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HMH's Summer Learning Experiences Moving Online

Houston (May 29, 2020) . . . In response to the spread of the coronavirus, Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH) is moving its second year of Summer Learning Experiences for students online. With eight weeks of programming from June 8 through July 31, the Museum is offering four different experiences to help young change-makers engage in the arts, experiential learning, social justice, community service, and advocacy.

"We're moving our programming online because we want to keep our promise of delivering high-quality social justice programming, without risking the health and safety of our staff, participants, or their families," said Summer Learning Experiences Manager Alyssa Weinstein-Sears.

Scheduled during the weeks of June 8-12, June 15-19 and June 22-26, Model United Nations provides participants grades 6 through 12 a deeper understanding of multilateral diplomacy, strengthening negotiating and leadership skills, and improving their ability to anticipate evolving scenarios of complex issues. Students will virtually tour the museum, learn about contemporary genocides, research current genocides, examine the UN definition on the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and will hold sessions to evaluate, update, and enforce the Convention, as understood through its definition.

The Photography and Social Justice Experience for grades 8 through 12, available June 19-July 3, July 6-10 and July 13-17, will teach students basic photography skills, the art of creating a photography project and exhibit, and will use examples of photojournalism and human rights exhibits created through photography to inspire participants to use their lens to change the world. Students will participate in fieldwork, in and around their homes, to create an exhibit that will ultimately live in the Museum.

Website for a Cause for grades 6 through 12, taking place July 20-24, is a new experience that serves to teach participants how to use their voice, online. After choosing and researching social justice issues that are important to them, students will create their own websites, with a call to action, to effect change. Finally, in the Creative Concepts experiences during the week of July 27-31, participants grades 5 through 12 will engage in writing workshops, Upstander programming and will learn about various types of poetry that will lead to the creation of their own poetry collection.

All sessions will take place on Zoom and follow the daily schedule of virtual meetings from 10 a.m. to noon, lunch from noon to 1 p.m. and more virtual meetings from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Membership discounts and multi-session bundles are available. Registration is available at hmh.org/summer.

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ABOUT HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON

Holocaust Museum Houston, Lester and Sue Smith Campus, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1996 by Houston-area Holocaust Survivors, their descendants and members of the community, is accredited by The American Alliance of Museums. Average annual attendance is 130,000 visitors, including more than 71,000 middle and high school students. The Museum is dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust, remembering the 6 million Jews and other innocent victims and honoring the survivors' legacy. Using the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides, we teach the dangers of hatred, prejudice and apathy.

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