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BENJAMIN WARREN

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear HMH Family and Friends,

Welcome to our beautiful new home. As Board Chair for Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH), I am most grateful to all of you for making this collective dream a reality through your generosity and focus on our mission. One of the special elements so beautifully captured in our newly reimagined Museum, that I believe makes us different, is the sensitive way in which we tell the story of the Holocaust through the personal lens of our Houston Survivors. We tell their stories, share their personal artifacts, and integrate their memories into our exhibitions, collections, and educational programming. HMH visitors will begin to recognize the names and faces of many of our Survivors, providing assurance that their memories become our stories, which will continue to grace us when they are no longer with us.

There is a thread of remembrance dedicated to our Survivors that is seamlessly woven throughout our new Museum. As visitors enter HMH, they are encouraged to begin their Museum tour in the **Morgan Family Welcome Center**, where they experience the richness of life in Eastern Europe before World War II and learn the historical context of the Jewish experience before the Holocaust. The symbolism of the welcome center is a powerful one, balanced between the thought that they are symbolically surrounded by Judaism's most sacred scroll of life, the Torah, and in our case personal photographs, stories, and artifacts belonging to our Houston Survivors. As they continue through the Museum, visitors will enter a light-filled **Memorial Room**, preserved from our original Museum, symbolically and solemnly remembering loved ones who were murdered during the Holocaust, along with those who started their life anew. On the second floor of the Museum in the **Moral Choices Hall**, the rotunda wall is dedicated to Houston Survivors and their families with their names imprinted on Jerusalem Stone tiles for all to observe and honor.

HMH's new Museum is a powerful memorial to our Survivors and stands out from other Holocaust museums because our mission is so intertwined with the Houston community. The new HMH faces the darkness of the Holocaust in the **Bearing Witness: A Community Remembers Holocaust Gallery** and responds with natural light and reflection throughout the remaining permanent galleries and meditation spaces. The shadows of the Holocaust and other genocides do exist, but there is also a future filled with expectation and hope. So appropriately, our newly reopened Museum embraces the words *from darkness, light*.

Thank you for being part of our magnificent story, for honoring our beloved Survivors and those who perished before them in the Holocaust and for allowing us to be a clarion for them keeping their voices alive. With this background, I confidently suggest that Holocaust Museum Houston delivers on a promise that hope shines brighter than hate, offering our community a bright future.

With warm regards,

Benjamin Warren
Board Chair

On the Cover

After two years and a \$34 million expansion of its original home, Holocaust Museum Houston, Lester and Sue Smith Campus re-opened its doors to the public on June 22, 2019. By more than doubling in size to a total of 57,000 square feet, the Museum now houses a welcome center, four permanent galleries, all fully bilingual in English and Spanish, two changing exhibit galleries, four classrooms, research library, café, 187-seat indoor theater and 175-seat outdoor amphitheater.



4-5 GRAND REOPENING

Upwards of 2,000 joined in the celebration of the Museum's Grand Reopening. Holocaust survivors and Museum members and supporters experienced the first look at the newly expanded building.

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15 COLLECTIONS

The curatorial department recently received a large family collection of artifacts from a child survivor, who had not come forward until recently.

16-17 EXHIBITIONS

Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields / Revolución en los Campos, on view through February 16, 2020, tells the compelling story of the California farm workers labor movement of the 1960s and 1970s and Dolores Huerta's impact. *Danny Lyon: Memories of the Southern Civil Rights Movement* is on view in the Spira Central Gallery through January 5, 2020. Curated by Holocaust Museum Houston, *The Book Smugglers* opens on March 13, 2020.

GRAND REOPENING CEREMONY

JUNE 15, 2019



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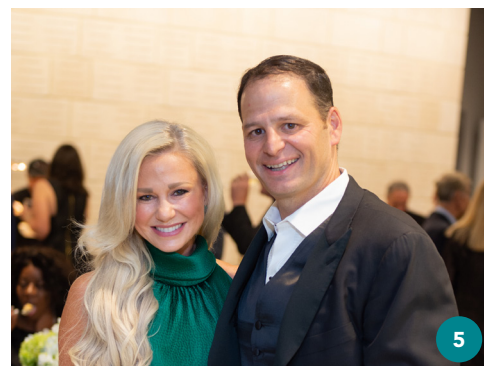
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1. Joy and HMH Chair Benjamin Warren
2. Sue Smith, HMH CEO Dr. Kelly J. Zúñiga
3. Dr. Kelli Cohen Fein and Martin Fein
4. Josée and Samuel Bak
5. Kisha and Jason Itkin
6. Eric and Tali Blumrosen
7. Rhona and Bruce Caress

RIBBON CUTTING

JUNE 16, 2019



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1. Supporters of the Museum cut the ceremonial ribbon.
2. Shelly and Brian Hendry
3. Mrs. Walter Kase, Mindy Morgan Finger
4. Laurie and Dr. Milton Boniuk
5. Limor and Stuart Smith
6. HMH Chair Benjamin Warren, Chief Rabbi Israel Meir Lau
7. Pauline Solnik, Dr. Anna Steinberger



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24th LBJ Moral Courage Award Dinner Raises \$1.1 Million

With 900 people on hand, Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH) celebrated its 24th Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award Dinner Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the Hilton Americas-Houston. The annual dinner, honoring BakerRipley and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), raised \$1.1 million to support the Museum.

Honorary Chairs for this historic event included The Honorable Lina Hidalgo, Harris County Judge, Luci Baines Johnson, Lynda Johnson Robb and The Honorable Sylvester Turner, Mayor, City of Houston. Dinner chairs were 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 served as host committee chairs.



1. Dinner Chairs Lily and Charles Foster, Luci Baines Johnson
2. Marcie Zlotnik, Dinner Chair Ellen Cohen
3. HMH Chair Benjamin Warren, HIAS CEO Mark Hetfield
4. Susan Baker, BakerRipley CEO Claudia Aguirre, Felix and Nelly Fraga
5. Dinner Chairs Buddy and BJ Herz
6. HMH CEO Dr. Kelly J. Zúñiga, Dinner Chairs Walter and Punkin Hecht
7. Nancy Li-Tarim and Dr. Soner Tarim



A CONVERSATION WITH DOLORES HUERTA DECEMBER 5, 2019

6:30 P.M. | Albert and Ethel Herzstein Theater
Holocaust Museum Houston invites the community to join us in welcoming civil rights activist and community organizer, Dolores Huerta, to the Museum. Huerta was the cofounder of the United Farm Workers Association and is one of the most influential labor activists of the 20th century and a leader of the Chicano civil rights movement. She is currently featured in the Museum's Human Rights gallery, alongside Cesar Chavez, highlighting the history of the United Farm Workers Association.



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION JANUARY 27, 2020

6:30 P.M. | Albert and Ethel Herzstein Theater
Join the Museum for a panel discussion with Consul Generals on the moral obligation of the international community to rescue Jews during the Holocaust, followed by a performance of the one woman show, "Whistle." The semi-autobiographical play tells the story of a second generation Holocaust survivor whose mother was Josef Mengele's secretary for four years.



"AUSCHWITZ. NOT LONG AGO. NOT FAR AWAY." WITH DR. ROBERT JAN VAN PELT JANUARY 30, 2020

6:30 P.M. | Albert and Ethel Herzstein Theater
Dr. Van Pelt will discuss the exhibit that traces the development of Nazi ideology and tells the transformation of Auschwitz from an ordinary Polish town, known as Oświęcim, to the most significant Nazi site of the Holocaust.



MUSIC IS A DREAM – COMMISSIONED BY RIVER OAKS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA MARCH 5, 2020

7:30 P.M. | Albert and Ethel Herzstein Theater
"Music is a Dream" is dedicated to the memory of pianist Alice Herz-Sommer, who was imprisoned in Theresienstadt and performed there during her imprisonment. Also to be performed, "We Were the Music" is inspired by and dedicated to Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, who played cello in the women's orchestra in Auschwitz.

Max M. Kaplan Summer Institute for Educators

During the month of July, the Education team hosted 17 participants of the Max M. Kaplan Summer Institute for Educators. Presentations by scholars, workshops, and activities introduced participants to the history of the Holocaust and genocide, as well as the new Museum.



Participants were invited to an evening lecture that highlighted the exhibition *Points of View*, initially presented at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Jeremy Maron, Researcher-Curator at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights

in Winnipeg, Canada, spoke on the juried exhibit that reflects themes in the categories of freedom of expression, inclusion and diversity, reconciliation, human rights, and the environment.



Warren Fellowship

The 2019 Warren Fellowship served as an Alumni Institute, hosting 36 previous Warren Fellowship and Spector/Warren Fellowship participants August 1 - 5. Participants were among the first to experience the newly expanded Museum, focusing their studies, this time, not just on the Holocaust, but also on an exploration of Human Rights. Speakers from across the country, and beyond, traveled to teach the returning fellows. The Fellowship faculty included returning lecturers Mary Johnson, Cynthia Capers, Alexandra Zapruder, Karen Shawn, Julia White, Rachel Brown, and participant and speaker Kelly Webeck. New presenters included *Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of Adolph Eichmann* curator Avner Avraham and endowed lecturer Rabbi Stephen Weil.

Spanish Outreach and Latin American Initiatives

Fall 2019 saw the launch of the Bilingual Digital Curriculum Trunk Program. Teachers and community leaders were contacted to promote the new trunks and resources available for Bilingual and Dual Language classrooms in the Greater Houston area.

Coming Summer 2020, the Silverman Latin American Institute will host renowned scholars including Dr. Peter Hayes, author Laura Limonic, and Nora Goan from the Ghetto

Fighters Museum. This institute will feature an advanced study of the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, and social justice for educators traveling from Latin America. This Institute will be fully bilingual.

Additionally, the Museum hosted the following events to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month 2019:

- September 4: Writers for Migrant Justice, a Spoken Word event was led by the local poet collective, Tintero Projects.



- September 26: From Behind the Barbed Wire: Uncaged Art from the Tornillo Children's Detention Center with Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva.
- October 12: A screening of the documentary, "A Strike and An Uprising! (in Texas)," based on the telling of two events: The San Antonio pecan shellers' strike of 1938 and the Jobs with Justice march led by Nacogdoches cafeteria workers, groundskeepers, and housekeepers in 1987.

Drs. Emil and Anna Steinberger Teaching Excellence Award

The Drs. Emil and Anna Steinberger Teaching Excellence Award was presented to Alief ISD educator, Silvia Sierra, for her significant work promoting Holocaust education at Hastings High School. Dr. Anna Steinberger was present for this important ceremony.



Silvia Sierra, Dr. Anna Steinberger



Currently in its fourth year, the Engines of Change Student Ambassador program hosts 60 students, once a month, at the Museum. Student Ambassadors work together to investigate social justice issues, volunteer in the community, and spend time evaluating current events through research, programming, and guest speaker presentations.

The 2018-2019 Engines of Change program culminated in a student led symposium on researched topics presented to the group and guests of HMH.

2019 Yom HaShoah Scholarship Recipient



Wendy Giang, Engines of Change Student Ambassador, was awarded the Museum's annual Yom HaShoah scholarship. Wendy's essay about her family's experience in the Cambodian Genocide as a roadmap to her understanding of the Holocaust was incredibly inspirational.

Wendy graduated in Spring 2019 from Ross S. Sterling High School in Baytown, Texas. She is currently attending The University of Texas at Austin.



Polly and David Roth

Supporting the Power of Education and Dialogue

Polly and David Roth have no Holocaust survivors in their family, and until recently, had no connection to Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH). But two events propelled their establishment of The Polly and David Roth Educational Endowment Fund, in August, 2018.

"I was reading an article about a survey of visitors standing in line at the Anne Frank Museum in Amsterdam who didn't have any idea who she was, but figured she was important because of a museum in her name," shares Polly. "It opened my eyes to the numbers of people who are not educated about the Holocaust, including the iconic symbol Anne Frank is to Jews and non-Jews alike. I immediately felt something had to be done before the Holocaust is totally forgotten."

"Then we were invited to attend the 2018 LBJ Moral Courage Award Dinner, where we viewed a video about an HMH program entitled 'Educator in Motion,'" adds David. "We were deeply moved, and something clicked – we realized that we wanted to direct our overall philanthropic goals towards education, and in the case of HMH, towards this program. Our endowment supports educational programs for children in grades K-12, and will build on the current Educator in Motion initiative. We believe education is critical, and this effort will encourage student dialogue about racial biases, genocide and other current affairs."

Polly Rauch Roth was born and raised in Houston, and has been involved in Jewish organizations for years. "My father was the President of the Board of Congregation Beth Israel and Seven Acres, so I was raised in a home where stepping up and giving back was important," she explains. She was working in hospital administration at St. Luke's Hospital, when she and David were introduced through friends. Today, they have a blended family that includes his son and two daughters, and they are grateful "our kids are successful in their own right, and on their own paths to charitable giving."

David, a native of Chicago, was raised in a "relatively non-observant Jewish

family," he explains. "My father's father was a rabbi, but dad rejected religion. My mother's parents were from Russia and Poland. Even so, we rarely went to services outside the High Holidays, but my brother and I chose to become Bar Mitzvahs, very rare at our synagogue at that time." David went on to become a pediatric urologist, and for many years, served as the Chief of Pediatric Urology at Texas Children's Hospital (TCH).

"One of our greatest philanthropic experiences started with the establishment of a nursing endowment at TCH," he continues. "For the last five years, we have enabled employees in non-professional roles who want to go to nursing school, to do so. They have dreams to better their futures, as well as those of their families, and we are helping make it a reality. This, plus our new endowment fund at HMH, are vehicles which enable us to further our philanthropic goals and make an impact at the same time. Education has become our legacy."

In addition to HMH and TCH, the Roths have been supporters of Seven Acres, Congregation Beth Israel, the Houston Zoo and the SPCA. "We are at a stage of our lives that we want to make a significant difference to non-profits we believe in and that will impact future

generations," David continues. "Very soon, there won't be many Holocaust survivors left to tell their stories, and we cannot let this period in history become a lost memory."

"Ignorance runs deep, and it's very scary to watch what is happening in our world," notes Polly.

The couple has discussed the concept of planned giving with their adult children. "We model by example," says David. "We feel strongly that educational programs are necessary, and our goal is to make them broader and more creative, over time. You must trust the organizations and the people in which you make these commitments, in perpetuity. We believe in the educational programs at HMH and want to support the Museum's outreach to children and youth for years to come. We invite others to contribute to the fund we have created as well."

"Polly and I are proud of Houston's newly-expanded Holocaust Museum and the efforts that are being made in the area of education. We are taking steps we are compelled to take. At the end of the day, we hope our example resonates with others, and they too will see the importance of making the world a better place."



Members Experience It First

The newly reopened Holocaust Museum Houston, Lester and Sue Smith Campus is a destination for everyone to learn about the Holocaust and Human Rights. From our interactive and immersive permanent collection galleries and special exhibitions to the new Legacy Café and expanded outdoor greenspaces, there is always something new to see, learn and explore. With a full calendar of educational programs, films, lectures, exhibit openings and receptions, membership offers a great year-round value.

New and Enhanced Member Benefits

There has never been a better time to be an HMH member! Highlights of the new benefits for all members include:

- Discounted parking
- 10 percent discount at the new Legacy Café – stop by for coffee, salads, sandwiches or desserts made fresh daily
- Special discounts at HMH's Museum Store – the best way to find unique cultural and meaningful gifts for any occasion. Shop online at hmh.org/museumstore.
- Early and discounted registration for Summer Learning Experiences – multiple week-long summer programs for students to engage in the arts, experiential learning, social justice, and advocacy



Leadership Circle

The highest level of membership and one of the most important sources of annual operating income for Holocaust Museum Houston, members of the Leadership Circle enjoy deeper engagement with the Museum and its mission through distinctive events and enhanced privileges. Leadership Circle members receive complimentary parking at the Museum, one Director-level gift membership, special pricing on HMH event space rentals, and invitations to exclusive events and programs. Visit hmh.org/membership to join or upgrade your membership today!



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DESSERT GALLERY CORPORATE KITCHEN AND FINE ART GALLERY AND HOME TOUR



Host Sara Brook, Art Circle Chair Mady Kades

Sara Brook and her team welcomed Art Circle to a special behind-the-scenes tour of her corporate kitchen.



Members enjoyed a sampling of tasty treats



Hosts Ursela Muenzel, Beth Wolff, Sonja Roesch

Art Circle members enjoyed the incredible art-filled gallery and home of collector and gallery owner, Sonja Roesch. Special thanks to Beth Wolff Realty for co-hosting the event.



Heidi Gerger, Cheryl Golub



The Guild of Holocaust Museum Houston serves the Museum's mission by building community and uniting members, docents and volunteers through social and educational programs, service, and fundraising projects.

Longtime Guild Member, Suzi Feickert, reflects on her membership

In late 2014, I began training to become a Holocaust Museum Houston Docent. We were a lively group. Some knew a few class members; others, like me, knew no one. Week after week, we met, learned, studied and practiced the information we would share with museum visitors. We bonded. And when we graduated, we went our separate ways; we signed up for tours on

different days and times. I no longer saw my classmates, and I missed them and the connections.

As a welcome gift to new docents, I received a Guild membership. I began attending Guild events: receptions before HMH events, Happy Hours, special programs, and the first Hanukkah Party. Through these social events, I met people and began feeling part of the larger HMH community. I realized I had missed that feeling of community I had enjoyed during training. Through joining the Guild, my HMH world grew again, and I have great group of very special friends.

By making connections to the community, I was also making deeper connections to Holocaust Museum Houston and its mission. I am more



Suzi Feickert

involved; I give more, not only in time and energy, but also in donations. I have become a member of the Guild Board and the Legacy Society. I belong to other fine institutions in Houston, but without a personal connection and active participation, I may visit once or twice a year and seldom donate more than dues. Joining the HMH Guild was one of the best things I have ever done...AFTER becoming a docent!



NEXTGen hosted a yoga class at Hermann Park followed by a tour of the Coexistence exhibition.

NEXTGen is the Museum's affinity group for young professionals ages 21-39. Throughout the year, NEXTGen hosts a variety of educational, social, and volunteer events aimed to inspire the next generation of Upstanders. Past events include NEXTGen's Annual Conversation With A Survivor, Yoga and Art at Hermann Park, Tacos and Tours, and a Kickoff Event at Eureka Heights Brewery.

NEXTGen Leadership Committee

- Joe Weinstein-Sears, Chair
- Ashley Mills, Treasurer
- Alyssa Weinstein-Sears
Vice-Chair of Membership
- Julia Tkachenko-Regan
Vice-Chair of Outreach
- Clay Allison
- Caprice Erickson
- Liz Hamilton
- Miguel Hernandez
- Haley Hewitt
- Alicia Hooper
- Charlotte Johnson
- Rocio Rubio
- Grant Silverman
- Alan Steinberg

Upcoming Spring 2020 Events

- January:** Performance Event featuring DaCamera of Houston
- February:** Volunteer Project at Plant It Forward Farms
- March:** Tacos & Tours
- April:** Zikaron BaSalon – "Memories in the Living Room"

Like us on Facebook!
@HMHNextGeneration



In partnership with QFest, NEXTGen showed a private film screening of "Portraits of the Rainbow."



NEXTGen's annual "Conversation With A Survivor" featured Bill Orlin at Kenny & Ziggy's.

For more information, please contact Rocio Rubio, Corporate Relations Officer at rrubio@hnh.org or 713-527-1638.

2019 / 2020 Season Calendar

SUPPORTER AND CONNOISSEUR MEMBERS

MARCH 2020
Watch Our g'ARTen Grow!
Artist Talk
Outdoor sculpture, Eric Alexander Garden of Hope, HMH
Guest Speaker:
Paige Kempner, commissioned artist

MAY 2020
And Then There's Art!
Cocktail Reception
Hosted by Citi Private Bank
Guest Speaker: Mary Kate O'Hare, Advisor, American and Contemporary Art, Citi Private Bank, Art Advisory & Finance, New York City/Houston

CONNOISSEUR MEMBERS

DECEMBER 2019
Color Your World!
Private Home Tour of Anne and Jack Moriniere

FEBRUARY 2020
The Magic of Art!
Private Home Tour of Billy Baldwin

APRIL 2020
Art La Familia!
Private Home Tour of Diane and Harry Gendel

JUNE 2020
Art-itude!
Private Home Tour of Teresa Avo and The Honorable Jose Ivo, Honorary Consul Portugal

A current HMH membership is required to join Art Circle. To become a member of this special affinity group, please visit hnh.org/artcircle.

EVENT SPACE RENTALS



Treat your guests to an experience they will never forget — choose Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH) for your next event. As the fourth largest Holocaust Museum in the nation, HMH offers versatile spaces both architecturally stunning and educationally rich. In addition to world-class exhibits and cutting-edge galleries, the L.E.E.D. certified 57,000-square-foot facility features state-of-the-art classrooms, beautiful reception areas, a 187-seat

theater, and an amphitheater for events and meetings. Holocaust Museum Houston is an ideal location for:

- Corporate breakfast and luncheons
- Cocktail receptions
- Business meetings
- Elegant seated dinners
- Private celebrations
- Private film screenings
- Lectures
- Live performances



HMH FACILITY BENEFITS:

- Event spaces fully equipped with A/V capabilities, microphones, and Wi-Fi for any meeting or event
- Admission to the exhibition galleries, fully bilingual in English and Spanish, may be incorporated into your contract
- Private, docent-led tours are available for groups upon request
- Rental discounts for nonprofit organizations
- Opportunity to purchase event favors from the HMH Store
- Easily accessible on-site parking
- Central location in the heart of the Houston Museum District

To schedule a tour of the facility or for more information, please contact Emily Brunson, Venue Sales Coordinator, at ebrunson@hnh.org or 713-527-1650.

New in the Collection

The Curatorial Department has recently received a unique donation of artifacts for the permanent collection. This donation is a large family collection from a Houston child survivor, who, until recently, had not come forward. The collection contains her mother's yellow star and diary from 1921-1951. Entries in the diary include how the family hid in a flat until April 1944, where they were discovered and captured by the Gestapo. Interrogated and eventually released, they went back into hiding with a non-Jewish family until the end of the war.



Do you have any personal items from the Holocaust era in your home?

Many of us have saved documents, photographs or personal items from the Holocaust era somewhere in our homes. Some may be stashed in a drawer or an old box in the attic or even hidden away in a closet. Each item embodies a life story that remains to be told.

As time passes, these items are at risk of irreparable damage. Before they are lost forever, Holocaust Museum Houston calls on the public to donate these precious items so that they will be preserved for generations to come. We seek materials reflecting two theme areas; Jewish life before, during and after WWII and the Holocaust and its aftermath.

Please join us for our **Artifact Donation Day on Sunday, February 16, 2020** and meet with one of our curators to discuss a possible donation.



REVOLUTION IN THE FIELDS DOLORES HUERTA REVOLUCIÓN EN LOS CAMPOS

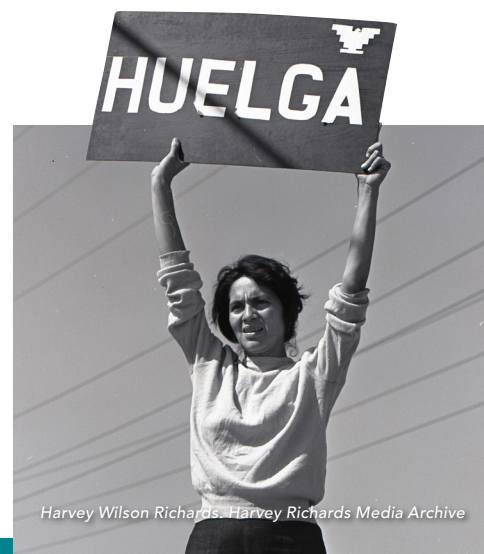
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The exhibition tells the compelling story of the California farm workers labor movement of the 1960s and 1970s and explores Dolores Huerta's impact as a cofounder and leading strategist of the United Farm Workers union.

Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields / Revolución en los Campos is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C. This exhibition received federal support from the Latino Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Latino Center.



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Harvey Wilson Richards, Harvey Richards Media Archive



Photograph courtesy of YIVO Institute for Jewish Research Archives and Library

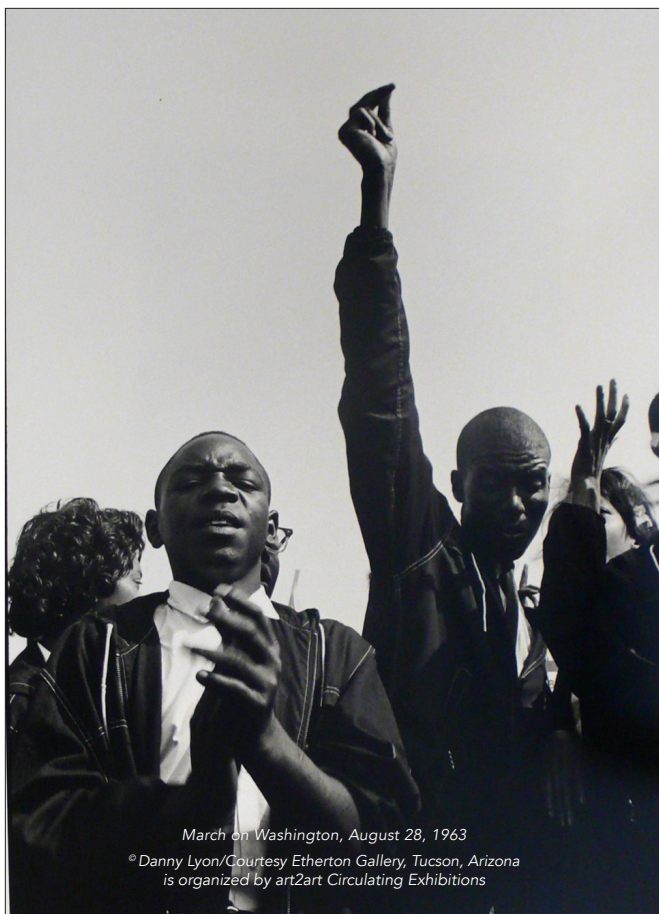
DANNY LYON: MEMORIES OF THE SOUTHERN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

On view through
January 5, 2020

Spira Central Gallery



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March on Washington, August 28, 1963
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HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON PRESENTS *THE BOOK SMUGGLERS*

In March 2020, the Museum will proudly present *The Book Smugglers*, an intriguing and thought-provoking exhibition based on David E. Fishman's book of the same title. *The Book Smugglers* is the nearly unbelievable true story of ghetto residents who rescued thousands of rare books and manuscripts—first from the Nazis and then from the Soviets—by hiding them on their bodies, burying them in bunkers, and smuggling them across borders. It is a tale of heroism and resistance, of friendship and romance, and of unwavering devotion—including the

readiness to risk one's life—to literature and art.

The exhibition is curated by the Museum's Chief Curator of Collections & Exhibitions Carol Manley with input from Fishman.

The exhibition will be presented in English and Spanish, making it more accessible to a wider audience.

Based on Jewish, German, and Soviet documents, including diaries, letters, memoirs, and the author's interviews with several of the story's participants,

The Book Smugglers chronicles the daring activities of a group of poets turned partisans and scholars turned smugglers in Vilna, "The Jerusalem of Lithuania."

According to Fishman, "most of us are aware of the Holocaust as the greatest genocide in history. We've seen the images of concentration camps and piles of dead bodies. But few of us think of the Holocaust as an act of cultural plunder and destruction... At its heart, *The Book Smugglers* is a personal story: a story about people."



New Volunteer & Docent Open House

Monday, February 3, 2020

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Interested in joining Holocaust Museum Houston's volunteer family? HMM is looking for new volunteers and docents to accommodate the myriad of exhibitions and increase in visitors at the newly expanded Lester and Sue Smith Campus. Those interested in Holocaust history, art, and education and committed to impacting human rights in today's world are encouraged to attend this open house. Bilingual Spanish speakers are a plus as HMM is fully bilingual in English and Spanish. Prospective volunteers and docents who attend the information session will learn about the training process and expectations.

RSVP by Thursday, January 23, 2020 to tours@hmm.org

MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBER

Meet Madelyn Strubelt-Martinez, the Museum's newly appointed Director of Visitor and Volunteer Services. A born and raised Houstonian, Madelyn has always held an affinity for local cultural institutions, visiting the Museum District often in her youth. She graduated with a dual Bachelor's degree in Art History and Religious Studies from Boston University.

Madelyn is excited to embark on a new journey with the Museum. Her passion for working with volunteers as

well as her experience in large museum environments will bring a fresh perspective to the Visitor and Volunteer Services Department. When contemplating her experience at HMM thus far she said, "I am deeply moved by the level of commitment I have encountered from everyone here and I am truly humbled to be part of the greater purpose that is the Holocaust Museum Houston." Welcome, Madelyn!

Madelyn Strubelt-Martinez



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GRATITUDE REPORT 2019



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KELLY J. ZÚÑIGA, ED.D.

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear HMH Family and Friends,

What an incredible year it has been! Being part of anything of major significance changes one's perspective after the experience. Over the last five years, I have been immersed with survivors, trustees, docents, volunteers, donors, designers, and construction specialists all with the common goal of expanding and renovating our amazing Holocaust Museum Houston that is dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust, remembering the 6 million Jews and other innocent victims and honoring the survivors' legacy.

Probably the most rewarding element of this experience was learning how much everyone cared. Our Survivors found the building to be almost part of them – it was theirs and they loved it. Our Trustees labored throughout the process because they understood how important it was to get it right and to make a difference in our challenging, hate-filled world. Our donors were motivated and driven by many themes, remembrance, education, and the ability to inspire people to think differently. Those involved in the construction of the building were proud. They fell in love with our mission and being part of such an important,

impactful facility in their very own city. I will never forget how many workers wrote upstander-themed messages within our walls, there for a lifetime. Our own HMH staff was relentless and never gave up, even when they were absolutely exhausted.

Thank you to each and every one of you for making this newly renovated Museum possible. I feel that this amazing journey has strongly reinforced my belief in humanity and our collective ability to move *from darkness, light*. I look forward to each of you exploring our new HMH and feeling the impact that so many incredible individuals have achieved. Remember that you are part of something significant as we strive to educate adults and school children by the thousands of the importance of fighting prejudice, hatred, and apathy each and every day.

With gratitude,

Kelly J. Zúñiga, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 AND JUNE 30, 2019

Established in 1996, Holocaust Museum Houston is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Internal Revenue Service has classified the Museum as a Section 509(a)(1) publicly supported charity. Holocaust Museum Houston strives to adhere to the highest standards of financial management, and the result is a healthy balance sheet that allows the Museum to consistently provide for programs and initiatives important to our community.

Holocaust Museum Houston is one of only four Houston-area museums to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

The financial information on this page was summarized from the Museum's comparative audited financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019, which are available upon request and online at hmh.org.

	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 Revenue*	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 Revenue
Contributions and Donations	\$4,280,083	\$4,383,602
Contributions & Donations, Capital Campaign	\$4,941,751	\$10,076,687
Membership	\$412,408	\$359,980
Admissions, Tours & Program	\$140,424	\$119,048
Gift Store Sales	\$53,463	\$48,488
Rental and Other Income	\$11,166	\$127,538
Investment Return, Net	\$524,826	\$537,610
Total Revenues	\$10,364,121	\$15,652,953

	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 Expenditures*	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 Expenditures
Program Services	\$3,095,725	\$3,293,798
Management and General	\$1,588,617	\$1,104,415
Fundraising	\$2,610,101	\$1,942,784
Total Expenditures	\$7,294,443	\$6,340,997
Increase in Net Assets	\$3,069,678	\$9,311,956
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$48,539,065	\$39,227,109
Net Assets, End of Year	\$51,608,743	\$48,539,065

*Audit fieldwork completed, but final audit report not issued at the time of printing.

OUTREACH

42,938
STUDENTS IN
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

2,042
MEMBERSHIPS

7,661
COMMUNITY REACHED
THROUGH GENERAL
PROGRAMMING

2,140
COMMUNITY REACHED THROUGH
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

481
TEACHERS
REACHED
THROUGH
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STUDENTS IMPACTED THROUGH TRAINING

48,100

5 Changing exhibitions

24 Public programs

4 Traveling exhibitions

115 Artifacts in the Permanent Exhibition

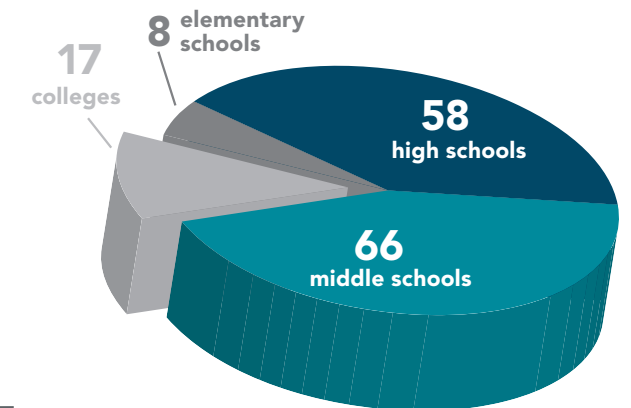
4 Active Holocaust Survivors for Speaking Engagements

35,233 WALK-IN VISITORS

6,365 Students on Scheduled Tours

25 Volunteers

76 Docents



TOTAL ATTENDANCE **98,957**

SCHOOLS TAKING TOURS

346,718
WEB VISITS

280,444
INDIVIDUAL VISITORS

554,572
PAGE VIEWS

4,275



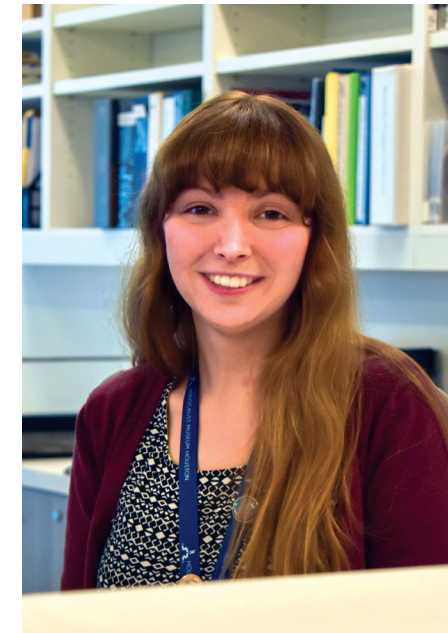
Over the course of the 2018-2019 school year, the EIM team (Laurie, Alyssa, and Amy) provided programming to over 41,500 students across 24 school districts—surpassing last year’s numbers by 35 percent! Additionally, the team expanded outreach beyond the Greater Houston region and into schools on the Gulf and East coasts. The EIM team led eight virtual site visits with high schools in New Orleans, Louisiana and Newport News, Virginia – topics included the history of the Holocaust, strategies to combat social cruelty on campuses, and stories of modern day Upstanders who used their voices to advance the ideals of social justice.

We are excited to announce new

additions to our programming for the 2019-2020 school year. HMH will be introducing a new elementary school program titled, “Change Makers: Upstanders in American History,” which introduces students to civil rights activists in American history who used their voices and actions to promote peace and equality for all. The new middle/high school program, “Human Rights: Principals, Challenges, and Advocacy,” focuses on the evolution of human rights over time, the creation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as a discussion on Human Rights Defenders and steps we can take today to create change in our schools and in our communities.



A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARIAN



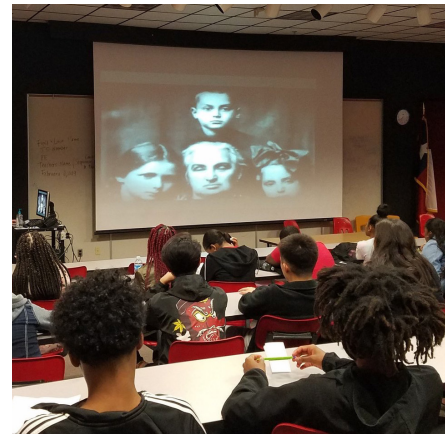
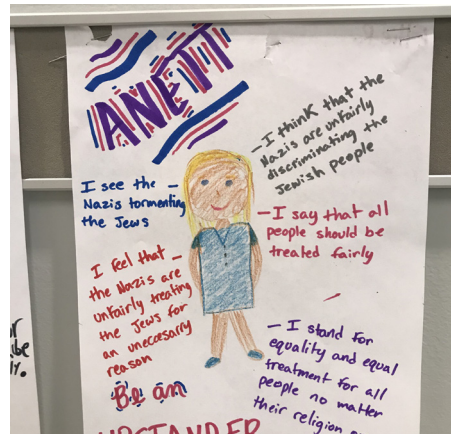
The role of a Librarian is to inspire curiosity and enable discoveries, and throughout my career I’ve had the opportunity to do just that across a diverse range of libraries. Working in special collections and libraries across Texas, I am always excited to see the unique ways that libraries empower and serve. Since coming onboard with HMH, I continue to be inspired by our team and the greater Houston community. I am relatively new to the Houston area, coming most recently from Dallas where I was a Librarian for the Perot Museum of Nature and Science.

My background includes bachelor’s degrees in English and History and a master’s in Museum Studies, which—when combined with insatiable curiosity and

a passion for research—made Boniuk Library’s ambitious collection a perfect fit. I love matching people with their perfect book and some of my favorite recommendations are: “The Book Thieves,” by Anders Rydell, “Tell Me How It Ends,” by Valeria Luiselli, and “The Girl Who Smiled Beads,” by Clemantine Wamariya.

When I am not in the library, you’ll find me taking adventures with my rescue dog, Leia, in search of the perfect hiking trail or a cozy spot to read.

Jenna Norris
Librarian



The Museum hosted the inaugural Summer Learning Experiences in 2019. Three programs were held onsite: Photography and Social Justice, Model United Nations, and Creative Concepts: Writing and Illustrating Your Own Children’s Book. In total, the program hosted 25 participants, providing seven scholarships to young

people who would not otherwise have been able to participate.

In addition to the onsite programs, HMH educators traveled to four Boys and Girls Club of Greater Houston (BGCGH) campuses and facilitated Summer Learning Experiences for their young people. We are excited to continue the relationship with BGCGH throughout the school year.

The pilot program with BGCGH was generously sponsored by Chevron.



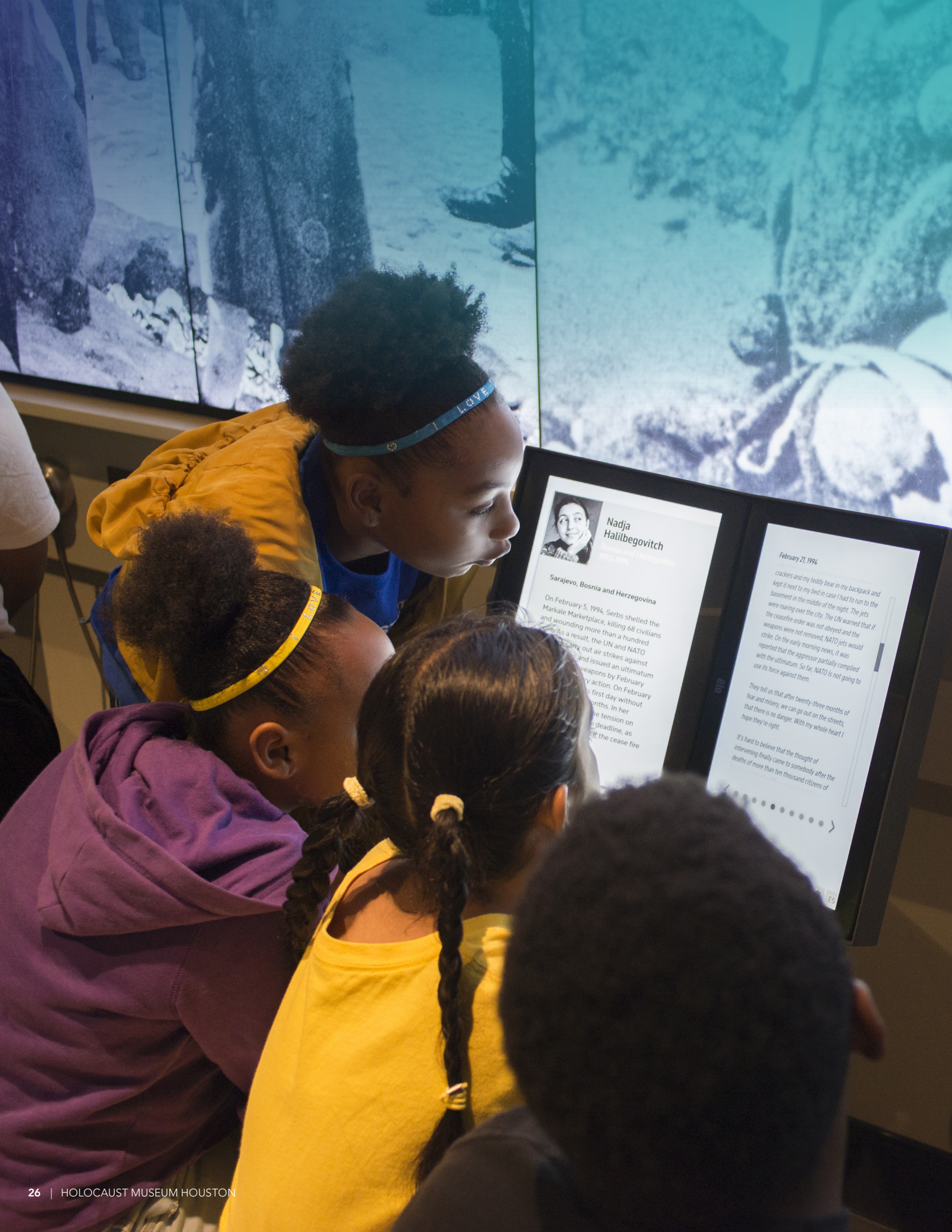
FROM THE LIBRARY

Boniuk Library aims to empower library users and the wider research community to investigate big questions and make meaningful discoveries. Since its opening in June, Boniuk Library has expanded and diversified the collection to better serve researchers, educators, and students studying the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights topics. By integrating new technology and online platforms, the collection is more accessible than ever, and patrons have the opportunity to make impactful connections with history and current issues.

We are always on the lookout for chances to collaborate, and with a year of exciting programs and partnerships ahead of us, Boniuk Library is making a name for itself in the Houston book community. With our ongoing book clubs, a three-part genealogy workshop series, visiting authors, a celebration of National Library Week, and more exciting opportunities ahead, everyone will find something to love in Boniuk Library.



Dr. Milton and Laurie Boniuk



generation to generation legacy society

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON

WHY WAS THE GENERATION TO GENERATION LEGACY SOCIETY CREATED?

The Generation to Generation Legacy Society was created to celebrate our friends who affirm their commitment to Holocaust Museum Houston through a planned gift. Their generosity demonstrates an investment in the future of our Museum and its mission. Gifts from Generation to Generation Legacy Society members, when realized, provide operating or endowment support for exhibits, educational programs, artifact conservation, museum admission for students, or capital improvement projects.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Holocaust Museum Houston is a living testimonial to those who perished in the Holocaust, a place of honor for those who survived, and a source of education for present and future generations. The Museum teaches the events of the Holocaust to demonstrate the destructive power of prejudice and the importance of moral courage and individual responsibility. From generation to generation, HMH will continue to teach these vital lessons of the Holocaust to the diverse students, teachers, and members of the community who visit.

WHAT ARE COMMON WAYS TO MAKE A LEGACY GIFT?

The most common way to make a legacy gift is to remember Holocaust Museum Houston in your will through a bequest. You may leave a specific sum of money or a percentage of the remainder of your estate. Other common options include naming the Museum as a partial or full beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING?

- Recognition in publications, if you desire
- Invitations to annual Generation to Generation Legacy Society events
- Potential tax advantages for yourself and your family
- Satisfaction of helping to ensure the Museum's future for generations to come

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

CONTACT the Office of Endowment and Gift Planning to learn more about joining the Generation to Generation Legacy Society or let us know if you have made a gift to HMH in your estate plans.

FIND OUT MORE about giving options by requesting information from the Office of Endowment and Gift Planning.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Becoming a member of the Generation to Generation Legacy Society is simple. In fact, you have already qualified for membership if you have named Holocaust Museum Houston in your will or included us in your estate plans. When you inform us of your gift, we will respect your wish to be recognized or remain anonymous. All details of your gift are held in strictest confidence.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Dugan, Director of Endowment and Gift Planning at sdugan@hnh.org or 713-527-1629.

Members

Holocaust Museum Houston is proud to announce that the following members have either made a commitment as participants in the Create-A-Legacy campaign, or have previously committed to leaving a legacy gift to the Museum in their wills or estate plans. Having made such a generous commitment to the Museum, we welcome them into our Generation to Generation Legacy Society. We extend our deepest appreciation to those who have helped to insure the future of Holocaust Museum Houston by leaving a legacy, which will continue beyond their lifetimes. We invite the rest of the museum community to join them as the campaign continues.

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Holocaust Museum Houston's Tribute Program enables you to honor or memorialize a friend, family member or loved one. Each tribute of \$18 or more provides the opportunity to make a donation to HMH in their honor while supporting the Museum's mission. Your donation allows HMH to educate our community

about the Holocaust, remember the 6 million Jews and other innocent victims and to honor the survivors' legacy. This listing includes donors who participated in the Tribute Program along with those they chose to recognize. Tributes are listed alphabetically.

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