

Speech by Shimon Samuels

I feel greatly privileged to open this Exhibition here in Leipzig and express our gratitude to all who made it possible, especially the United States Consulate General.

The United States has co-sponsored this exhibition from its inception in UNESCO in 2014 and we hope that, through their good offices, it may tour other cities across Germany.

These panels are replete with the values that suffuse the Judeo-Christian heritage. A relevant example is the countervailing role of the Biblical Prophet to temper the power of the monarch. This is part of a code of ethics that may have inspired the rule of law and democracy.

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