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ORANGE, Calif. – Dr. Steven T. Katz, director of the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies at Boston University and author of *The Holocaust in Historical Context* and *Post-Holocaust Dialogues*, will present a lecture, “Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust,” at Chapman University on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in Beckman Hall, Rm. 404. The event is free and open to the public; audience members are asked to bring canned goods to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Dr. Katz’ talk will focus on Jewish resistance to the Holocaust in Europe during World War II. Such resistance took many forms, as Jews throughout the Continent, individually and in groups, used physical and spiritual means to resist the Nazis and their collaborators. In ghettos; in concentration, slave labor and death camps; in the forests; and in secret hiding places, Jews resisted. Some who resisted are well known, such as Mordecai Anielewicz, the young leader of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt; or Rosa Robota, who smuggled in dynamite to blow up the gas chambers of Auschwitz; or Abba Kovner, partisan leader in Vilna and the Rudninkai forest. But the names of thousands of others of equal heroism remain unknown. They resisted in a million small ways – by practicing their faith, by sharing their strength with others in need, by struggling to live another day, by refusing to be stripped of their humanity or their identity.

Dr. Steven T. Katz is one of the world’s foremost scholars of Judaism. His many publications include *Jewish Philosophers*; *Jewish Ideas and Concepts*; *Post-Holocaust Dialogues* – which won the National Jewish Book Award in 1984 – and the multi-volume study entitled *The Holocaust in Historical Context*. Director of the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies at Boston University, Dr. Katz has also taught at Cornell University and Dartmouth College, and has been a visiting professor at the Hebrew University and at Yale University, among many others. He is one of the American representatives to the International Task Force on the Holocaust, established by the King of Sweden, and chair of the Holocaust Commission of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

The lecture is part of The “1939” Club Lecture Series, presented by Chapman’s Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education. The series is made possible by The “1939” Club, a Holocaust survivor organization, and co-sponsored by the Orange County Community Scholar Program and the Jewish Federation of Orange County.