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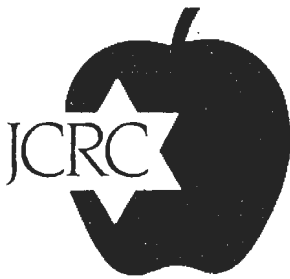
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February 4, 1987

Hon. Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania  
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Dear President Reagan:

In the past, you have been kind enough to issue a proclamation citing the contributions of American Jews to the cultural and spiritual vitality of our society. It recognized the special significance to the American Jewish community of the time of year that encompasses Israel Independence Day, Holocaust Memorial Day and the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. By your hand, Jewish Heritage Week was proclaimed throughout the United States, and commemorations were held in many states.

Jewish Heritage Week presents a unique opportunity to foster intergroup understanding, and to provide a greater appreciation of the heritages that have contributed so much to our great country. Last year, over one million schoolchildren and adults of all faiths and races joined in meaningful educational programs and celebrations.

President Reagan, we are requesting that you proclaim the week of May 3 through May 10, 1987 as Jewish Heritage Week 1987 in the United States, and that you request that the people of the United States, Federal and local government officials observe that week with appropriate ceremonies, activities and reflections.

Sincerely,

*Signature of Lester Pollack*

Lester Pollack,  
President

*Signature of Robert Abrams*

Robert Abrams,  
Chair, Jewish Heritage Week

*Signature of Peggy Tishman*

Peggy Tishman,  
Past President

*Signature of Michael Miller*

Michael Miller,  
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cc: Mr. Marshall Breger  
Mr. Max Green

C O P Y  
from ORM

JEWISH HERITAGE WEEK, 1985

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Those who set out to describe Jewish contributions to Western Civilization soon learn how enormous is their task. The Jewish people have contributed to the West its fundamental spiritual values. They introduced the world to monotheism and to the high ethical principles expressed in the Ten Commandments and the writings of the Prophets. The other great religions of the West -- Christianity and Islam -- can recognize their roots in Judaism. Western literature owes many of its most inspiring themes and allusions to the Hebrew Bible. Great Jewish thinkers -- from Philo of Alexandria, to Maimonides and Saadya Gaon, to Spinoza and Martin Buber -- have engaged in powerful symbiotic dialogue with Christian and Muslim writers to add vital insights to the Western philosophical tradition. In addition, individual Jews have made extraordinary contributions to the arts, literature, sciences, and humanities.

Yet throughout history the Jewish people has endured countless bloody massacres from the Inquisition to pogroms throughout Europe. None of these can approach the genocidal undertaking of the Nazis who planned the wholesale destruction of European Jewry. In our own time this plan was conceived and, before we could stop it, it had taken the lives of six million Jewish men, women, and children.

Even as we herald the glory of the Jewish heritage, we must commemorate as well Jewish suffering in this era. It is up to us to show the way out of this shameful cycle. We must remember the sins of the past and rededicate ourselves to shaping a future marked by tolerance, respect, and compassion. We must rededicate ourselves to the proposition that the Holocaust will remain unique and that its like will never be repeated.

Jews throughout the world have just celebrated Passover, the holiday that marks the Exodus from Egypt and the deliverance from slavery. The Jewish people came forth from the house of bondage and flowered with an abundance of creativity which has maintained itself until the present day. We learn from this that the emergence from slavery to freedom can release powers hidden within the human spirit, as the Jewish people have once again shown since the end of the Nazi terror. The faith in God and in the Jewish people which sustained them through these tribulations has infused new life into the Jewish communities in America and the State of Israel.

In recognition of the special significance of this time of year for America's Jews, in tribute to the contributions they have made to American life, and in an effort to foster understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity that has made America a unique society, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 17, has designated April 21 through April 28, 1985, as "Jewish Heritage Week" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim April 21 through April 28, 1985, as Jewish Heritage Week. I call upon the people of the United States, Federal, State, and local government officials, and interested organizations to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and ninth.



## Jewish Heritage Week, 1986

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

American Jews have made immeasurable contributions to our country's economic, political, social, and cultural development. The remarkable and varied achievements of American Jews have greatly enriched the lives of all Americans, from medicine and mathematics to movies and the musical theater.

It is appropriate at this time of year that we remind ourselves of the tragedy and glory of Jewish history. The Jewish people have recently celebrated Passover, the holiday that commemorates their deliverance by God from the bondage of Egypt to freedom in the Holy Land. This week marked the observance of Yom Hashoah, the Day of Remembrance and this week Israeli Independence Day is celebrated. These events remind us that Israel was reborn out of ashes at the 11 localities. These commemorations sustain our hope that someday the persecuted Jews of the Soviet Union will be delivered from bondage.

At this time of year it is appropriate for all Americans to acknowledge how much our country has benefited from the contributions of American Jews. We should be proud that Jews in America have always been free to practice their religion and preserve their traditions. And the Jewish people have responded with an ardent patriotism once eloquently expressed by one of America's foremost rabbis:

"God built I am a continent; of glory and filled it with treasure and gold. He called unto a chosen people, and summoned the brave among them. He gave us the bounty of earth and the labor of men; out of the longing hearts and the prayers of souls, out of the memory of ages and the hopes of the world, God has united a nation, have blessed it with a purpose sublime and called it—America!"

Sholem, "America," 1917.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 275, has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the week of May 11, 1986, through May 17, 1986, as "Jewish Heritage Week."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11, 1986 through May 17, 1986 as Jewish Heritage Week. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

*Ronald Reagan*



BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

*Ronald Reagan*



The President's Office

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1984

C O P Y  
from ORM

MR. PRESIDENT:

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Attached for your signature is a proposed proclamation which would designate the week beginning May 6, 1984, as Jewish Heritage Week.

This proclamation was submitted by the Office of Public Liaison and it has the approval of OMB and the Offices of Cabinet Affairs, Policy Development, Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs. The Counsel's Office has no legal objection.

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*Signed & Dated: May 7 '84*

JEWISH HERITAGE WEEK, 1984

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

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Through both its spiritual ideals and its significant practical efforts, the Jewish community has contributed much to our country's greatness. So many of the values and ethics we proudly espouse in America are derived from the laws and traditions of the Jewish people: That there should be one law for the homeborn and the foreigner; that education and self-discipline are to be continually cultivated; and that family and community are the cornerstones of society. And individually -- as committed citizens, soldiers in the armed forces, laborers and professionals, artists and entrepreneurs -- American Jews have given of their heart, soul and might so that this Nation may prosper.

Each spring, Jews all over the world celebrate Passover, when the story of the Exodus from Egypt is retold, and the holiday of Shavuot, commemorating the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai. Traditionally, Jews spend that seven-week period between these festivals reflecting on their history and heritage. During this period, American Jews also join with their brethren throughout the world in observance of the National Days of Remembrance, honoring the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, and Solidarity Day for Soviet Jews. Celebration of joyous occasions like Israel's Independence Day also occur at this season.

In recognition of the special significance of this time of year to America's Jews, in tribute to the important contributions they have made to American life, and in an effort to foster understanding and appreciation of the

cultural diversity that has made America such a special and unique society, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 241, has authorized and requested the President to proclaim May 6 through May 13, 1984, as "Jewish Heritage Week."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 6 through May 13, 1984, as Jewish Heritage Week. I call upon the people of the United States, Federal, State and local government officials, and interested organizations to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

7<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighth.

Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

May 11, 1987

JEWISH HERITAGE WEEK, 1987

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

It is truly fitting that Americans pause each year to celebrate Jewish heritage, a tradition measured in millennia and one that has given much to our land. American Jews have helped build our Nation, enriching our ideals, fighting for our freedom, and making significant achievements in the arts, labor, business, academia, medicine, and every segment of American life.

This time of year calls us to reflection and remembrance about Jewish heritage. The observance of Passover tells the story of the passage from bondage to freedom and rekindles hope for mankind. The National Days of Remembrance of victims and survivors of the Holocaust and commemorations of the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising solemnly remind us that the shining glory and goodness of the spirit can arise from unutterable evil and tragedy -- and that the words "Never Again" must always be our guide.

American Jews have given of their heart and soul for an America that has ever been a haven for the oppressed. That is reason for every American to rejoice and to remember.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 67, has designated the period of May 3 through May 10, 1987, as "Jewish Heritage Week" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the period of May 3 through May 10, 1987, as Jewish Heritage Week. I call upon the people of the United States, interested organizations, and Federal, State, and local government officials to observe this week with appropriate activities and ceremonies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN

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