Standing up for our Values
BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

Looking back on this week, I am so proud to be a Bostonian—and to be your Mayor. Last Friday, President Trump made good on his divisive campaign rhetoric, and signed a series of executive orders that are designed to promote American isolation, intolerance and fear. Boston didn’t sit back and accept these.

Forty percent of Boston’s children have at least one parent who was born outside the United States. I identify with those kids because I was one of

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It’s important to remember the facts of the Holocaust
Rev. Irene Monroe

Trump’s public statement commemorating International Holocaust Remembrance Day diluted any mention of Judaism, anti-Semitism or the Nazi systematic program exterminating European Jewry. The omission was not only hurtful to remaining Holocaust survivors, their families, and friends, but the omission is dismissive of six million victims during World War II.

While the president’s generic statement on suffering was intended to be an all-inclusive acknowledgment of other groups killed—gays, Gypsies, political dissidents, non-Aryans, in a more-far-reaching way, the Nazis, Elie Wiesel, at the ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz in 1995, stated it best: “It is true that not all the victims were Jews. But all the Jews were victims.” In other words, eliminating Jews was the central organizing principal for the rise of the “Third Reich.”

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SEBA "Warm in the Winter" this Saturday

The South End Business Alliance (SEBA) presents “Warm in the Winter” this Saturday, 12:30-4:30 pm, Cyclorama at Boston Center for the Arts.

539 Tremont Street, Boston. SEBA says its plan is “to bring the South End community together under one roof to celebrate and support the neighborhood businesses and organizations. Come out of the cold with friends, family and neighbors to visit an indoor collection of our neighborhood’s businesses, shops and eateries.”

The event is free and open to the public.

Events include
Face Painting by Renee Boston
Face Painter

Community Music Center of Boston: Activity for Early Childhood
Little Lounge Club—Activity for Ages 0-2 with Caregiver
La La Land
With Special Guest: Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

Neruda’s Book of Questions

February 3 & 4, 2017
@ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Villa Victoria Center for the Arts

Neruda’s Book of Questions: An Exploration Through Music and Dance explores themes present in Pablo Neruda’s Book of Questions through movement and live music. Utilizing Villa Victoria’s beautiful architecture and history, this performance uses dance to highlight and transform space, from cascading spiral staircases to hidden alcoves and trap doors.

Exploring how time unfolds and experiences intertwine, Neruda’s Book of Questions: An Exploration Through Music and Dance

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Boston’s new default speed limit is 25 mph

Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on all city of Boston roadways will be 25 mph
Heart of Gold Scholarship Fundraiser is Two Weeks Away!

Since 2007, the Blackstone Falls Park Neighborhood Association has awarded $1,000-$2,000 scholarships to South End high school graduates to cover the cost of textbooks, computers, or supplies for college or trade school. Fundraiser this Thursday, Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m., at Ettageon, 719 Harris Ave. Proceeds benefit the Heart of Gold Foundation. Tickets are $15 and available at Heart of Gold Foundation. Call (617) 454-7280 ext. 202 or email: sales@southendnews.com.

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them. My mother and father came to Bos-
ton from Ireland looking for opportunity. They
found their American Dream, and I got to live here by becoming mayor of the
city that embraced us.

In Boston, immigrants make up
nearly one third of our population. We
welcome and we cherish those who are
seeking permission or simply seeking a
better life. Boston, and the United States,
is a proud nation of immigrants. We know
our success—and our nation’s success—
has always depended on the drive, talent,
community, and culture of newcomers
from around the world.

Last week, we held a press conference
at City Hall with some of the many
immigrants in Boston, to hear the Administra-
tion’s threats to our City will continue to
support you. When I visit schools and see young children, I know that they are afraid of having
their mother or brother taken away, some-
thing being wrong. I will do everything
lawful within my power to protect our immigrant
neighbors.

Today, we will continue to build trust
between law enforcement and immigrant communities. For everyone’s safety, both
documented and undocumented immi-
grants need to know they can go to the
police without fear of being targeted over
minor issues or more serious offenses. The Boston Police
Department has worked hard to build
trust, and I encourage all of you to be
among the safest in the U.S.

On Saturday, we joined advocates, lawyers and elected officials at Logan
Airport to welcome Families Against
Separation. Lawyers worked for free throughout the night to assist those trapped in airports
throughout the country, including Boston.

When their work is done, the courts take action temporarily halt the law.

On Sunday, we joined thousands and
thousands of Bostonians in Copley Square
to show our support for our Muslim broth-
 ers and sisters who have been targeted
by the Trump Administration. Organized
by the Council on American-Islamic
Relations, we voiced our support for the
Muslim people that live and work in our
City, and those who come to Boston hop-
ing for a better life. Looking out across
the square, Reverend Laura Everett asked
who in crowd was Muslim—every hand
went up, united.

President Trump wants America to
become a nation that will turn its back
on immigrants seeking a better life, on
families who have risked their lives to
leave a warzone, on bright young men and
women coming to America to make our
world better.

But we will not back down from our
values that make us who we are as a city.
We will fight for our residents, whether
immigrant or not, and provide the best
culture of life for all Bostonians. I will use all of my power within lawful means
to

Ward 4 Dems to elect delegates
Registered Democrats in Boston Ward 4,
which covers parts of Back Bay, Fenway, and
the South End, will hold a caucus at the
South End Library (Tremont Street) on
Wednesday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m., to
elect 16 delegates and alternates for the 2017 Mass-
achusetts Democratic Convention, where
Democrats from across Massachusetts will
assemble to adopt a new Party Platform.

The Convention will be held on Saturday,
June 3rd, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell.

“Our caucuses are a great opportunity
to strengthen our Party’s organization and
to welcome new participants who are interested
in getting involved in our Party,” commented
Massachusetts Democratic Party Chair
Bridget Walsh. “Delegates will be voting on our Party
Platform in Lowell, and we want to make sure
theselves are heard in this important decision.”

The caucuses are open to all registered and
pre-registered Democrats in Ward 4, and
the Democratic Committee will elect all
eligible participants. Any person who is not 18
years of age at the time of the caucus but will
be 18 by the 2018 Primary Date (September 31,
2018) may pre-register to vote with the City or
Town Clerk. Delegates will be divided equally
between men and women, and all ballots will
be written and secret. In the spirit of inclusion,
youth, minorities, and people with disabilities
who are not elected as delegates or alternates
may apply to be ballot delegates, either at
their caucus or online at www.massdem.org.

The Boston Ward 4 Democratic Town
Committee normally meets on the third third
Sunday of the month at the South End Library
on Tremont Street. For more information on
the caucus or the committee please contact
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Coldwell Banker, Hammond participated in “Great Holiday Coat Drive.”

The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage | The Hammond Group office located at 10 Berkeley St., is part of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New England. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is the largest residential real estate brokerage company in New England. With more than 4,000 affiliated sales associates and staff in approximately 90 office locations, the organization serves consumers in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is part of NRT LLC, the nation’s largest residential real estate brokerage company. For more information, please visit ColdwellBankerHomes.com.

The success of the SECHC annual drive relies on loyal and dedicated community partners like Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage | The Hammond Group. Their continued support of our program makes a tremendous impact for individuals in need, not just during the cold winter months, but all year long,” said Bill Wolcoak, president and CEO of SECHC.

The “Great Holiday Coat Drive” was established by the SECHC to address the growing need throughout Boston neighborhoods to outfit pediatric patients with warm winter accessories.

“There is a great need to outfit kids with appropriate winter accessories, and we are pleased to assist with the cause at a drop-off location,” said Dave Stenberg, vice president and managing broker of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage | The Hammond Group.  

South End Community Health Center’s (SECHC) “Great Holiday Coat Drive.”

Neruda

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incorporates devices from ages 5-70 to explore life in a nonlinear language.

Alex Jimenez and Michelle Alcindor have passed the show, and Friday’s performance will also feature a speech and book signing by Alan Stevens, a distinguished translator and noted as one of the foremost scholars of Hispanic culture. It is lent his expertise to crafting the performance in its debut. Alan’s translations of Neruda’s work will be available for purchase at the performance.

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It is my opinion that we have normalized anti-Semitism in this country to the point it is not only permissible, but also invisible to some. For example, during Trump’s campaign, he was condoned by Jewish leaders for what appeared on his anti-Hillary poster the Star of David layered over $100 bills. Trump lashed back telling his critics the star was a sheriff’s badge.

Since Trump has taken office, however, there has been a noticeable uptick of anti-Semitic assaults and sights of swastika signs across the country, even in an unlikely place like Cambridge Ringe and Latin School (CRALS), a bastion liberalism, tolerance and multiculturalism.

In early December, last year, the school newspaper “Register Ruminations” reported that swastikas were drawn on two bathroom walls. The third floor boys' bathroom had a swastika next to the message “The power of the sign will be great again with President Trump.”

“While we need to be realistic about the current climate in our schools, and to test the fundamental values of our society - diversity, respect - at CRALS,” Elaine Scharf, shared with me, a parent of two CRALS alumni, and co-founder and Exec Director of Friends of CRALS.

At best, Trump’s statement references the Holocaust, highlighting the event but not the magnitude of its human carnage.

Along with the 6 million Jews killed Nazi Germany's extermination plan of gay men is a classic example of how policies informed by anti-Semitism, Paragraph 175 of the German Criminal Code, differentiated between the type of persecution non-German gay men received from German gay men, because of a quasi-scientific and racist ideology of racial purity. “The police of persecution carried out toward non-German homosexuals in the occupied territories differed significantly from those directed against German gay men,” wrote Richard Plant in “The Pink Triangle: The Nazi War Against Homosexuals.” “The Aryans were known to be free of contagions; the damnation of degenerate subjects were to be hastened.”

Although laws against lesbianism had not been codified, and lesbians were not criminalized for their sexual orientation as gay men were, German women were nonetheless viewed as threat to the Nazi state and were forced to work in concentration camps. As a matter of fact, any German woman, lesbian, prostitute or homosexual, not upholding her proper gender role - “to be a mother of many Aryans before it is possible” - was destined.

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Advertisement for Boston Public Health Commission
Boston Biosafety Committee members
The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is seeking new community members for its Boston Biosafety Committee (BBC) from the South End, Fenway, and/or Chinatown neighborhoods. The BBC provides technical assistance and advice on issues related to regulation and permitting of biological research laboratories in the City of Boston. Community members should be able to commit to two years on the committee.

BPHC permits and regulates research laboratories in Boston and the BBC has the role of advising the Executive Director of BPHC. Community members of the BBC have a role in communicating information on biological safety to the public and providing input on community concerns.

The BBC meets when required for review of research projects, laboratory permit applications, or other times requested by the BPHC Executive Director. The time commitment will average five hours a month, with some months having no meetings and some months having meetings with materials to review in advance.

Community members interested in being on the BBC should contact Julien Farland, Boston Public Health Commission Director of Biological Safety, at jfarland@bphc.org or 617-534-2814.
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I know Boston will not change its essential character of inclusion. We have American values, common sense and the United States Constitution on our side, and we won't quit—I hope Washington takes notice. And if Boston holds the Trump Administration accountable, I will be standing next to you.

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anti-social and hostile to the German state.
For Trump to not acknowledge the victims of the Holocaust but rather to reference them by stating “in the name of the persecuted” ignores not only the Holocaust’s distinct historical circumstances, like how already existing prejudices and fears were stoked and amplified against Jews, but also it conceals and denies German Christians anti-Semitism, and it Erases the unique stories of survival, bravery and resistance by Jews and their allies.

“Seventy-five years ago, my mother’s family was being murdered in Poland. Because they could not escape,” Lebanon shared with me. “My mother (Nechama) survived the war in Poland as a Catholic girl and sheltered by a Catholic family. She wrote about each rescue in her book, “When Light Replaced the Darkness.”

Tee is the Founder and Director of “Bridge to Poland,” which offers tours to Poland focusing on Jewish life before and after the Nazi’s occupation.

It’s important to remember the Holocaust because history is a funny way of repeating itself. Ideally, Trump’sitives to the American Muslims were indeed the same day the White House released its Holocaust Remembrance Day statement. And like the many Jews who perished in the Holocaust because the U.S. government wouldn’t grant them asylum so too will many Muslims.

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