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ORANGE, Calif. An Evening of Holocaust Remembrance, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at Chapman University, will feature a candle-lighting ceremony and a presentation and screening of excerpts from the upcoming documentary *And Crown Thy Good: Varian Fry in Marseille* by award-winning filmmaker Pierre Sauvage. The evening will include a musical tribute by Cantor Chayim Frenkel of the Kehillat Israel Reconstructionist Congregation (Pacific Palisades) and his accompanist David Kamenir, and words of reflection by Rabbi Allen Krause of Temple Beth El (Aliso Viejo) and Dr. Ron Farmer, Dean of the Wallace All Faiths Chapel at Chapman University. The event takes place in Chapman Auditorium and is free and open to the public. Those attending are asked to bring canned goods to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

This event concludes the year-long lecture series on the theme Moments of Decision: Perpetrators, Witnesses, Rescuers, presented by Chapman University's Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education. On this occasion, we remember the millions who were killed in the Holocaust, including more than 1.5 million Jewish children, said Dr. Marilyn Harran, Stern Chair in Holocaust Education and director of the Rodgers Center and the Sala and Aron Samuelli Holocaust Memorial Library. We also honor the extraordinary contribution of the survivors of the Holocaust, who have taught us so much and who inspire us to emulate their courage and humanity. And we remember the ordinary heroes rescuers such as Varian Fry, who refused to stand in safety on the sidelines while others were in peril. Fry refused to be indifferent to suffering.

Varian Fry (1907-1967) was the first American to be honored by Yad Vashem, Israel's national Holocaust memorial, as a Righteous Among the Nations. A teacher and journalist, the Harvard-educated Fry traveled to Vichy France in August 1940 on behalf of the Emergency Rescue Committee with the assignment to bring some 200 well-known intellectuals in imminent danger of arrest including artists Marc Chagall and Max Ernst and writers Golo Mann and Hannah Arendt to safety in the United States. Fry and his colleagues far exceeded their charge, aiding around 4,000 and smuggling at least 1,000 Jews out of France. Fry left only when deported by French authorities. Receiving little recognition during his lifetime, Fry was honored posthumously by Yad Vashem in 1996. Filmmaker Pierre Sauvage, who won an Emmy Award for *Yiddish: The Mame-Loshn* and the Columbia-Dupont Award in Broadcast Journalism for *Weapons of the Spirit*, is himself a child survivor of the Holocaust. Sauvage will speak about his research and screen excerpts from his upcoming documentary *And Crown Thy Good: Varian Fry in Marseille*, which recounts Fry's daring efforts over 13 months to rescue those in need before it was too late.

Chapman University's An Evening of Holocaust Remembrance is made possible by a generous grant from the Lodzer Organization of California, including the American Congress of Jewish Survivors. For more information, please call (714) 628-7377.