years of Jewish contributions to the United States and underscoring our nation's commitment to religious liberty.
- 2) Jewish Californians have built thriving agricultural enterprises and retail institutions, helped establish the first department stores and nonprofit organizations in Los Angeles, and pioneered the motion picture industry that defined Hollywood, led by figures such as Louis B. Mayer and Jack Warner.
- 3) Jewish Americans have played a significant role in the labor movement in California, advocating for fair wages, safe working conditions, and workers' rights, including leadership in the garment, retail, and entertainment industries in Los Angeles and across the state, where Jewish labor organizers and attorneys helped strengthen protections for immigrant and working-class communities and supported the growth of unions representing film, service, and manufacturing workers, building on the national labor leadership of Sidney

Hillman, whose work helped advance workers' rights and labor protections across the United States.

- 4) Today, approximately 1.2 million Jews live in California—the nation's second-largest Jewish population—including growing numbers of multiracial, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and Latino Jews, sustaining a vibrant and diverse network of synagogues, schools, social service agencies, museums, and cultural centers.
- 5) Jewish American Heritage Month invites Californians of every background to explore Jewish history, culture, and resilience, honoring generations who helped forge “a more perfect union” and continue to advance the cultural, economic, and civic life of our state and nation.

This resolution encourages all Californians to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month by deepening their understanding of Jewish history and culture, participating in appropriate programs and ceremonies, and standing united against antisemitism.

Related/Prior Legislation

SCR 178 (Becker, 2026) – Held at Assembly Desk.

SR 47 (Stern, 2025) – Adopted in Senate.

HR 40 (Gabriel, 2023) – Adopted in Assembly.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/26/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 5/26/26)

None received

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