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Holocaust Education Center continues lecture series with Thomas Toivi Blatt.

Fall series focuses on theme of Conscience and Courage: Heroes of the Holocaust; all events are free and open to the public.

ORANGE Calif., Nov. 17, 2003 Chapman University's Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education continues its Fall 2003 series of public lectures on Thursday, November 20.

Thomas Toivi Blatt, Holocaust survivor and author of *Sobibor: The Forgotten Revolt* and *From the Ashes of Sobibor: A Story of Survival*, will present a lecture titled *From the Ashes of Sobibor*.

The lecture begins at 4 p.m. in Beckman Hall 404, on Chapman's campus in the city of Orange. It is free and open to the public. Free parking is available in the university's parking structure on the corner of Sycamore and Lemon Streets.

Blatt will tell his story of survival against overwhelming odds. He was only 12 years old when the Nazis invaded his homeland and was sent to the Sobibor death camp. His lecture will include the history of the Sobibor revolt, the most successful and daring revolt and escape to occur in any of the Nazi camps.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Sobibor revolt and escape. Through his books and lectures, Blatt has made the events that happened at Sobibor known throughout the world.

Director of the Rodgers Center and Stern Chair in Holocaust Education, Dr. Marilyn Harran comments: Thomas Blatt's extraordinary heroism and tireless commitment to assuring that Sobibor not be forgotten reminds us of the courageous few who risked their lives during the Holocaust for what was right.

Each year, under Harran's direction, the center organizes lectures and events aimed at youth as well as members of the community interested in learning more about the Holocaust. All events are free and open to the public. This event is part of The Jerry and Sally Schwartz Holocaust Lecture Series.

For details on upcoming events, call (714) 628-7377 or visit the center's website at www.chapman.edu/holocaust.