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San Antonio Jewish Community Applauds Selection of Deborah Lipstadt as the U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism

The Jewish Federation of San Antonio, Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio, and Jewish Community Relations Council applaud President Biden's selection of Prof. Deborah Lipstadt as the nation's [Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism](#).

Antisemitic incidents have increased around the world. Just this week, the carving of a swastika in the elevator at the State Department, as well as incidents in New York, Delaware, and Iowa, remind us that antisemitism reaches into every corner of our society.

Professor Lipstadt is the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies at Emory University and a leading expert in the field of antisemitism. She has transcended the role of academic by taking on and ultimately defeating David Irving, a notorious Holocaust denier, in a British courtroom. She was appointed by President Clinton to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and served two terms. She was the recipient of a 2019 National Jewish Book Award for her most recent book, *Antisemitism: Here and Now*.

Eric Fingerhut, President and CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America stated, "Prof. Lipstadt's academic credentials are second to none in the field of understanding antisemitism. More than that, she has been an indefatigable and intrepid combatant against the scourge of Holocaust denial in all its forms. We can think of no better candidate for the position of Ambassador to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, and we call upon the Congress to confirm her nomination without delay."

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