Being Jewish in America in 2022 does not mean one thing. For some people, the celebration of holidays is what Judaism looks like. For others, Jewish identity is expressed through a commitment to social justice and equality. I was delighted that:

- The purpose of the Executive Leadership Council is to provide support and guidance toward achieving its brick-and-mortar walls but in what happens inside those walls — the experiential friction and casualties.
- Despite a long history of immigrants from Asia contributing to the economy, culture, and politics of the United States, Asian Americans were often considered separate from mainstream society. Yuji Ichioka, a student at the University of California Berkeley, coined the term in 1968 to unite people from Japan, the Philippines, Vietnam, and elsewhere on social and political issues. While some immigrants tended to consider themselves distinct groups according to the countries from which they immigrated, Ichioka and others saw the potential for collaboration between Asian Americans and others.
- The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have served this nation with distinction and honor. This month, May 2022, we recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander Month and Jewish American Heritage Month. In collaboration with campus partners, we have curated resources that highlight, educate, and encourage a sense of community.

We at the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center believe the soul of a museum lies not in its brick-and-mortar walls but in what happens inside those walls — the experiential friction and casualties.

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