



County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-153

Adopt a resolution Honoring Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum upon the)
Occasion of his Retirement after 30 Years of Service.....)

WHEREAS, Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum began his devoted service to Congregation Beth Israel in June 1994, bringing with him wisdom, compassion, and a deep commitment to Jewish life and learning; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Greenbaum previously served for seven years as Associate Rabbi at Congregation Emanuel in Denver, Colorado, where he initiated meaningful programs such as the Colorado Jewish Social Network and Kosher Catering to support the spiritual and physical needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Greenbaum, born and raised in Seattle, Washington, demonstrated a lifelong commitment to Jewish leadership beginning in high school through active involvement in B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, his Temple Youth Group, and the High School of Jewish Studies; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Greenbaum pursued rigorous academic and spiritual training, earning a double BA in Hebrew Studies and Sociology from the University of Wisconsin–Madison, spending a formative year at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and ultimately receiving multiple graduate degrees and rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Greenbaum, together with his wife Susan and their daughters Liotte, Shira, and Tani, moved to the Monterey Peninsula to lead *Congregation Beth Israel*, where he immediately enriched the congregation by developing the Confirmation program and revitalizing youth group participation; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Greenbaum's leadership extended well beyond the synagogue walls, as evidenced by his active roles as a board member of the Carmel Valley Rotary Club, chaplain at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, and president of JCM United, where he continues to help feed the hungry through weekly soup kitchen efforts; and

WHEREAS, despite his well-known work ethic and dedication, Rabbi Greenbaum continues to find joy in pursuits such as tennis, fly fishing, and writing children's stories, embodying a life of balance, creativity, and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Greenbaum has served as a spiritual guide, teacher, mentor, and friend to generations of families, and leaves an indelible mark on the hearts of those he has served with unwavering devotion;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby honors Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum on the occasion of his retirement, celebrates his 30 years of faithful and inspiring leadership, and wishes him joy, good health, and continued fulfillment in the years ahead.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 20th day of May 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

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Supervisor Kate Daniels

