



2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 44

May 15, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives SUBECK, BROSTOFF, RIEMER, ANDERSON, BALLWEG, BILLINGS, BOWEN, CROWLEY, EMERSON, HEBL, HORLACHER, KOLSTE, KULP, MACCO, MILROY, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SPREITZER, STUBBS, C. TAYLOR, VRUWINK, ZAMARRIPA, KNODL, TUSLER, GRUSZYNSKI and POPE, cosponsored by Senators BEWLEY, LARSON, RINGHAND and RISSER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 2019 as Jewish American Heritage Month.

2 Whereas, since 2006, Jewish American Heritage Month has been observed
3 nationwide every May to recognize the more than 360-year history of Jewish
4 contributions to our nation's civic, social, economic, and cultural life; and

5 Whereas, the 2019 theme of Jewish American Heritage Month is "American
6 Jewish Illustrators" in order to recognize the many Jewish artists who have helped
7 create beloved children's books, graphic novels, and other illustrations, thereby
8 enriching America's imaginative landscape; and

9 Whereas, it is estimated that over 330,000 persecuted Jews from Germany,
10 Russia, Poland, and several other countries found refuge in the United States
11 between 1933 and 1952; and

12 Whereas, many Jewish American survivors of the Holocaust have dedicated
13 their lives to fighting for civil rights and educating future generations about the
14 dangers of bigotry and anti-Semitism and the resilience of the human spirit; and

1 Whereas, it is estimated that over 30,000 Jews live in Wisconsin today,
2 worshiping at over 30 active synagogues; and

3 Whereas, the UW-Madison branch of Hillel began in 1924 and is the
4 second-oldest in the nation; and

5 Whereas, several renowned Jewish Americans have resided in Wisconsin,
6 including author Edna Ferber, U.S. Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, actors
7 Gene Wilder and Charlotte Rae, magician Harry Houdini, and Israeli Prime
8 Minister Golda Meir; and

9 Whereas, the Jewish tenet tikkun olam, translated from Hebrew as “repair of
10 the world,” is a call to Jews to pursue justice and righteousness for all of humanity;
11 and

12 Whereas, the Jewish experience in America has consistently reminded us that
13 liberty and opportunity ultimately triumph over prejudice and hate; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
16 Legislature proclaims May 2019 as Jewish American History Month and joins all
17 Wisconsinites in thanking our fellow Jewish American citizens for shaping our
18 country’s character, strengthening our promise of religious freedom, and teaching us
19 the virtues of justice, hope, and perseverance.

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