



From darkness, light.

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Statement in response to rising antisemitism in the United States:

Holocaust Museum Houston unequivocally condemns the rise in antisemitism now plaguing cities across America and the world. According to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), there has been an [uptick in antisemitic attacks since conflict erupted in the Middle East](#).

As an institution that teaches the lessons of the Holocaust, we know what happens when extremist ideologies and hate are allowed to flourish. Hateful words produce hateful actions and such behavior and language cannot be tolerated in anyone from our family, our neighbors or our leaders.

Inappropriate comparisons to the Holocaust are just one form of antisemitism where words are weaponized. False analogies not only trivialize the history, but deeply offend Holocaust survivors and their families while promoting a dangerous and untrue narrative. Our Museum is dedicated to protect the survivors' legacy and the formal definition of the Holocaust.

We stand against hatred in any form, imposed on any people, and ask that you stand with the Jewish community by speaking out against antisemitism. In the words of Elie Wiesel, "One person of integrity can make a difference." Together, let's commit to always be that person.

To learn more about Holocaust Museum Houston, please visit hmh.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Josehart".

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Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly J. Zúñiga".

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