LES SONS FOR TODAY’S WORLD

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

A living reminder of the moral obligations of individuals and societies
It happened, therefore it can happen again:
This is the core of what we have to say.
It can happen, and it can happen everywhere.

Primo Levi, author and Holocaust survivor,
in *The Drowned and the Saved*
From Our Leadership

Who would have thought that the need for a Holocaust Museum on our National Mall would be more critical in the 21st century than in the 20th?

Yet, at the beginning of this new century, we face an alarming rise in antisemitism—even in the very lands where the Holocaust happened—as well as genocide and threats of genocide in other parts of the world. And we see that technology and globalization bring benefits but also new dangers. All of this when we know we are approaching a time when Holocaust survivors and other eyewitnesses will no longer be alive.

That is why our living memorial is so important. With unique power and authenticity, we teach millions of people each year about the dangers of unchecked hatred and antisemitism and the need to prevent genocide.

And, we do more than that—we encourage them to act.

We teach that the Holocaust was not inevitable, but the result of choices made by many individuals, including bystanders.

Likewise, what happens today—whether in Europe or America, in Sudan or Iran—is not inevitable.

Our Museum cannot eradicate evil or hate. But, with the support of our donors and partners, we can cultivate a sense of moral responsibility among our citizens so that they will respond to the monumental challenges that confront our world. We thank all of our supporters for their dedication and generosity.

Fred S. Zeidman, Chairman
Joel M. Geiderman, Vice Chairman
Sara J. Bloomfield, Director
This is an institution for all of humanity. We must take responsibility to learn the lessons of the Holocaust and work with compassion and mercy in our hearts to act on them. If we do not, we will have failed mankind.

Akbar S. Ahmed, former High Commissioner of Pakistan to Great Britain; Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies; American University, Washington, D.C.
The longest hatred” did not disappear in Hitler’s bunker. Only 60 years after Auschwitz, it is clear that antisemitism still exists and even thrives. Unique among hatreds, antisemitism is remarkably durable and adaptable. Its ability to remain active in so many different cultural, political, economic and religious contexts for more than two millennia speaks to its utter distinctiveness.

Many Americans do not understand this. They may know something about the Holocaust, but they are probably not aware of the long history of antisemitism or of its resurgence today. That is why educating our visitors—90 percent of whom are not Jewish—as well as the millions we reach each year from almost every country worldwide is such an urgent priority.

With our exhibitions, archives, scholarship, public programs and technology, the Museum is uniquely positioned to counter the spread of antisemitic propaganda and Holocaust denial with evidence of the truth. And the Museum’s vast reach, from American schoolchildren to heads of state, gives it a unique opportunity to remind the world just how dangerous antisemitism remains.
CONFRONTING HATRED AND ANTISEMITISM

Countering Extremism

In response to the December 2005 comments of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in which he declared the Holocaust a “myth” and said Israel should be “wiped off the map,” the Museum denounced his hateful statements, in both Arabic and Farsi (below).

The Museum’s Web site plays a critical role in countering anti-Semitic propaganda and providing historically accurate information about the Holocaust to audiences worldwide. Portions of the site are available in more than 20 languages. With hundreds of thousands of visitors from countries with majority Muslim populations coming to the site, translating it into Arabic and Farsi is a top priority. The site, ushmm.org, is the world’s leading online authority on the Holocaust and is expected to be used by 15 million visitors this year.

This year, there were 42,000 visitors to our Web site from countries with majority Muslim populations. The top 10 were:

1. United Arab Emirates
2. Turkey
3. Malaysia
4. Saudi Arabia
5. Egypt
6. Indonesia
7. Iran
8. Morocco
9. Pakistan
10. Nigeria

Somali-born Aayan Hirsi Ali, (above) former member of the Dutch Parliament and outspoken critic of Muslim extremism, recently visited the Museum and plans to participate in the Museum’s efforts to confront hatred and antisemitism.

WHAT’S NEW

Museum Denounces Continuing Holocaust Denial in Iran
Read the Museum Statement >

< ARABIC

< Farsi
In April, the Museum opened A Dangerous Lie: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, an exhibition that explores the history and continuing impact of the most widely distributed antisemitic propaganda of modern times—the fabricated Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

From its early 20th-century origins in Czarist Russia to its promotion by the Nazi Party and its spread in the Middle East today, the Protocols tract has been used to disseminate hatred of Jews in virtually every part of the world.

Today, the Protocols remain in wide circulation, exploited by those who advocate hatred, and sometimes violence, against Jews and the State of Israel. White supremacists and Holocaust deniers in the United States and Europe promote the Protocols. It has become a mainstream text in Arab countries and elsewhere throughout the Muslim world, where many school textbooks teach the Protocols as fact. In 2002, Egypt’s state-sponsored television network aired a miniseries based in part on the Protocols. The charter of the Palestinian organization Hamas also draws on the Protocols to justify its terrorism against Israeli civilians.
Europe Faces Its Past

After years of pressure from the Museum, in April 2006, the 11-nation commission of the International Tracing Service in Bad Arolsen, Germany, agreed to open its archives. Forming the largest closed, Holocaust-era archive in the world—an estimated 50-million pages—these records will help people learn the fate of loved ones and will double the size of the Museum’s archives, a major resource for scholars. At an announcement at the Museum (below), Museum Director Sara Bloomfield and German Federal Justice Minister Brigitte Zypries made a joint statement on the historic decision.
In October 2006, the German Hygiene Museum in the city of Dresden (below), located in a region with one of the strongest neo-Nazi parties, will host *Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race*, the Museum’s exhibition on the role that physicians and scientists played in legitimizing and implementing Nazi racial theories. With Museum support, the Romanian government in 2004 launched an effort to fully document Romania’s role in the Holocaust, resulting in the president of Romania declaring to Elie Wiesel, “There Was a Holocaust” (right). Staff members Radu Ioanid and Paul Shapiro now conduct an annual seminar on the Holocaust for Romania’s military leaders at the country’s National Defense University.
In May, the Museum signed an agreement with French authorities regarding the creation of a memorial at the Rivesaltes internment camp in southern France (above), another important acknowledgement of the role of the Vichy government in deporting French Jews. The agreement was signed by Christian Bourquin, president of the general council of the Department of Pyrenées-Orientales, the local authority. French Ambassador Jean-David Levitte attended the ceremony.
The Catholic Church Examines Its History

The Museum marked the 40th anniversary of the historic *Nostra Aetate* declaration, widely viewed as one of the most significant breakthroughs in Jewish-Catholic relations. The 1965 document from Vatican II (below) repudiated the centuries-old “deicide” charge, condemned antisemitism and acknowledged the enduring validity of Judaism.

A program on how the Holocaust influenced the contemporary Catholic Church, moderated by E.J. Dionne of *The Washington Post* and Brookings Institution (left), featured panelists Father John T. Pawlikowski (center), Chairman of the Museum’s Church Relations Committee and President of the International Council on Christians and Jews, and James Carroll (right), of *The Boston Globe* and author of *Constantine’s Sword*. A second program, “Antisemitism and Interfaith Cooperation,” featured Jean-Marie Cardinal Lustiger of France, interviewed by E.J. Dionne.
Who is guilty?
Those who commit these crimes.
But to the question, “Who is responsible?”
we are compelled to say:
“Aren’t we all?”

Elie Wiesel, Nobel laureate and Founding Museum Chairman,
on the genocide in Darfur, Sudan
Preventing Genocide

The Holocaust ended, but the scourge of genocide has not. The Museum honors the memory of those who suffered in the Holocaust by confronting genocide and threats of genocide today.

Working with Holocaust survivors and an array of Jewish, Christian and secular organizations, the Museum played a key role in galvanizing the widespread public outcry over the crisis in Darfur, Sudan. In fact, the Museum called the situation a genocide in July 2004—nearly two months before then-Secretary of State Colin Powell followed suit. In April 2006, staff director of the Museum’s Committee on Conscience Jerry Fowler met with President Bush to discuss Darfur and report on first-hand refugee testimony he had collected in neighboring Chad.

It is urgent that we respond to genocide today. But we also know that we need to help prepare our nation’s policy makers to confront and prevent genocide in the future. This year, the Museum launched the Academy for Genocide Prevention, which works with the State Department, Pentagon, CIA, Congress and nongovernmental organizations to enhance the ability of foreign policy professionals to recognize and respond to potentially genocidal situations.
Building a Constituency That Cares

The Museum launched Voices on Genocide Prevention, a weekly interview program and blog available on our Web site (above left) and as a free podcast that is automatically delivered to subscribers via the Internet. Its award-winning interviews keep listeners up-to-date on the Darfur crisis and related issues. They give voice to the insights and ideas of important figures—from human rights defenders to experts and government officials, such as Senator Sam Brownback, New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof and Sudanese publisher Alfred Taban.

The Museum produced the television program What Will It Take to Stop Genocide in Darfur? (above right). Watched by an estimated half million viewers, the program included video from the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting and commentary by Sudanese human rights leader Dr. Mudawi Ibrahim Adam (center photo), Pulitzer Prize–winning author Samantha Power, Ambassador Michael Ranneberger, and journalist Jon Sawyer; James Rosen of Fox News Channel moderated.
Genocide eyewitness Brian Steidle, a former U.S. Marine who served as a member of the African Union team monitoring the conflict in Darfur in 2004–05, took hundreds of photographs documenting refugee camps and atrocities (above and left). Since speaking at the Museum in March 2005, he has crisscrossed the United States showing the pictures at churches, campuses and community centers. The Museum’s short film based on his photographs and testimony, *Darfur Eyewitness*, has been seen by some 500,000 people.
Creating Awareness

The Museum has helped mobilize campus activities across the United States around the issue of Darfur. A student umbrella group that formed as the result of a meeting held at the Museum in September 2004, Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND), currently has more than 200 chapters. The Museum has provided them with extensive educational and outreach resources. An award-winning Darfur poster series (below) has been distributed to campuses nationwide, as well as local Holocaust organizations, so that students can create their own Darfur exhibitions.

The Museum brought together hundreds of student leaders in 2005 for two national conferences on Darfur. Holocaust survivor and Museum volunteer Regina Spiegel and Swarthmore University student Stephanie Nyombayire (above), a native of Rwanda, spoke at the August conference.
The Museum’s Committee on Conscience, in July 2004, declared a “Genocide Emergency” for the Darfur region of Sudan, Africa’s largest country. The emergency was declared because acts of genocide were occurring or imminent in Sudan.

At least 200,000 civilians have been murdered and thousands of women raped. More than 1.5 million people have been driven from their homes, their villages torched and their property looted by the Sudanese government and allied militias. The victims have been targeted because of their ethnic and perceived racial identity.

Some have fled to the neighboring country of Chad, but most are trapped inside Darfur. Thousands are dying each month from the effects of inadequate food, water, health care and shelter in a harsh desert environment. All are afraid to return home because the countryside is not safe.

The death toll may be as high as 400,000. And the crisis continues—the lives of hundreds of thousands more hang in the balance today.

To call attention to Darfur, in 2005 the Museum opened *Genocide Emergency—Darfur, Sudan: Who Will Survive Today?* a multimedia exhibition in the Wexner Learning Center.
Monitoring Congo

The diary that U.N. Goodwill Ambassador and actress Angelina Jolie kept during a 2003 fact-finding journey to the Democratic Republic of the Congo is the basis for “Ripples of Genocide: Journey through Eastern Congo,” an award-winning Museum Web site. More than 240,000 visitors have accessed the Congo diary. The Museum is actively monitoring that country and East Africa’s entire Great Lakes region for threats of genocide and related crimes against humanity.
Srebrenica Aftermath

The Museum opened *Abandoned at Srebrenica: Ten Years Later*, a photographic display by Bosnian photographer Tarik Samarah, on July 11, 2005—the tenth anniversary of the slaughter of 7,800 Bosnian men and boys after they were abandoned by U.N. peacekeepers. The killings constituted the single largest massacre in Europe since the end of World War II.
Why are we here today at this Holocaust Memorial Museum?...
It’s very simple. Because we, your Navy senior leadership,
care about your moral education. A rock solid foundation is
the most vital part in the building of a naval officer. We want to
give you every tool available so that when you are in a moral
quandary sometime in the future—and I guarantee you will be—you will do the right thing.

John Dalton, then-Secretary of the Navy, addressing Naval Academy midshipmen
Building Moral Leadership

The Holocaust raises fundamental questions about individual responsibility as well as the roles of government and society in preserving human dignity and freedom. The Museum’s location among our national monuments to freedom and justice is not an accident. Just yards away is the national memorial to Thomas Jefferson, who cautioned that “eternal vigilance is the price of freedom.”

The Holocaust Museum provides a powerful lesson in the fragility of freedom and the myth of progress and reminds us that vigilance and responsibility are crucial to preserving democracy. Societies fail when leaders neglect to uphold democratic values and when citizens do not hold their leaders accountable.

How do democratic societies—rooted in principles of equality, freedom and justice—create citizens and leaders with a moral compass? Many important segments of our society work closely with the Museum to help shape those who will affect the future of our nation. Professionals from the fields of law enforcement, the judiciary and the military, as well as diplomacy, medicine, education and religion, to name a few, study Holocaust history, with emphasis on the role of their particular professions and the implications for their own responsibilities. The courses intensify their sense of commitment to the core values of their professions and their roles in the protection of individuals and society.
Law and Justice

Law Enforcement and Society, the Museum’s program for police officers, has expanded to more than a dozen police departments and the FBI, reaching 20,000 officers and recruits and more than 4,000 FBI agents. Recognizing D.C. Metropolitan Police Department Chief Charles Ramsey, who conceived this program with the Museum and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the Museum established the Ramsey Internship for Civic Responsibility.

In addition, judges, lawyers and law students were among the thousands reached in the Chicago legal community by “Legacies of Nuremberg, 60 Years Later,” the Museum’s two-day, 14-program event, cosponsored by the Chicago Bar Association and the Chicago Public Library.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy (below) and his law clerks were among the numerous leaders from the judicial community to visit the Museum in the past year.

Chief Ramsey and other local police chiefs held the opening meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference at the Museum in 2006. The event generated broad interest in the Museum by police chiefs from across the country and set the stage for future expansion of the Museum’s Law Enforcement and Society program. Pictured above presenting Museum Director Sara Bloomfield with a mounted display of their departments’ patches are, from left, Montgomery County (Md.) Police Chief J. Thomas Manger; Fairfax County (Va.) Police Chief David M. Rohrer; Director of the ADL’s Washington, D.C. Regional Office David Friedman; Chief Charles Ramsey; and Prince George’s County (Md.) Police Chief Melvin C. High.

The Museum marked the 60th anniversary of the International Military Tribunal (IMT) held in Nuremberg, Germany, with a presentation in the Wexner Learning Center, The Nuremberg Trials: What is Justice? The interactive display encourages visitors to consider the legacies of Nuremberg and whether in the face of such atrocities justice can ever be done.
Science and Medicine

Members of the American Association of Medical Colleges as well as other medical and scientific associations (above) viewed Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race, a special exhibition on the role of scientists and medical professionals in legitimizing racial eugenics policies that led to the murder of people with disabilities and ultimately the Jews.

The Museum also partnered with the American Medical Association to deliver a lecture series based on the exhibition at medical schools across the country in such cities as Memphis, San Antonio, Reno, Mobile, Denver and Chicago. The lectures and related events helped medical faculty, students and interested members of the public analyze the significance of the Holocaust for modern medical ethics. A version of the Deadly Medicine exhibition will travel nationally and be shown at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta beginning in April 2007.

Leaders from major scientific, medical and bioethics organizations visited Deadly Medicine, including:

- National Institutes of Health
- National Academy of Sciences
- Association of American Medical Colleges
- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- President’s Council on Bioethics
- George Washington University School of Medicine
- Georgetown University Medical School
- The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
- American Society of Bioethics and Humanities
Military

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense, the Museum provides programming for 1,100 foreign military officers a year, including generals and other high-ranking officers from more than 120 countries, including Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Holocaust survivors who volunteer with the Museum speak to dozens of military audiences every year—both at the Museum and at military installations. Survivor Manya Friedman (below, center) who spoke at the U.S. Army Garrison in Fort Buchanan, P.R., where Colonel Stephen M. Ackman is commander, receives a copy of a resolution from Puerto Rico Senator Jose Garriga Pico honoring her.

On Veterans Day 2005, the Museum held its first Military Family Day, an event to increase public awareness of the role of the American military in liberating camps and caring for survivors at the end of World War II. This year, more than 50,000 veterans, service members and their families visited the Museum.
A few of the institutions whose officers and officers-in-training participate in Museum programming:

- U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- U.S. Naval Academy
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- Marine Corps University
- Department of Defense, Office of Military Commissions
- Marine Barracks of Washington, D.C.
- U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir

LEADING IN A COMPLEX WORLD

The Museum’s Civic and Defense Initiative training is increasingly relevant. The events of the last four years, in which the U.S. military has found itself operating in extraordinarily challenging environments, has created a demand for the Museum’s programs that support the military’s emphasis on moral leadership and professional responsibility.

As an incoming freshman, Joshua Larson visited the Museum with his class in 2002 as part of the program in which all plebes of the Naval Academy come to the Museum to learn about the Holocaust and to grapple with their own responsibilities as future military officers. The experience at the Museum powerfully reinforces the students’ examination of the nature of leadership and the importance of core values, including character, honor, integrity, justice and fairness. Since 1995, every Naval Academy plebe class has participated.

But Larson’s experience with the Museum did not end as a plebe. Three years later as a senior and leader of plebe summer activities, he led the effort to enhance the educational content of the program.

The Museum trains not only future military officers, but current officers and enlisted personnel as well. And our efforts are expanding across the nation, reaching other service academies, such as West Point and the Air Force Academy, and numerous other military institutions. The Museum has reached more than 8,000 military personnel. Participants consistently rate the training as exceptional and say it makes a difference in the way they view the world and the choices they make as leaders and professionals.

“As a military officer, I am mindful of the narrow lines we walk in armed conflict, the moral dilemmas our young warriors face, and the personal responsibilities each of us have,” noted Colonel Terry Lockard, Commanding Officer of the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. The Museum training “allowed us to reflect, think, and grow.”
Campuses and Schools

After Israeli high school teacher Raya Kalisman spent a year working with the Museum’s program for Washington, D.C.-area schools, *Bringing the Lessons Home*, she decided to replicate the program for Jewish, Arab and Druze students in northern Israel. Today, 14 Jewish, 10 Arab and four Druze schools participate in the program in which students find common ground through the history and lessons of the Holocaust.

Professor Mary Coleman (right) of Jackson State University, Mississippi, co-led a seminar for professors from Historically Black Universities and Colleges who were teaching or preparing to teach Holocaust-related courses. The annual Jack and Anita Hess Faculty Seminar for faculty teaching Holocaust-related courses is part of the Museum’s Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, which supports faculty training, university outreach, visiting fellows, applied research, publications and conferences.

*Night*, the internationally acclaimed memoir of Nobel laureate and Founding Museum Chairman Elie Wiesel, was selected by Oprah Winfrey for her Book Club and featured during a special two-day “Oprah” broadcast in May. Students from across the country who read *Night* entered Oprah’s National High School Essay Contest and submitted essays answering the question, “Why is Elie Wiesel’s *Night* relevant today?” Museum Director Sara Bloomfield served as one of the judges for the contest.
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Government and Diplomacy

The Museum’s impact extends from diplomats to the highest levels of government. Bosnian President Sulejman Tihic, shown at the exhibition *Abandoned at Srebrenica: Ten Years Later* (above) and himself a victim of “ethnic cleansing” in the Balkans, is one of 83 heads of state to have visited the Museum since it opened in 1993.

Religion

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Robert B. Zoellick, Deputy Secretary of State, addresses the gathering on the urgency of the situation in Sudan today.

The Capitol Rotunda (above); soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) with the flags of the U.S. Army liberating divisions (opposite page).

Survivor Nathan Shapell, a Museum Founder and Council Member, lights a memorial candle. He is assisted by U.S. Navy Midshipman Carly Towers and Senator George V. Voinovich.
Days of Remembrance Events, April 2006

The U.S. Congress charged the Museum to hold the annual Days of Remembrance ceremony as part of our nation’s commemoration of the Holocaust. Members of Congress, White House officials, ambassadors, Holocaust survivors, liberators, supporters and community leaders attended the ceremony in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.

Robert B. Zoellick, Deputy Secretary of State and leader of the Administration’s efforts on Darfur, Sudan, delivered the keynote address. He spoke about the importance of understanding the Holocaust and acting on its lessons. Referring to the urgent situation in Darfur, he said, “Bearing witness means we remember, but memory is not enough. Bearing witness means giving testimony, but statements are not enough. Bearing witness means learning from history, but knowledge is not enough. Bearing witness must also mean acting. ...”
Museum Founder and Council Member Eric Ross (above, right) and his wife, Lore (second from left), at a presentation by Council Chairman Fred Zeidman and Museum Director Sara Bloomfield recognizing them as the largest donors to the Museum.

Eric Ross with grandsons Marc and Steven in front of the special exhibition *A Dangerous Lie: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, funded by the Ross family. Mr. Ross and his grandsons participated in the Days of Remembrance ceremony.
Museum Director Sara Bloomfield, third from left, is honored for 20 years of service to the Museum by, from left, Council Vice Chairman Emeritus Mark Talisman, Chairman Emeritus Harvey Meyerhoff, Chairman Fred Zeidman, Chairman Emeritus Miles Lerman, Vice Chair Emeritus Ruth B. Mandel, and Vice Chairman Joel Geiderman.

Council Chairman Fred Zeidman with Judie Ganek and Council Member and Founders Society Co-Chair Howard Ganek.

Museum Founder Bill Levine (left) introduces Aleksander Kwasniewski, the former president of Poland, who delivered the keynote address at the annual Tribute Dinner.

Council Member and Founders Society Co-Chair Jay Stein with his wife, Deanie, and Council Vice Chairman Joel Geiderman.
Founders Society

Ted (center) and Joan Cutler with Chairman Fred Zeidman.

The Lumer Family at their Founders Wall unveiling ceremony.

Sheila Johnson Robbins with George Schwab.

Council Member Michael Morris (center) accepts a medal on behalf of The Marcus Foundation.

Dr. Miriam Adelson, Ben Ginsberg and Council Member JoAnne Ginsberg with Chairman Fred Zeidman and his wife, Kay, at the Department of State.

Jack Kay (center) with Chairman Fred Zeidman (left) and Vice Chairman Joel Geiderman.

Deborah Ratner Salzberg, Michael Salzberg, and Lindsay and Aaron Miller accept a medal on behalf of the Ratner, Miller, Shafran families from Chairman Fred Zeidman (left) and Vice Chairman Joel Geiderman (right).
Phyllis Blum and family at their Donors Wall unveiling ceremony.

Alice Abrams, Southeast Regional Co-Chair, center, and family at the Tribute Dinner.

Michael Sacks receives the Wings of Memory Award from Chairman Fred Zeidman.

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Statement of Activities
For the year ended September 30, 2005

Private Funds | Federal Funds | Total
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Support and revenue | | 
Federal appropriation revenue | | $40,038,645 | $40,038,645
Contributions | $21,950,979 | 21,950,979
Membership revenue | 10,262,566 | 10,262,566
Museum Shop | 1,827,249 | 1,827,249
Endowment payout | 952,431 | 952,431
Contributed services | 140,951 | 140,951
Imputed Financing Source | 1,193,196 | 1,193,196
Other | 595,629 | 595,629
Total support and revenue | $35,729,805 | $41,231,841 | $76,961,646

Expenses | | |
Building operations | $3,303,378 | $17,854,844 | $21,158,222
Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies | 3,881,159 | 2,133,267 | 6,014,426
Membership | 3,508,796 | | 3,508,796
Museum and public programs | 5,706,242 | 10,119,314 | 15,825,556
Information technology | 1,287,698 | 3,707,392 | 4,995,090
Museum Shop | 1,993,361 | | 1,993,361
Management and general | 4,548,307 | 6,797,884 | 11,346,191
Fundraising | 6,339,713 | | 6,339,713
Total expenses | $30,569,036 | $40,612,701 | $71,181,737

Support and revenue over (under) expenses | | |
$5,160,769 | $619,140 | $5,779,909
Investment appreciation (depreciation) | 14,000,714 | | 14,000,714
adjusted for endowment payout | | |
Change in unexpended appropriation | | 691,047 | 691,047
Increase (decrease) in net assets | 19,161,483 | 1,310,187 | 20,471,670

Net assets (beginning of year) | $253,632,281 | $18,891,457 | $272,523,738
Net assets (end of year) | $272,793,764 | $20,201,644 | $292,995,408

Statement of Financial Position
For the year ended September 30, 2005

Private Funds | Federal Funds | Total
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Assets | | 
Cash | $3,436,433 | $11,879,220 | $15,315,653
 Contributions receivable | 17,194,238 | 17,194,238
Investments | 149,796,686 | 149,796,686
Other assets | 439,774 | 245,273 | 685,047
Museum facility, net | 75,135,086 | 5,238,603 | 80,373,689
Permanent Exhibition and collections, net | 30,246,257 | 5,762,360 | 36,009,617
Furniture and equipment, net | 5,350 | 553,898 | 559,248
Total assets | $276,253,824 | $23,679,954 | $299,933,778

Liabilities and net assets | | |
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | $3,460,060 | $3,478,310 | $6,938,370
Federal equity | 20,201,644 | 20,201,644
Unrestricted net assets | | |
Designated for programs and operations | 2,175,851 | 2,175,851
Funds functioning as endowment | 33,421,543 | 33,421,543
Investment in facility | 75,135,086 | 75,135,086
Investment in exhibitions | 30,246,257 | 30,246,257
Restricted net assets | | |
Temporarily restricted for programs | 15,914,360 | 15,914,360
Permanently restricted for endowment | 115,900,667 | 115,900,667
Total liabilities and net assets | $276,253,824 | $23,679,954 | $299,933,778
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