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**Thomas H. Lee, President and CEO of Thomas H. Lee Capital, Honored
by the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust
at its Tenth Annual Heritage Dinner**

New York, NY – **Thomas H. Lee**, President and CEO of Thomas H. Lee Capital and private equity pioneer, will be honored by the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust at its Tenth Annual Heritage Dinner on **Monday, May 15, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.** The Co-chairs of this year's dinner are **Edgar Bronfman, Jr.**, Chairman and CEO, Warner Music Group; **Leon D. Black**, Managing Partner of Apollo Management, L.P.; **Stephen E. Kaufman**, Stephen E. Kaufman, P.C.; and **Howard J. Rubenstein**, President, Rubenstein Associates, Inc. Music legend and Artistic Director of Jazz at Lincoln Center **Wynton Marsalis** will appear with his quintet in Edmond J. Safra Hall. Added to the bill is Grammy award nominee singer-songwriter, **Jewel**.

Founding the Thomas H. Lee Company in 1974, Mr. Lee has turned the company into one of the most influential and successful private equity firms in the country. The Lee Companies have made investments in many well-known companies, including Snapple Beverage, General Nutrition Centers, First Alert, Playtex Family Products, Rayovac, Mr. Coffee, and the Cott Corporation, among many others.

“As a member of the board of trustees of the Museum, Thomas H. Lee has been a strong advocate for the mission of the Museum,” said Robert M. Morgenthau, Chairman of the Museum. “Tom’s longtime support of Jewish educational and arts institutions serve as a living testament to the kind of person he is. Tom has the foresight to know that these organizations contribute immensely to our community’s well being.”

The Museum will host the Heritage Dinner on site, offering guests the opportunity to tour all exhibitions, conduct genealogical and historical research, and take behind-the-scenes tours. Among the areas on display are Andy Goldsworthy’s *Garden of Stones* and a new installation by James Carpenter, designer of the façade and lobby of 7 World Trade Center, that transposes external phenomena of light, water, and harbor activity, and reconstructs the imagery inside a passageway of the waterfront Museum.

In addition to his role at the Museum, Mr. Lee has served as a trustee or overseer for organizations including Brandeis University, Cardozo Law School at Yeshiva University, Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, Harvard University, the Intrepid Museum Foundation, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the Museum of Modern Art, NYU Medical Center, Rockefeller University, and the Whitney Museum of American Art.

Mr. Lee graduated from Harvard University in 1965. He worked for the First National Bank of Boston, starting in 1966, and became a Vice President in 1973. Prior to 1966, Mr. Lee was a securities analyst in the institutional research department of L.F. Rothschild in New York. He founded the Thomas H. Lee Company in 1974 and since that time has served as its president. The company, along with its affiliated funds, invests private equity capital in growing companies.

Mr. Lee joins past Heritage Dinner award recipients Henry Kissinger, Ernest W. Michel, John Cardinal O’Connor, Gerald M. Levin, Howard J. Rubenstein, Irving Schneider, Robert M. Morgenthau, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, and Leon D. Black.

The Museum’s three-floor Core Exhibition educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the rich tapestry of Jewish life over the past century--before, during, and after the Holocaust. Current special exhibitions include: *Ours To Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War*, which explores the lives of Jewish men and women who served during WWII; *Bukharan Odyssey*, photographs by Zion Ozeri of one of the world’s most exotic and colorful communities; and *Life in Shadows: Hidden Children and the Holocaust*, which tells the remarkable stories of the Nazis’ most vulnerable victims – Jewish children. The Museum offers visitors a vibrant public program schedule in its Edmond J. Safra Hall. It is also home to Andy Goldsworthy’s

Garden of Stones. The Museum receives general operating support from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and is a founding member of the *Museums of Lower Manhattan*.

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