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Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission Announces Joy Nathan as Executive Director

AUSTIN, TX, December 16 – The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of Joy Nathan ([LinkedIn](#)) as its new Executive Director.

Chair of the Commission, Lynne Aronoff said, “The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission is critical to the education and understanding of the darkest parts of history, and Joy’s leadership as Executive Director will ensure that future generations of Texans never forget these lessons. Joy is a welcome addition to the Commission as she brings both executive management experience, and deep personal ties to Holocaust and Genocide education issues.”

After earning a degree in Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, Joy worked for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) for fourteen years, ultimately achieving the position of Mid-Atlantic Regional Director. In Austin, she has held executive roles at Shalom Austin, the umbrella organization for Jewish life in Austin and Food+City, an international non-profit.

Joy Nathan stated, “I am profoundly honored to be selected to lead the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission at a time when education about these horrific events is more important than ever. Along with the Commissioners, I am dedicated to both honor the victims of genocide and teach how to avoid such cataclysmic tragedies in our modern times.”

The Mission of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission is to bring awareness of the Holocaust and other genocides to Texas students, educators, and the general public by ensuring availability of resources, and in doing so imbue in individuals a sense of responsibility to uphold human values and inspire citizens in the prevention of future atrocities.

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The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission was established by [Senate Bill 482](#) ten years ago to ensure that resources are available to students, educators, and the general public regarding the Holocaust and other genocides.

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