

From darkness, light.

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## In response to the German synagogue attack:

On Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year for the Jewish community, we learned that there was, yet another, synagogue shooting, less than one year after the Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in the United States. This blatant act of antisemitism, this time against a synagogue in Halle, Germany, ended in the loss of two lives. Holocaust Museum Houston stands in solidarity with Halle's community and all who are in mourning, in the wake of this tragic loss. Together we must continue to take a stand, in every way we can, anywhere we can, as loudly as we can, to stand against the hatred and bigotry that continue to plague our world. We must not remain silent. We must not remain neutral. We invite people of all faiths and backgrounds to stand up in conscience and join us in fighting this heinous act.

As an organization, the Museum works to transform ignorance into respect for human life. Each of us has an individual responsibility for the collective actions of society. It's time to unite and have the moral courage to stand up for what is right. In the words of Elie Wiesel, "There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest it."

Sincerely,

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