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ORANGE, Calif. – Saul Friedländer, author of the 2008 Pulitzer Prize-winning history *The Years of Extermination: Nazi Germany and the Jews, 1939-45* and professor of history at UCLA, will offer a lecture on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall on the Chapman University campus in Orange. Admission is free and open to the public. He will also hold a book-signing following the lecture, and his books will be on sale at the event. For more information, the public can call 714-628-7377.

Professor Friedländer's topic, "The Voice of the Witness in the History of the Shoah" ("Shoah" is a Hebrew word for the Holocaust) will examine the impact that direct witnesses have had on assessing and writing the history of the Holocaust. Professor Friedländer, himself a Holocaust survivor and witness, says that it is the voice of the witness, in diary and memoir, in oral history and trial transcript, that "can tear through seamless interpretation and pierce the (mostly involuntary) smugness of scholarly detachment and 'objectivity.'"

Saul Friedländer, The "1939" Club Chair in Holocaust Studies and professor of history at UCLA and professor emeritus of history at Tel Aviv University, is a preeminent historian of the Holocaust, Nazi Germany and World War II. Born in Prague in 1932, he fled with his parents to France in 1939; both his parents ultimately perished at Auschwitz. Following the war, Professor Friedlander studied in France, Israel and Switzerland, receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Geneva in 1963. He taught at the University of Geneva, Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University before joining the UCLA history faculty, where he has held The "1939" Club Chair in Holocaust Studies since 1987.

He is the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship (popularly known as "the genius grant"), the Israel Prize and the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade. Among his many books are *Memory, History and the Extermination of the Jews, Pius XII and the Third Reich, Kurt Gerstein: The Ambiguity of Good* and a memoir of his childhood, *When Memory Comes*.

This event is sponsored by Chapman University's Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education and the Department of History and made possible through the generosity of The "1939" Club, a Holocaust survivor organization.