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ORANGE, Calif. Chapman University's annual Holocaust Lecture Series, presented by the schools Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education, will focus this year on the preservation of memories as a crucial component of historical witness. Under the theme Saving Memories: History As Witness to the Future, speakers will cover such varied topics as remembering the Armenian genocide, preservation of cultural memories in rescued Yiddish books, and filmed memories. The year will culminate with an event focusing on the passing of memories to a new generation (the annual Holocaust Art and Writing Contest, involving hundreds of high school and middle school students) and Chapman's annual Evening of Holocaust Remembrance ceremony. All events are free of charge and open to the public. Call (714) 628-7377 or go to www.chapman.edu/holocausteducation for more information.

August 29 at 7 p.m. Buchenwald and Beyond: One Boy's Story of Humanity and Hope, lecture by Robert Waisman, teen survivor of the Buchenwald concentration camp and today a retired businessman. Also features a screening of the award-winning documentary film *The Boys of Buchenwald*. Memorial Hall. Admission: free, by ticket only (this is an event aimed at Chapman students, and any remaining tickets will be available to the public on the day of the lecture at the Will Call table, starting at 6:15 p.m.) Co-sponsored by Associated Students of Chapman, the Schwartz Holocaust Lecture Series and the Stan Ross Visiting Scholar in Holocaust History.

Sept. 25, 2007 at 7 p.m. Must We Still Remember? The Armenian Genocide as Prototype, lecture by Dr. Richard G. Hovannisian, professor of Armenian and Near Eastern history and holder of the Armenian Educational Foundation Chair in Modern Armenian History at UCLA. Bush Conference Center, 404 Beckman Hall. Admission: free. The Schwartz Holocaust Lecture Series.

Oct. 9, 2007 at 7 p.m. Don't You Know That Yiddish is Dead? How the Last-Minute Rescue of Yiddish Books is Breathing New Life into Modern Jewish Culture, lecture by Aaron Lansky, founder and president of the National Yiddish Book Center, MacArthur Fellow and author of *Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of a Man Who Rescued a Million Yiddish Books*. Memorial Hall. Admission: free. The 1939 Club Lecture Series, co-sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor, The Leatherby Libraries and the John Fowles Center for Creative Writing.

Nov. 13, 2007 at 7 p.m. They Were My Neighbors: Jewish Survivors and Their Rescuers in the Holocaust, lecture by Douglas Greenberg, professor of history and executive director of the Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education at USC. Memorial Hall. Admission: free. The 1939 Clubs Leopold Page Memorial Righteous Rescuers Lecture Series, the Stan Ross Visiting Scholar in Holocaust History, co-sponsored by the Department of History.

Feb. 12, 2008 at 7 p.m. Screening of the documentary *Swimming in Auschwitz*, followed by

conversation with writer/director/producer Jon Kean and Auschwitz survivor Ren'e Firestone. Memorial Hall. Admission: free.

March 7, 2008 at 11 a.m. Awards Ceremony: The Ninth Annual Holocaust Art and Writing Contest. Hundreds of Southern California middle and high school students and their teachers and parents gather at the culmination of the annual student writing and art contest presented by Chapmans Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education in partnership with The 1939 Club. Following the awards presentation, participants have the opportunity to meet and converse with Holocaust survivors. Memorial Hall. Admission: free (public seating extremely limited).

April 29, 2008 at 7 p.m. An Evening of Holocaust Remembrance. Solemn commemoration in music and words, remembering the victims of the Holocaust, including a candle-lighting ceremony representing the Chapman community's commitment to remembrance and to witness. Memorial Hall. Admission: free.

The Jerry and Sally Schwartz Holocaust Lecture Series is funded by the Jerry and Sally Schwartz Holocaust Education Fund, managed by the Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Orange County, in cooperation with the Jewish Community Center of Orange County. The 1939 Club Lecture Series is made possible by The 1939 Club, a Holocaust survivor organization. The 1939 Clubs Leopold Page Memorial Righteous Rescuers Lecture Series is funded by a generous grant from Steven Spielbergs Righteous Persons Foundation; Mr. Page, number 173 on Schindlers List, was a founding member and president of The 1939 Club, one of the largest and most active Holocaust survivor organizations in the United States. The Stan Ross Visiting Scholar in Holocaust History is made possible by a generous gift from Stan Ross.