

City of Berkeley Proclamation

IN HONOR OF ELEANOR SHAPIRO AND THE JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL


- WHEREAS,** The Jewish Music Festival, the first festival of Jewish music in the U.S., began in Berkeley in 1986, and will celebrate its 30th anniversary from February 26 to March 22, 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** Under the leadership of Eleanor Shapiro, the Jewish Music Festival has presented hundreds of concerts showcasing local, national, and international artists in Berkeley, commissioned Berkeley composers, introduced Berkeley public school students to Jewish music, and encouraged Berkeley residents to make their own music through master classes, instrumental jams, instrument petting zoos, and community dances; and
- WHEREAS,** The Jewish Music Festival, under Eleanor's leadership, continued the progressive values established by the late Berkeley community organizer and festival founder Ursula Sherman—to present music that celebrates the Jewish experience and explores what it means to be Jewish in a multicultural world; and
- WHEREAS,** The Jewish Music Festival, a project sponsored by the Berkeley-based Jewish Community Center of the East Bay, furthers the center's mission to promote intellectual, experiential, and spiritual exploration of Jewish culture and tradition; build a joyful, progressive, and inclusive community; and inspire the active pursuit of repair of the world, called Tikkun Olam.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES, Mayor of the City of Berkeley do hereby proclaim Tuesday, February 24, 2015 as

Eleanor Shapiro Day

in the City of Berkeley in recognition of her contributions to the arts and arts education.




Tom Bates
Mayor

February 24, 2015