

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON



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Holocaust Museum Houston to Honor HIAS and BakerRipley at 2019 Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award Dinner

HOUSTON, TX (February 7, 2019)...BakerRipley and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) will receive the internationally recognized Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the Hilton Americas-Houston. Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH) presents the Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award to individuals who have taken a stand against injustice, hatred and prejudice, and used their skills and influence to make a better world for all people.

The annual event – one of the city’s largest and most widely recognized philanthropic dinners – supports the worldwide educational programs of the Museum. More than 1,000 people attended last year’s dinner, which raised a record \$4.2 million for the Museum.

Honorary Chairs for this historic event include The Honorable Lina Hidalgo, Harris County Judge, Luci Baines Johnson, Lynda Johnson Robb and The Honorable Sylvester Turner, Mayor, City of Houston. Dinner chairs are City of Houston Mayor Pro Tem Ellen R. Cohen, Lily and Charles Foster, Punkin and Walter Hecht and BJ and Buddy Herz. Nancy Li-Tarim and Dr. Soner Tarim will serve as host committee chairs.

Founded as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in 1881 to assist Jews fleeing pogroms in Russia and Eastern Europe, HIAS has touched the lives of nearly every Jewish family in America and today assists vulnerable refugees in countries around the world. Bringing resources, education and connection to emerging neighborhoods, BakerRipley (formerly Neighborhood Centers) has had a transformative impact on numerous underserved communities for more than 112 years, benefiting our entire region with an improved quality of life. Both HIAS and BakerRipley exemplify the Museum’s mission of education, action and respect, and their vital work has created a better society by helping millions of people, both locally and globally.

Susan and The Honorable James A. Baker III will take part in accepting the award on behalf of BakerRipley. James A. Baker III, whose grandmother was one of the founders of BakerRipley more than 100 years ago, served as U.S. Secretary of State and White House Chief of Staff under President George H. W. Bush, and as White House Chief of Staff and United States Secretary of the Treasury under President Ronald Reagan.

Holocaust Museum Houston created the Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award in 1994 in cooperation with the Johnson family. In 1938, as a young congressman, Johnson stretched

the limits of his authority and risked his personal dreams to provide American sanctuary for threatened European Jews. It is because of these acts of moral courage that the Museum proudly named the award in his honor. The award recognizes either a single righteous act or a lifetime of morally courageous behavior.

Previous recipients have included George W. Bush, 43rd President of the United States; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel; activist and actress Mia Farrow; U.S. Sen. John McCain; the late Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal reporter who was murdered by terrorists in Pakistan; former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell; former U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Jr.; former U.S. Sen. Robert Dole; filmmaker Steven Spielberg; and former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, among others.

Tables of 10 are available beginning at \$6,000. Individual tickets begin at \$600 each. To RSVP or to reserve a table, visit hmh.org/lbjdinner, call 713-527-1622 or e-mail LBJDinner@hmh.org. *PaperCity* is serving as media sponsor for the event.

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ABOUT HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON

Holocaust Museum Houston, 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 160,000 visitors, including more than 43,750 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.