

## Re: Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies director appointment

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From: ettin026 University of Minnesota [REDACTED]  
To: Lynne Redleaf [REDACTED]  
Sent: June 11, 2024 4:59:03 PM CDT

Thank you for your heads up on this. Timely and helpful.

- Jeff

On Sun, Jun 9, 2024 at 8:14 PM Lynne Redleaf [REDACTED] > wrote:

Jon & Jeff:

I hope that you know that Andy and I have been 100% supportive of how IP Ettinger and the University has handled issues of anti-Semitism on campus and we are very sensitive to the competing interests of various voices, free speech and academic freedom at the University of Minnesota.

Today, after seeing this email, and getting some messages from friends, I took some time to dig in to learn about Raz Segal and Andy and I took time to discuss the readings. After reading about Raz Segal, including the piece he wrote for Jewish Currents on October 13th, which is hyperlinked below, we have come to the conclusion that Richard Painter is absolutely correct, and Raz Segal is far too extreme to serve as Director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and he is, in fact, an anti-Zionist.

In his letter of October 13<sup>th</sup>, Raz Segal engages in a thorough and nuanced analysis of genocide, and whether Israel's actions constitute genocide. Yet, his mention of the actions on October 7<sup>th</sup> that led to Israel's response, gets a brief mention, and he uses all sorts of tropes that are offensive to Jews. In the October 13<sup>th</sup>. Piece he references "apartheid" and in another article I found, he references "settler colonial rule."

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/oct/24/israel-gaza-palestinians-holocaust>

It is one thing to engage in an analysis of whether Israel's actions constitute genocide, whether or not we might agree with the analysis. It is also acceptable to criticize Israel's actions in this war and Andy and I are very troubled by the number of innocent people killed in this conflict. It is completely inappropriate for somebody who doesn't believe in Israel's right to exist to lead a center on genocide that specifically names the Holocaust as genocide. The fact that Raz Segal is Israeli, does not give him cover. His appointment as director is just as offensive as appointing Byron Donalds, who recently praised Jim Crow laws, to lead the African American Studies Department.

If this appointment stands, it will almost certainly make fundraising for this Center, grind to a halt. Since IP Ettinger will be done in a few weeks, he is in a unique position to block this appointment, and it is our recommendation that he do so.

We are available to discuss this matter, should you like to do so. I (Lynne) can be reached at [REDACTED] and Andy is at [REDACTED]

Thank you for your consideration.

Lynne & Andy Redleaf

Lynne Singer Redleaf

**From:** Ethan Roberts, JCRC [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 9, 2024 8:50 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Advocacy Alert: U of M chooses anti-Zionist to lead Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies

Lynne,

The University of Minnesota will be appointing a prominent anti-Zionist professor, [Raz Segal](#), to be the next Director of its [Center for Holocaust and](#)