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Statement of Solidarity with the Families of Israeli Hostages

The tragedies in Israel continue, and the reverberations are felt around the world. There is profound and growing outrage, as yesterday, Hamas returned bodies of Israeli hostages, including 2 young children, and what was initially purported to be their mother. There are no words to describe the devastating sadness of the consequences of hatred and violence. We stand in unwavering solidarity with the victims' families and the people of Israel as we reaffirm our commitment to educating against such atrocities, promoting peace, and fostering a society free from prejudice and apathy.

We have a duty, especially in tragic moments like these, to openly address contemporary acts of violence and hatred as we rely on the universal lessons of the Holocaust, honoring survivors and victims, and countering antisemitism and anti-Zionism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elyse Spector Kalmans'.

Elyse Spector Kalmans
Board Chair
Holocaust Museum Houston

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Linda L. Burger'.

Linda L. Burger
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