



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Instructional Leaders

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RE: Holocaust and Jewish American Heritage Educational Resources

The anniversary of Kristallnacht took place on November 9th and 10th, and it is incumbent on us to remember this tragic event in 1938 when the Nazi regime and its collaborators orchestrated attacks on German Jewish citizens, igniting a sequence of atrocities that culminated in the Holocaust and the loss of over six million Jewish lives. To support educators in teaching about Kristallnacht, the Holocaust, and the profound impact of these events, the South Carolina Department of Education is proud to recommend as part of the Palmetto Civics Project the following resources to enhance Holocaust education in South Carolina schools:

1. The Anne Frank Center at the University of South Carolina

The Anne Frank Center brings Anne Frank's story to life through exhibitions, programs, and outreach, encouraging reflection on the importance of standing against antisemitism, bigotry, and injustice. The center's resources integrate well into civics and history lessons, helping students understand the significance of taking action against hatred in all forms. More information can be found on their website: [Anne Frank Center](#).

2. The South Carolina Council on the Holocaust

The South Carolina Council on the Holocaust offers educational programs that delve into the history of the Holocaust, the systematic genocide of six million Jews, and the legacies of Holocaust survivors and liberators from South Carolina. Their resources promote deep discussions around human rights, responsibility, and the consequences of hate. More details are available on their website: [SC Council on the Holocaust](#).

These resources are valuable tools for enhancing student understanding of Holocaust history, fostering empathy, and ensuring that future generations grasp the importance of preventing such tragedies. Together, let's commit to keeping these lessons alive in our classrooms.

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