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CENTER**

Keeping the History  
and Lessons of the  
Holocaust Alive

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Birmingham, AL – The Birmingham Holocaust Education Center (BHEC) is pleased to announce it will be temporarily relocating to Temple Emanu-El of Birmingham, AL, on December 17, 2019.

The Bayer Properties building (2222 Arlington Avenue South) has been home to the BHEC for the past 15 years, affording us the opportunity to support and grow our mission. “The BHEC has been so appreciative of the strong support received these past few months, as we have been searching for new space,” says Fran Godchaux, BHEC Relocation Committee Chair and VP of Governance. The move to Temple Emanu-El is temporary, as a long-term strategy is underway to identify a permanent place to house our exhibits, library, and ever-expanding Holocaust and WW II archives, as well as a place to develop new exhibits and programs to encourage more people to join us in keeping the history and the lessons of the Holocaust alive.

At Temple Emanu-El, BHEC offices will be located on the second floor, and our Community Room will be on the third floor. BHEC archives and rare books will be housed at Levite Jewish Community Center. We invite everyone to check the website and social media for most recent updates to our business hours, programming, and event locations, including our ongoing Community Education Series and January’s “Holocaust in Film” series.

BHEC’s new Executive Director, Rev. Melissa Self Patrick, began her tenure on November 4<sup>th</sup> and has been focused on this new opportunity: “We are looking forward to working with Temple Emanu-El, the LJCC, and to continuing our programs with *all* our outstanding partners across greater Birmingham and the state of Alabama.”

For further information, visit [www.bhecinfo.org](http://www.bhecinfo.org), call our office at 205.795.4176, or email [info@bhecinfo.org](mailto:info@bhecinfo.org).

The Birmingham Holocaust Education Center seeks to educate the people of Alabama about the history of the Holocaust so that new generations will apply the lessons of the Holocaust to the construction of a more just, humane, and tolerant future. Organized in 2002, the BHEC provides programming throughout the state of Alabama for teachers, students, civic groups, organizations, and communities.