



ERIN MENDENHALL  
*Mayor*

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Jewish Community Center has served as a cornerstone of Jewish life in Salt Lake City for 100 years, beginning in 1925 with the opening of the Covenant House at the historic Enos Wall Mansion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Covenant House was established by the Salt Lake Lodge of B'nai B'rith as a central hub for Jewish community life, welcoming generations of families for cultural, educational, and social activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Covenant House provided essential services during World War II by partnering with the United Service Organizations to host social gatherings, holiday meals, and community support for servicemen; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1958, the community opened the James L. White Jewish Community Center on 1700 South, which for decades served as a beloved gathering place for Jewish families, holiday celebrations, and community life; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, the I.J. & Jeanné Wagner Jewish Community Center opened on the site of the former Fort Douglas Country Club—a facility that once barred Jews from membership—and today welcomes all, Jews and non-Jews alike; and

**WHEREAS**, for 100 years the Jewish Community Center has strengthened the cultural fabric of Salt Lake City, providing programs in education, wellness, the arts, and community connection for people of all backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jewish Community Center invites all residents of Salt Lake City to participate in its next century of service, ensuring that its mission of inclusion, connection, and community continues to thrive for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2025, the Jewish Community Center will commemorate this remarkable centennial by hosting a celebratory Jewish Arts Festival and dedicating a plaque at the historic Covenant House site, now the Thomas S. Monson Center;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, proclaim October 18, 2025 as:

### ***Jewish Community Center Centennial Celebration Day***

in Salt Lake City, and encourage all residents to honor, recognize, and participate in the JCC's century of service, community, and cultural enrichment.

**Dated this 18th day of October, 2025**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Erin Mendenhall", is positioned above a horizontal line.

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