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FDR and the Jews is the Topic of Revealing Panel Discussion
at the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

New York, NY— On **Sunday, December 6 at 2:30 p.m.**, join authors **Richard Breitman** (*Refugees and Rescue: The Diaries and Papers of James G. McDonald, 1935-1945*) and **Deborah E. Lipstadt** (*Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust*) for ***FDR and the Jews***, a discussion moderated by Museum Director **Dr. David G. Marwell** at the **Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust**.

Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 students/seniors, \$5 members and are available online at www.mjhnyc.org or by calling the Museum box office at 646.437.4202.

Debate is integral to the historical examination of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's presidency. What effect did American Jewry, the general public, and political realities have on the president's conduct and decision making during World War II? Could he have done more to help European Jews before and during the Holocaust? This esteemed panel will distinguish policy from perception and discuss new evidence that challenges widely held opinions about FDR.

About the Speakers

Richard Breitman is a professor at American University where he teaches modern European history and German history. He is the author or coauthor of nine books and many articles. His most recent books are editions of the diaries of James G. McDonald (League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 1933-35, and chairman of President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, 1938-1945). The first volume, *Advocate for the Doomed*, appeared in 2007, and the second volume, *Refugees and Rescue*, was published in May 2009. Breitman is editor of the journal *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, which is published by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Deborah E. Lipstadt is the Director, Rabbi Donald A. Tam Institute for Jewish Studies and Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University. Her books include *History of Trial: My Day in Court with David Irving*, the story of her libel trial in London against David Irving who sued her for calling him a Holocaust denier and right wing extremist. As an historical consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, she helped design the section of the Museum dedicated to the American Response to the Holocaust. President Clinton appointed her to two consecutive terms on the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

David G. Marwell served as the Chief of Investigative Research at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigations, where he conducted historical research in support of prosecution of Nazi war criminals living in the United States. He also played a major role in the Justice Department's investigations of Klaus Barbie and Josef Mengele. He is the director of the Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust.

About the Museum of Jewish Heritage

The Museum's three-floor Core Exhibition educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the rich tapestry of Jewish life over the past century—before, during, and after the Holocaust. Special exhibitions include *Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges*, on view through January 4 and *The Morgenthau: A Legacy of Service*, opening November 16. *Keeping History Center*, a new, interactive visitor experience, is now open. The Museum offers visitors a vibrant public program schedule in its Edmond J. Safra Hall. It is also home to Andy Goldsworthy's memorial *Garden of Stones*. The Museum receives general operating support from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.