

builders of the great nation of Israel, which has served as a homeland for the Jewish people for over fifty years and which continues to grow and prosper as a modern nation; and

Whereas, In Israel, Yom Ha'Zikkaron commences with the sound of sirens proclaiming a two-minute silence during which all activity ceases, and at sundown, the somber, reflective mood gives way to the celebration of Yom Ha'Atzma'Ut, or Israeli Independence Day; and

Whereas, The State of Israel and the remembrance of those who helped to make a Jewish homeland possible is of great significance to the City of New York, which is home to one of the largest populations of Jews in the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York commemorates April 25, 2004, as Yom Ha'Zikkaron, a day of remembrance for the Israeli soldiers killed in the struggle for Israeli Independence.

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