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SWC does wonderful work, but as they explain that they have been working to accomplish this for years. The question is WHY NOW. The answer, I believe, is because a few days ago Zoom withdrew their platform for the classroom presentation of Leila Khaled. They withdrew it because their attorneys told them that to provide "material support" for the PFLP which she represents is a violation of the Patriot Act, a crime which incurs major penalties including jail time for its perpetrators. Suddenly Facebook realizes that it too could be liable for the consequences of providing a platform for designated terrorists. Is there anyone out there who sees a connection here and does SFSU get it?

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From: Simon Wiesenthal Center
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The Simon Wiesenthal Center hailed Facebook's announcement that it will ban Holocaust denial from all of its platforms and that it will redirect anyone trying to post such material to reliable resources.



Playing a role in today's announcement, the Simon Wiesenthal Center — pictured above at a meeting in 2016:

- **Has had a longstanding relationship with Facebook** spanning many years.
- **Consistently lobbied Facebook to upgrade their terms of usage** as it relates to Holocaust denial, anti-Semitism and extreme anti-Israel campaigns.
- **Researchers are trusted, go-to experts for Facebook** who often submit hundreds of problematic postings and profiles each year, most are removed almost immediately.
- **Continues to coordinate ongoing discussions with Facebook** and activists on a wide range of relevant issues.

- **Meets regularly** with Facebook's policy department and **Facebook executives**; Rabbis Hier and Cooper have shared SWC concerns in a conversation **with Mark Zuckerberg**.

The SWC will pursue its long-time goal of urging all social media companies to erase anti-Semitism and hate from their platforms.