

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH MAY 2026**

- WHEREAS,** *Each May, Jewish American Heritage Month is observed to honor the rich history, culture, and achievements of Jewish Americans, who have contributed significantly to our nation's economic, social, and cultural advancement, including in the fields of business, politics, health care, education, science, technology, and the arts; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland is deeply enriched by the diversity of its residents, and seeks to further promote tolerance, acceptance, and equality of opportunities for all; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is the proud home to over 240,000 Jewish Americans, who are an integral part of the story of our state, strengthening communities, growing the economy, and driving progress for generations to come; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Moore-Miller Administration is proud to have built the most diverse Cabinet in State of Maryland history, including Jewish Americans Edward C. "Ed" Rothstein, Secretary of the Department of Veterans and Military Families; Joshua Kurtz, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources; and Yaakov "Jake" Weissmann, Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The celebration of Jewish American ancestry and cultural heritage educates our fellow Americans and counters misconceptions and harmful stereotyping; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland has been a leader in the work alongside partners across the state to realize the full promise of tikkun olam, and build a future where hate has no oxygen by delivering historic funding for hate crime protection grants, to stomp out antisemitism and ensure Marylanders feel safe where they live, work, and worship; and*
- WHEREAS,** *At a time when we face multiple conflicts at home and abroad, Jewish Americans join their fellow Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and prosperous society, where every individual is treated equally; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The incredible contributions of Jewish Americans to every facet of society have helped us build a better state and nation, and during Jewish American Heritage Month, the State of Maryland honors those contributions and reaffirms its commitment to building a state that leaves no one behind.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2026 as JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.**

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1st day of May  
Two Thousand and twenty-six



*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Oruna Miller*

*Susan C. Lee*  
Lt. Governor

Secretary of State