

# FASPE

FELLOWSHIPS AT  
AUSCHWITZ  
FOR THE STUDY OF  
PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

FASPE is under the auspices of the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust.

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## **Groundbreaking International Program for Medical and Law Students Will Be Launched on June 20 30 Students Will Take Part in the Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics**

New York, NY—**On June 20**, a distinguished group of 30 students chosen by the Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics, under the auspices of the [Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust](#), will participate in its inaugural two week program in New York, Berlin, and Poland for law and medical school students. Fifteen students were chosen from each field. The FASPE programs instruct students on the contemporary ethical issues facing their professions — using the Holocaust and the conduct of their professions in Nazi Germany as a framework for study.

Topics for the FASPE programs for law and medical students include *Nazi Doctors; Racial Hygiene, Murder, and Genocide; Nazi Ideology and the Legal System*; and related contemporary issues about professionals and genocide. Guest scholars include Dr. Michael Grodin of Boston College, Professor Harry Reicher of the University of Pennsylvania, Professor Devin Pendas of Boston College, and the program will be facilitated by faculty from Yale University, including Dr. Thomas Duffy, Dr. Mark Mercurio, and Professor Anthony Kronman, and Amos Friedland.

FASPE's goal is to provide tomorrow's professional leaders with opportunities to increase their awareness and preparedness for the ethical issues they will confront as professionals. FASPE Founder C. David Goldman says that "FASPE raises the question of what roles the professionals played in the Holocaust and what can be derived from them for future professional leaders."

Law Students chosen this year come from: Yale University, Duke University, American University, New York University, Northeastern University, University of Arizona, University of Maryland, University of Miami, University of New Mexico, and University of Virginia. Medical students are from: Harvard University, Yale University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, the Cleveland Clinic, and University of Western Ontario.

FASPE participants will begin orientation at the Museum of Jewish Heritage-A Living Memorial to the Holocaust on June 20. Orientation will include visiting the Museum's exhibits, meeting with Holocaust survivors, and working with FASPE staff and guest scholars. The first leg of the European portion is in Berlin, where the Fellows will have the opportunity to study the city's historical and cultural sites. Educational workshops will take place at the House of the Wannsee Conference, the site where, in 1942, representatives of State and Nazi Party agencies convened to discuss and coordinate plans for the "Final Solution" — a group that included nine lawyers. The Fellows then travel to Krakow, Poland, where they will explore the city's rich Jewish, Catholic, and Polish history. The Fellows will meet with Righteous among the Nations (rescuers) before departing for Oświęcim, the town the Germans called Auschwitz, where they will tour Auschwitz-Birkenau and work with the distinguished educational staff at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum.

### **About FASPE**

The Fellowships provide law, medical, seminary, journalism, and business students with a structured program of study that initially focuses on the role of their chosen professions in Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, and uses that historic

focus as a framework for the consideration of contemporary ethical issues. In July 2010, a Pilot Program will be held for seminary and journalism students and, in 2011, FASPE will pilot a program for business students.

FASPE is working in cooperation with Jagiellonian University, Krakow; the Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz, Berlin; and the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Oświęcim, Poland; and in collaboration with [Yale Medical School](#), [Yale Law School](#), [Columbia Graduate School of Journalism](#), and [Georgetown University](#).

Last month FASPE received a €30,000 (approximately \$38,000) grant for 2010 programming from the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research (ITF). In granting FASPE funding for its inaugural year of programming, the ITF said that “the general aims and activities of the project were considered excellent and the ITF is keen to support the continuation of your organisation’s efforts.” FASPE was one of only 11 grant recipients.

List of distinguished partners and supporters and of students, as well as a video about FASPE are available upon request and on our website at [www.mjhnyc.org/faspe](http://www.mjhnyc.org/faspe).

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### **About the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust**

The Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is located on the waterfront at 36 Battery Place in Manhattan’s Battery Park City. Through groundbreaking award-winning exhibitions, world class education, and public programs, the Museum honors those who died by celebrating their lives—cherishing the civilization that they built and the vibrant Jewish community that is their legacy today, and learning from their history.

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