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Krell's Lecture, "Life Journeys: Child Survivors of the Holocaust," is part of the Holocaust Lecture Series, presented by The "1939" Club and Chapman's Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education

ORANGE, Calif., Oct. 20, 2006 – Dr. Robert Krell, a child survivor of the Holocaust who has written extensively on the subject, will speak at Chapman University on Tuesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. in the Bush Conference Center, Beckman Hall 404. Admission to the lecture is free; please call 714-628-7377 for more information. A donation of canned goods to the Second Harvest Food Bank is requested from audience members.

Krell is the co-editor of *And Life is Changed Forever: Child Survivors of the Holocaust* and co-author of *The Children of Buchenwald*. Today a distinguished therapist, researcher and author, the Dutch-born Krell was hidden by righteous gentiles during World War II and thus survived the war. He is professor emeritus of psychiatry at the University of British Columbia and has been a visiting professor at Hebrew University and UCLA. A leader in Holocaust education in Canada and internationally, Dr. Krell speaks eloquently of, and for, those whose life journeys have been shaped by Holocaust childhoods remembered.

Historian Debórah Dwork estimates that only 11 percent of Jewish children alive in Europe in 1939 survived the war. Approximately 1.5 million children died in the Holocaust – in ghettos and concentration camps, in slave labor and death camps, in hiding and on death marches. Those who survived did so by sheer luck and by showing a physical and emotional strength beyond their years. In many cases – as in Dr. Krell's own experience – they lived only because caring and courageous adults risked their own lives to protect and care for them.

After the war, the child survivors faced enormous new challenges – to learn what had happened to their families, to resume their educations, to find new homes – often in places where they needed to learn a new language and survive in a new culture. Many felt rage at their loss and guilt in surviving when loved ones had perished. Some buried their memories; others struggled to find words to express what they had witnessed. Some spoke of their experience only as they neared the end of their life journeys.

Krell's lecture is presented by Chapman University's Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education, with the support of The "1939" Club, a Holocaust survivor organization. For more information on the Rodgers Center and the Holocaust Lecture Series, visit www.chapman.edu/holocausteducation.