

**Re: David Myers as CEO of the Center for Jewish History**  
**From: Academic Council, AJHS, and Academic Advisory Council, CJH**

We are writing to support the Board's decision to hire Dr. David Myers as the CEO of the Center for Jewish History.

When Dr. Myers was hired as CEO of the Center for Jewish History the Center Board was surely aware of his outstanding scholarship in modern Jewish history and his thoughtful engagement in contemporary political issues. In fact, Dr. Myers' ability to bridge scholarly and popular settings is one of the reasons that he is so well suited to lead the CJH. Regardless of issue or context, Dr. Myers has never hidden his opinions nor has he ever engaged in ad hominem attacks. His writing and speeches are grounded in a deep historical understanding of society, politics, and culture. Dr. Myers' criticism of certain Israeli policies and leaders are irrelevant to the responsibilities of his position as CEO of the Center for Jewish History. An institution grounded in scholarship, the Center for Jewish History houses the records and archives of five American Jewish institutions devoted to preserving the history of Jewish life in the modern diaspora. We strongly support the Board's decision to hire David Myers, and we urge the Board to disregard the orchestrated and politically-motivated attacks on him.

The following signatories include scholars associated with the Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical Society and the Academic Advisory Council of the Center for Jewish History.

Signed:

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