



Gahanna

Proclamation

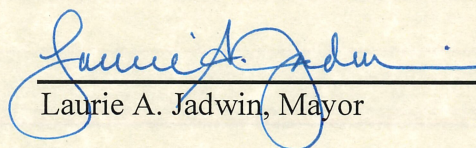
NATIONAL JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

May 2026

- WHEREAS:** Ever since 1654, when Jewish immigrants first arrived on the shores of what is now the United States, Jewish people have helped shape the growth, freedom, prosperity, and strength of our nation; and
- WHEREAS:** As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary, Jewish American Heritage Month offers an opportunity to recognize the generations of Jewish Americans whose contributions have helped define our nation's history, culture, civic life, and democratic ideals; and
- WHEREAS:** President Jimmy Carter first recognized Jewish Heritage Week in 1980, laying the foundation for a national observance honoring the contributions of Jewish Americans, and in 2006, Jewish American Heritage Month was formally established, with every President since continuing this annual recognition and affirming the enduring impact of Jewish Americans on American society, serving as an antidote to antisemitism; and
- WHEREAS:** Jewish Americans have contributed to every facet of American life through achievements and service in science, medicine, education, business, law, public service, labor, literature, media, arts, entertainment, and military service, enriching the cultural and intellectual fabric of our country; and
- WHEREAS:** In Ohio and within the Gahanna community, Jewish Americans continue to strengthen our city as residents, entrepreneurs, educators, philanthropists, and civic partners, whose investments in local schools, nonprofit organizations, community initiatives, charitable efforts, and economic development efforts enhance the quality of life for all residents; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Gahanna recognizes that Jewish history is an important part of American history, and that recognizing the heritage, traditions, and accomplishments of Jewish Americans fosters greater understanding of the diversity that strengthens our nation and our community; and
- WHEREAS:** In recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month, the City of Gahanna reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the human dignity and belonging of all who call Gahanna home, and to upholding a shared civic identity grounded in inclusion, respect, and safety for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or national origin, or immigration status.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as **Jewish American Heritage Month** in the City of Gahanna, and encourage all residents to recognize and honor the lasting contributions and enduring impact of Jewish Americans on our nation, state, and community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 4th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six.



Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

