Office of the Mayor

## PROCLAMATION

## JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH MAY 2024

WHEREAS, The United States is rich in heritage and recognizes the diverse cultures and origins of Americans from around the world through education and outreach and celebration of a day, week or month dedicated to each; and

WHEREAS, May was named as Jewish

American Heritage Month in 2006 by George W. Bush as a way to honor the generations of Jewish people in our nation and raise awareness of ongoing struggles of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, in 1654 a small group of 23 men, women and children fled Brazil due to persecution, beginning a Jewish American history of freedom of religion, complementing our citizenry in countless ways including serving in government and the military, obtaining Nobel prizes, heading universities and corporations, advancing medical and healthcare, creating and performing enduring works of art, writing great American novels, as well as being part of our system of justice as members of the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, in the face of persecution around the world, generations of Jewish Americans have persisted in sharing the hope in America's promise of freedom, justice, opportunity, and religious liberty while adding to the tapestry of American society and the culture of Marlboro Township; and

WHEREAS, in Marlboro Township, we are proudly diverse and welcome all from different backgrounds and different faiths, free of stereotypes and prejudices and enjoy the celebration of all including this month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor of the Township of Marlboro, along with the Township Council, do hereby recognize the month of May, 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month, and encourage all our residents to learn more about this rich history as well as so many who make up our Country's unique and rich fabric and in that knowledge encourage peace among our residents as well as around the world.

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Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor Township of Marlboro May 2024



