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**The Association of Jewish Libraries Commends California State University, Fresno  
President Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval and the California State University Board of Trustees**

The Association of Jewish Libraries commends California State University, Fresno President Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval and the California State University Board of Trustees for having the courage to rename the Fresno State University Library after their discovery that Henry Miller Madden, former librarian and library namesake, was a lifelong antisemite and Nazi sympathizer.

With antisemitism on the rise throughout the world, the Association of Jewish Libraries deeply appreciates his efforts, and those of the California State University Board of Trustees, to thoroughly investigate and ultimately remove the name of an avowed and unrepentant antisemite and Nazi sympathizer from its library name. We understand that this is an action undertaken at considerable cost, time, and energy, and we applaud the Board's initiative and unequivocal stand.

The Association of Jewish Libraries is the leading authority on Judaic librarianship. We invite university libraries everywhere to join us and access the resources that can assist in building collections that educate students and staff about Judaism and Jewish history, culture, and civilization, as well as antisemitism—and how to combat and hopefully eradicate that ancient hatred, on college campuses and beyond.

**About the Association of Jewish Libraries**

The Association of Jewish Libraries is an international, professional organization that fosters access to information and research in all forms of media relating to all things Jewish. The Association promotes Jewish literacy and scholarship and provides a community for peer support and professional development. For more information, visit [www.jewishlibraries.org](http://www.jewishlibraries.org).

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