

BERKELEY'S 21ST ANNUAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

- WHEREAS,** the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic genocide of more than six million European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and
- WHEREAS,** the Holocaust was a crime of shocking inhumanity, targeting for persecution and death, six million Jews and also Roma and Sinti people, those with mental illness and physical disabilities, homosexuals, Slavs, Poles, and members of anti-Nazi networks from throughout Europe; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Berkeley recognizes that memory is what shapes and teaches us; and
- WHEREAS,** false information on the Holocaust continues to deny and trivialize the truth of what took place during the Nazi regime and, for the benefit of past, present and future generations, we must never forget the appalling crimes of the Holocaust; and
- WHEREAS,** in January 2024 the Anti-Defamation League reported skyrocketing antisemitic incidents in the U.S., having recorded a total of 3,291 antisemitic incidents in the prior three months, a 361-percent increase compared to the same period one year prior; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of Berkeley's Holocaust Remembrance Day is to join together as a community to commemorate the Holocaust, to honor survivors who chose to rebuild their lives in the Bay Area, and to reflect on the need to respect all people.

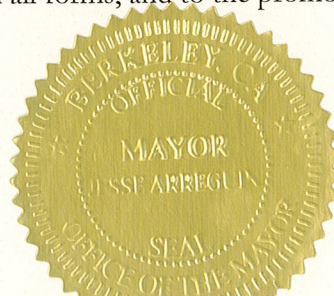
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2024 as

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in the City of Berkeley, in memory of those who were murdered and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the City of Berkeley is committed to commemorating Holocaust Remembrance Day every year and to never forgetting the events of the Holocaust and to working actively to combat antisemitism, racism, bigotry, and hatred in all forms, and to the promotion of human rights and dignity for all.

Jesse Arreguin
Mayor



May 5, 2024