Sarah L. Weiss
Chief Executive Officer

Weiss joined the staff of the Holocaust & Humanity Center in 2004. She was appointed executive director in 2007—working to formulate lasting partnerships with organizations and educational institutions locally, nationally, and internationally. As the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, Weiss brings a personal connection and passion to her work. She is a graduate of a competitive course at the esteemed Yad Vashem International School for Holocaust Studies, in addition to completing the Lerner Fellowship through the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous at Columbia University.

Weiss has impacted the community in several roles outside of her work at the Holocaust & Humanity Center. She served as director of the Jewish Community Relations Council at the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati from 2011 to 2017. Building bridges between Jewish and non-Jewish communities, Weiss advocated on behalf of the Jewish community, and Israel, during a time when antisemitism and hate-related crimes increased locally and nationwide. She is the recipient of the 2007 Public Allies Changemaker Award, the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati’s 2011 Weston Avodah Award. She was selected as a YWCA Rising Star in 2012, and she received the FBI Director’s Leadership Award in 2013. She serves on the Ohio Holocaust Council and as treasurer for the Association of Holocaust Organizations. She also serves on the board of Cincinnati’s Talbert House.

Most recently, in 2019, she successfully led the Holocaust & Humanity Center’s groundbreaking move to Cincinnati’s historic Union Terminal. The Center is the only Holocaust museum in the United States with a direct connection to its physical location. Opened in 1933, Union Terminal was a bustling train station before and during WWII. More than one thousand individuals—refugees and survivors of the Holocaust—arrived by train at Union Terminal to rebuild their lives in Cincinnati.

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