

## DELAWARE BECOMES 13<sup>TH</sup> STATE TO APPROVE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION LEGISLATION

### For Immediate Release:

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June 24, 2020, Wilmington, DE – Yesterday, shortly before 7PM, the Delaware Senate unanimously passed HB318 – Holocaust Education Bill, making Delaware the 13<sup>th</sup> State to approve similar legislation.

Delaware schools will now be required to teach about genocide and the Holocaust. According to the bill, the teaching requirement would apply to public and charter school students in grades six through 12 "to learn about the danger that befalls us when hatred goes unchallenged."

"We are grateful to receive unanimous support for this critical education initiative," stated Steve Gonzer, Chair of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of Jewish Federation of Delaware. Federation's President and CEO, Seth J. Katzen commented, "Our community is indebted to Steve's persistence and commitment in ensuring HB318 passed, as we must never forget the atrocities of the Holocaust. We appreciate the support of Representative Debra Heffernan (D-Bellefonte) who filed the bill in January."

We look forward to Governor Carney signing the legislation in the very near future.

### About Jewish Federation of Delaware

Jewish Federation of Delaware supports programs that feed, clothe, shelter, counsel and rescue thousands of people in Delaware and the Brandywine Valley, in Israel and around the world. We provide opportunities to educate, inspire and celebrate a vibrant Jewish life.

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