The Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission



Established in 2021, THGAAC has directly driven Texas' unprecedented national leadership in combating and confronting antisemitism and served as the "eyes and ears" for state leaders in recognizing and fighting Jew-hatred.

Texas will always support Israel and the Jewish people, and I thank the THGAAC for swiftly answering my call to research ways we can continue to combat antisemitism across our state.

— Gov. Greg Abbott



- Partners with and offers grants to community organizations and museums for programs and outreach.
- Supports schools around Holocaust Remembrance Week and conducted a statewide survey on K-12 Holocaust education.
- Conducts biennial Study on Antisemitism with recommendations for new laws, policies, and investment.
- Educates Texans about genocides in order to prevent such future atrocities.



THGAAC's recommendations and input have directly resulted in:

- Multi-million dollar state grants for religious organizations, schools, and community centers to harden their security infrastructures.
- A law prohibiting public colleges from implementing boycotts of study abroad or research programs in Israel or other nations.
- An executive order from the governor fighting acts of antisemitism at colleges and universities and ensuring a safe learning environment for Jewish students and all Texans.



After the Oct. 7, 2023 Hamas attacks on Israel, Gov. Abbott hosted an emergency meeting at the Capitol and directed THGAAC to:

- Devise ways to identify and quickly report acts of antisemitism statewide.
- Identify ways that law enforcement, the state, and local governments can take preemptive action against dangerous acts of antisemitism.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Apply for THGAAC Education Grants
 Attend or volunteer at local events
 Become a Friend of the THGAAC
 For more information, please visit https://thgaac.texas.gov/

Texas is a National Leader in Fighting Antisemitism

Accomplishments in recent years include:



Established THGAAC in 2021 —

the first commission of its kind in the nation dedicated to educating citizens about the Holocaust and other genocides to dismantle antisemitism and prevent future atrocities.

1st state to adopt

the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Definition of Antisemitism, codifying its use in the creation of the THGAAC.





Established Holocaust Remembrance Week

for all public K-12 schools and conducted a statewide survey to assess its effectiveness and identify areas of improvement.

One of the strongest anti-BDS laws in the nation,

which targets the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestments and Sanctions movement. It prohibits state agencies from contracting with or using public funds to invest in companies that boycott Israel.







Distributed millions of dollars in security grants for religious organizations, schools, and community centers to harden their security infrastructures.



Prohibited academic boycotts at public colleges and universities

that would prevent students or faculty from studying or doing research in Israel or other foreign countries.



Implemented Gov. Abbott's Executive Order

with THGAAC support fighting antisemitism at colleges and ensuring a safe learning environment for all students.