

Dear Oregon Legislators:

I truly believe Holocaust education must be mandated for all OR public high schools. With the rise of antisemitism, white supremacy, discrimination against homosexuals/transgender, people with disabilities, discrimination against black/brown people, unwelcoming attitude toward immigrants, and military dictatorships, it is paramount Holocaust education be instilled in our young adults. Holocaust education sensitizes young adults and teaches compassion/humanity. Young adults are our future. The lessons of the Holocaust are timeless.

The Oregon Holocaust Museum and Education Center has been alive and well since the 1980s. Countless number of Holocaust survivors were welcomed after the war and made their homes in the Portland area. The Holocaust Memorial in Washington Park is also a place for all people in Oregon as well as visitors, to remember the past and to honor those who died during the Holocaust. We have a rich history in the state of Washington of Holocaust Survivors who have added depth and perspective to our lives in Portland and Oregon. Please, let us be leaders in this country and be the 11th state to require Holocaust Education.

Thank you,
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