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**HMH OPENS 'STORIES OF SURVIVAL' EXHIBITION,
MOVING STORIES OF SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND OTHER GENOCIDES
TOLD THROUGH THEIR EVERYDAY, PERSONAL BELONGINGS**

Houston (February 1, 2021) . . . Holocaust Museum Houston proudly presents *Stories of Survival: Object. Image. Memory.*, on view now through April 18, 2021. This epic new exhibition showcases more than 60 personal artifacts brought to America by Survivors of the Holocaust and other genocides. Exploring the relationship between objects, their meaning to the original owner and subsequent significance, each artifact is dramatically paired with oversized photographs by renowned documentarian Jim Lommasson with handwritten responses by Survivors or their family members. The exhibition includes artifacts and stories of eight Houston-area Holocaust Survivors.

The objects featured in *Stories of Survival* are as everyday as a baby doll and a black suitcase and as symbolic as a young mother's cookbook and a wedding announcement, as saved by Survivors from the Holocaust and genocides around the world, including Armenia, Bosnia, Cambodia, Iraq, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Syria.

"This exhibition so beautifully brings together photography with testimony," said HMH CEO Dr. Kelly J. Zúñiga. "The process of marrying the two brings to life the human rights atrocities suffered by so many, while poignantly showcasing their stories of survival."

Stories of Survival: Object. Image. Memory. is a project of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center and photographer Jim Lommasson.

Sponsors of the exhibition include Presenting Sponsors Rhona and Bruce Caress, the Levenback Family Endowment Fund, and the Rosalyn and Barry Margolis Family; Partner Sponsors are The Lewis and Joan Lowenstein Foundation, and Dr. Anna Steinberger; with Title Sponsors Lorrie Block, Kelli Cohen Fein and Martin Fein, Howard E. Frankel, Nancy Green, the Ronald Grabois Family Fund, Bryan and Eleonora Leibman, Lara Leibman and Neil Sherlock, Neville and Allison Leibman, and Richard Leibman.

For more information on *Stories of Survival*, please visit hmh.org.

Face masks are required for all visitors ages 10 and over. Visitors in need of a face mask will be provided one. For the safety of our patrons, HMH will provide gloves or a finger glove to ensure participation but no direct touch of interactive exhibit elements.

Holocaust Museum Houston, Lester and Sue Smith Campus, located at 5401 Caroline Street is closed Mondays except Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; open

Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The Museum's Legacy Café is open on weekends only. Admission is \$19 for adults; \$15 for seniors (ages 65+), AARP members and active-duty military; always free for children and students through age 18; and free to all visitors on Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is available at the Museum's adjacent lot for \$8 for a four-hour period. Tickets are available exclusively online. The Museum is fully bilingual in English and Spanish. For more information, visit hmh.org/visit.

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