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Hi Steven,

Thought you would be interested in this.

See you Saturday!

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Holocaust Education Partially Restored to Social Studies Standards

The JCRC is happy to announce that our advocacy regarding the proposed Georgia Social Studies Standards has been heard and the newly proposed educational standards reinstate Holocaust Education for the 6th grade.

The specific standard in question related to World War II. The "old" standard provided that students be able to "Explain the impact of WW II in terms of the Holocaust, the origins of the Cold War, and the rise of Superpowers."

The proposed change excluded the Holocaust and required students to "Explain the aftermath of WWII in terms of the role of the superpowers in the Cold War."

The new standard restores Holocaust education and requires students to "Analyze the rise of Nazism and Nazi racial ideology through the use of propaganda, preexisting prejudices against target groups, and the incremental progression of events which lay the groundwork for the Holocaust."

This is not the precise wording we had suggested, but we are encouraged that the Holocaust is back in the curriculum.

We are disappointed that the 8th Grade Social Studies revisions do not reinstate the original standard (SS9H9c) that required students be able to "Explain the impact of the Holocaust on Georgians."

THIS IS NOT OVER!

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

There is some unrest over these changes that were made only last week and many people, including many Social Studies teachers are upset that the changes have not been adequately reviewed. (There are many changes, and resultant complaints, though we saw no complaints about the changes regarding Holocaust education.)

Please contact the State Board of Education members who will be voting on these standards tomorrow, Thursday, March 31st. Please cut and paste the email addresses listed below into the "bcc" row and send a message similar to the one shown below:

Suggested letter:

Hello,

I am a concerned Georgia citizen writing regarding proposed changes to the State Social Studies Standards.

I strongly support the restoration of Holocaust education to the 6th grade standard

SS6H3b "Analyze the rise of Nazism and Nazi racial ideology through the use of propaganda,

preexisting prejudices against target groups, and the incremental progression of events which lay the groundwork for the Holocaust."

I urge you to please reinstate the existing standard (SS8H9c) for 8th grade Social Studies. This Standard reads: "Explain the impact of the Holocaust on Georgians."

Understanding the Holocaust is a critical part of our children's education.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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GEORGIA "SINE DIE" LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

"Religious Liberty" Bill Vetoed by Governor Deal

On Monday, Gov. Nathan Deal announced that he would veto the so-called religious liberty bill that would have allowed faith-based organizations to deny services to persons based on their "sincerely held religious beliefs" and preserve their right to fire employees who aren't in accord with those beliefs. The bill was opposed by JCRC, as well as many local and national Jewish groups, other faith based and social justice organizations gay rights groups and over 500 businesses and business

leaders. Advocates feared that the LGBT community and others would be subject to discrimination if this legislation were allowed to become law.

Gov. Deal had announced weeks ago that he would not sign any legislation that permitted discrimination. He said [House Bill 757](#) does not reflect Georgia's welcoming image as a state full of "warm, friendly and loving people...Our people work side by side without regard to the color of our skin, or the religion we adhere to. We are working to make life better for our families and our communities. That is the character of Georgia. I intend to do my part to keep it that way," he said. "For that reason, I will veto HB 757."

Joining the JCRCA in opposition were SOJOURN, ADL Southeastern Region, and other Jewish organizations, Rabbinic and lay leaders. Also in opposition were many major corporations including Disney, Apple, Time Warner, Intel, Delta, and Coke. The NFL warned that the law would risk Atlanta's bid for the Super Bowl, and the NCAA hinted it could influence the state's ability to host championship games.

We commend Governor Deal for his insightful decision.

Anti-BDS Legislation Passed

Georgia became the sixth state to pass a law targeting the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel, and the fifth to include settlements as protected from boycott.

[Senate Bill 327](#) passed the State Senate in a 41-8 vote. The Georgia House of Representatives passed the measure in a 95-71 vote. Lawmakers from both parties supported the bill, which is expected to be signed into law by Governor Deal.

Under the measure, the State will require individuals or companies to include wording in all contracts over \$1,000 for "construction or the provision of services, supplies, or information technology" that certifies that for the contract's duration they will not boycott Israel or businesses in Israeli-controlled territories.

"The State of Georgia is proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with our friend and key trading partner Israel," said State Senator Judson Hill, a Republican who sponsored the legislation. "We are also pleased to join our neighboring states of South Carolina and Florida, along with other states all around

America, in taking a stand against the anti-Semitism and discrimination of the BDS movement,” added.

States that have passed anti-BDS legislation over the last year include Georgia, Florida, Illinois, South Carolina, Indiana and Arizona. Indiana’s Republican Governor, Mike Pence, signed his state’s legislation last week. All but South Carolina explicitly extend the anti-boycott protections to Israeli settlements.

Similar bills, some protecting settlements and others not, are under consideration in another dozen or so states, as well as in the U.S. Congress. Additionally, Tennessee, Massachusetts and Maryland in recent years have passed nonbinding resolutions opposing Israel boycotts.

These measures often spur debate about the first amendment implications for state contractors and some legislators have voted against the bills on that basis, despite expressing strong support for Israel. The issue of whether such bills should extend anti-boycott protections to settlements has also stirred controversy. Defenders of bills that protect settlements say boycotts that target settlements are another means of unfairly penalizing Israel, while those who oppose such protections say they represent a backdoor recognition of Israeli sovereignty in the West Bank.



This Sunday, April 3, Am Yisrael Chai will sponsor the annual Daffodil Dash. This is a fundraiser for Am Yisrael Chai’s Holocaust awareness and genocide prevention projects.

Please note that this year's race HAS MOVED.

The start and finish are at Brook Run Park, 4770 N. Peachtree Road. Free parking is available at Peachtree Charter Middle School, 4664 N. Peachtree Road.

[Click HERE to Register online](#) until 5 p.m. Friday, April 1, for \$25 for adults and \$12 for children 10 and younger. On race day, you can register starting at 8 a.m. for \$30. The fee is waived for Holocaust survivors.

The races start at 9:00 A.M.

The proceeds of the dash support Am Yisrael Chai, best known for its effort to plant 1.5 million

daffodils worldwide in memory of the 1.5 million Jewish children killed in the Holocaust, and three organizations helping children and families in Darfur, South Sudan and Rwanda: Kids for Kids, Raising South Sudan and Agahozo Shalom.

For more information go to <http://daffodildash.org> or contact Andrea Videlefsky at worldwidedaffodilproject@gmail.com or 855-665-4234.

 

 

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