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

**ORANGE Calif., Oct. 7, 2003** Chapman University's Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education continues its Fall 2003 series of public lectures on Tuesday, October 21.

Deborah Dwork, Ph.D. Rose Professor of Holocaust History and Director of the Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University, will speak on *Children With a Star: Jewish Youth in Nazi Germany*.

The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall, 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.

Dwork's lecture will be based on her book of the same title. Her book is the first history of the daily lives of young people during Nazism and explores both the hardships the children faced and the heroism that surfaced. Dr. Dwork is also the co-author, with Robert Jan van Pelt, of *Auschwitz: From 1270 to the Present and Holocaust: A History*. Under her leadership, Clark University has established the nation's first Ph.D. program in Holocaust history.

Dr. Dwork is the recipient of many academic honors, including a Guggenheim Fellowship. In addition to university lecturing, she has acted as a guest teacher through-out the U.S. including at nursery schools, kindergartens, elementary, middle and high schools, and at teacher workshops aimed at furthering the Holocaust education of those who were not trained in this period of history.

Director of the Rodgers Center and Stern Chair in Holocaust Education, Dr. Marilyn Harran comments: We feel privileged that Deborah Dwork will be delivering one of this year's 1939 Club lectures. She provides a shining example of how dedication, coupled with leadership, can accomplish great feats. Dr. Dwork's efforts toward Holocaust education are admirable - she is truly one of the nation's foremost Holocaust scholars and educators.

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 1939 Club Lecture Series, sponsored by The 1939 Club, a Holocaust survivor organization.

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