

# ALBANY CALIFORNIA



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## **MAYOR'S STATEMENT**

### **INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Each year on January 27, communities around the world observe International Holocaust Remembrance Day, commemorating the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp.

January 27, 2026, marks the 81st anniversary of that liberation. It is a time for our community to pause and reflect on one of the darkest chapters in human history. On this day, designated by the United Nations General Assembly, we remember the six million Jews systematically murdered by the Nazi regime, along with millions of other innocent victims, including people with disabilities, political dissidents, Roma, LGBTQ individuals, and others who were targeted for persecution and extermination.

As a community, we recognize that remembrance is not only about honoring the past, but about shaping the future through education, reflection, and moral action. Learning about the Holocaust—by sharing survivor stories, teaching historical truth, and confronting misinformation—helps ensure future generations understand the consequences of hatred and the importance of standing up for one another.

Grounded in these lessons, we reaffirm our shared values of human dignity, inclusion, compassion, and mutual respect, and we stand united against antisemitism and all forms of hatred and discrimination—here in our community and beyond.