



City of Ellensburg

PROCLAMATION

Jewish American Heritage Month 2022

Whereas, the first Jewish Immigrants arrived on American soil in 1654 in New Amsterdam, fleeing oppression from other areas of the world and looking for the possibility of a freer future¹; and

Whereas, President George W. Bush issued the first Presidential Proclamation in 2006 designating May as Jewish American Heritage Month; and

Whereas, as we recognize the impact of the increasing bias acts committed toward our Jewish neighbors today, we remember the lessons of the Holocaust and recognize the need to root out prejudice and combat anti-Semitism in this Nation; and

Whereas, we recognize Jewish Americans who have made and continue to make significant contributions to our society, Americans such as:

- Elise Frenkel-Brunswick, Ph.D., a social psychologist who made significant contributions to research on the impacts of antisemitism;
• Dr. Eric Berne who developed groundbreaking transactional analysis that is use across many organizations; and to
• Daniel Levine who wrote extensively on Jewish identity; and

Whereas, we recognize Jewish Americans who contributed to our local community, such as:

- Henry and Selig Samuel Kleinberg, who came to Ellensburg in 1885, whose heritage includes the Kleinberg building and Kleinberg park, and
• Samuel Kreidel, who owned a general merchandise store, who built the Kreidel Building and served as mayor of Ellensburg first, in 1915, and then served several terms as a City Council member; and
• Betty Jean (Gottlieb) Allen, who worked alongside her husband to open "Allen's Ice Cream/" Ellensburg's first in-and-out, roller skate, curb-service business that served local families and students from 1946-1962; and
• Martin Kaatz, who taught geography at Central Washington University over four decades, served on the Ellensburg Downtown Task Force from 1980 to 2010, and whose insight helped shape land use planning in Ellensburg and the region; and

Whereas, the City of Ellensburg recognizes and honors the Jewish Americans residing herein who strengthen our medical, educational, business, religious, and civic organizations; and

Now, Therefore, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg does hereby proclaim May 2022 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Ellensburg and encourages all citizens to join in this observance by building bridges of understanding and friendship with our Jewish American neighbors.

Signed this 2nd day of May, 2022.

Nancy Lillquist
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Mayor

Attest: Beth Leades
City Clerk

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