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Author Hasia Diner Challenges the Myth of American Silence After the Holocaust

at the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

New York, NY— On **Wednesday, June 24 at 7 p.m.** join author **Hasia Diner** for a discussion of her groundbreaking book *We Remember With Reverence and Love: American Jews and the Myth of Silence After the Holocaust, 1945-1962* (New York University Press, 2008). This compelling work, sure to bring new insight to this often controversial topic, confronts the assumption of the tacit indifference of American Jews to the atrocities of the Holocaust. Diner argues that the American Jewish community was not only mindful of the tragedy, but was deeply invested in memorializing this great loss as a community.

Tickets to this program are \$5 general, free for members and are available online or by calling the Museum box office at 646.437.4202.

According to Diner, it has become an accepted truth that after World War II, American Jews, motivated by fear, shame, or the desire to assimilate, remained silent about the mass murder of millions of European Jews. But through the presentation of a myriad of sources—songs, literature, sermons, public displays, and more—Diner provides examples of many ways in which American Jews remembered and honored those lost in the Holocaust. This exceptional volume radically challenges readers' understanding not only of post-war American Jewry, but of the ways that the Holocaust continues to reverberate in the national psyche.

Professor Hasia R. Diner is Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Professor of American Jewish History and the Director of the Goldstein-Goren Center for American Jewish History at New York University. She is author or editor of numerous books, including *The Jews of the United States, 1654-2000*; *Hungering for America: Italian, Irish and Jewish Foodways in the Age of Migration*; *Her Works Praise Her: A History of Jewish Women in America from Colonial Times to Present* (with Beryl Lieff Benderly); and *From Arrival to Incorporation: Migrants to the U.S. in a Global Era* (available from New York University Press), among others.

WHAT: *We Remember with Reverence and Love: American Jews and the Myth of Silence After the Holocaust*
(New York University Press, 2009)
With author **Hasia R. Diner**

WHERE: Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust
Edmond J. Safra Plaza, 36 Battery Place, Lower Manhattan

WHEN: Wednesday, June 24 at 7 p.m.

COST: \$5 general, free for Members

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 *Woman of Letters: Irène Némirovsky and Suite Française*, extended through August 30, and *Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges* on view through January 4, 2010. 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*, as well as James Carpenter's *Reflection Passage*, Gift of The Gruss Lipper Foundation. The Museum receives general operating support from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and is a founding member of the *Museums of Lower Manhattan*.

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