

FASPE

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FOR THE STUDY OF
PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

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Museum Launches Ground Breaking New Program in Collaboration with Yale Medical and Law Schools

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Medical and Law School Students Encouraged to Apply for Intensive Two-Week Program Abroad

New York, NY— **Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust** announces the **Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE)**, a ground breaking initiative taking place in New York, Berlin, and Poland that challenges medical and law students to consider contemporary ethical issues facing their professions — using the Holocaust and the conduct of their professions in Nazi Germany as a framework for the study. **FASPE** is now accepting applications for the inaugural program, which will take place in summer 2010.

Applications are available at www.mjhnyc.org/faspe. Professional school students will be chosen based on demonstrated superior academic ability and interest. Applicants will be required to submit academic transcripts, references, and a letter of recommendation, in addition to two essays. Completed applications are due no later than **December 15**. The committee will inform all candidates of their decisions by January 31, 2010. Those chosen for the program will have all costs of the program covered, including travel, lodging, and food. For more information, please contact Shiri Sandler at ssandler@mjhny.org.

While this two week program for professional students will include medical and law school students, in 2011, programs will also be held for seminary, journalism, and business school students.

About FASPE

FASPE is an innovative program for students in professional schools designed to address contemporary ethical issues through a unique historical context. The Fellowships provide law, medical, seminary, journalism, and business students a structured program of study that initially focuses on the role of their chosen professions in Nazi Germany and the Holocaust and uses that historic focus as a framework for the consideration of contemporary ethical issues. FASPE is predicated upon both the potent symbolism of Auschwitz and the Fellows' personal experience while in Germany and Poland to help the Fellows within each profession explore the power and potential of their profession along with the potential challenges they will face as professionals. Discussing, exploring, and questioning of moral reasoning is at the core of FASPE and will inform their professional and personal lives.

FASPE is working in cooperation with Jagiellonian University, Krakow; the Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz, Berlin; and the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Oświęcim, Poland; and in collaboration with Yale Medical School, Yale Law School, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, and Georgetown University.

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The Program

Ten to fifteen students from each profession are chosen as Fellows each year through a competitive process that draws applicants from professional schools across the country. The two-week program begins with each group of Fellows gathering at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York for a brief orientation that includes visiting the Museum's exhibits, meeting with Holocaust survivors, and working with FASPE staff and guest scholars. The first leg of the European portion is in Berlin, where the Fellows will have the opportunity to study the city's historical and cultural sites, and also enjoy the vibrant social life of modern Berlin. Educational workshops will take place at the House of the Wannsee Conference, the site where, in 1942, representatives of State and Nazi Party agencies convened to discuss and coordinate plans for the "Final Solution" -- a group that included nine lawyers. The Fellows then travel to Krakow, Poland, where they will explore the city's rich Jewish, Catholic, and Polish history. The Fellows will meet with Righteous among the Nations (rescuers) before departing for Oświęcim, the town the Germans called Auschwitz, where they will tour Auschwitz-Birkenau and work with the distinguished educational staff at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. Back in Krakow for the final few days, the Fellows will focus exclusively on contemporary ethical issues facing the legal profession. Sessions will take place at Jagiellonian University, one of Europe's oldest and most prestigious universities.

A FASPE Pilot Program with students from Yale Medical School and Yale Law School took place in March 2009. Jessica Bod, Yale School of Medicine Class of 2011, said of her experience, "As doctors, it is difficult for us to admit that we have prejudices, because the image of the good doctor is one that we are happy to grab hold of... it is one thing to go to Auschwitz and be sad for humankind, to wonder where the bystanders were and to identify with the rescuers or even the victims. It is another to acknowledge your potential to be a perpetrator and to safeguard yourself against that."

The curricula for Law and Medical Fellows were designed by faculty and students at Yale Law and Medical Schools. Professional leaders of the 2010 Law program include Prof. Anthony Kronman, the Sterling Professor of Law, and former dean of Yale Law School, and others associated with Yale Law School. Professional leaders of the 2010 Medical program include Dr. Thomas Duffy, Director, The Program for Humanities in Medicine, and Dr. Mark Mercurio, both of Yale Medical School, in association with the staff of the Museum of Jewish Heritage.

Initial funding for the FASPE is provided by C. David Goldman.

The FASPE Steering Committee includes: Dr. Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacobs, Director, Holocaust Studies Center at Jagiellonian University; Dr. Nancy Angoff, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Yale School of Medicine; Ivy L. Barsky, Deputy Director, Museum of Jewish Heritage; Andrea Bartoli, Drucie French Cumbie Chair of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University; Dr. Michael Berenbaum, Adjunct Professor of Theology, University of Judaism; Debbie Bisno, Producer, Bisno Productions; Merrill Brown, Principal, MMB Media LLC; Prof. Robert Burt, Alexander M. Bickel Professor of Law, Yale Law School; Judge Guido Calabresi, United States Circuit Court; Bal Das, Vice Chairman, Kailix Investment Advisors; Dr. Thomas Duffy, Director of the Program for Humanities in Medicine, Yale School of Medicine; Andy Eder, President, Eder Bros Inc.; C. David Goldman (Chair), Partner, McDermott Will & Emery LLP; Piotr Kowalik, Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw; Prof. Anthony Kronman, Sterling Professor of Law, Yale Law School; Tomasz Kuncewicz, Director, Auschwitz Jewish Center; John Langan, S.J., Cardinal Bernardin Professor of Catholic Social Thought, Georgetown University; Frederick Marino, Vice Chairman, ProBuild Holdings, Inc.; David G. Marwell, Ph.D., Director, Museum of Jewish Heritage; Nathan Milikowsky, Chairman, C/G Electrodes LLC and Seadrift Coke LP; Rabbi Jay Henry Moses, Director, Wexner Heritage Program; Sydney Perry, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven; Sigmund Rolat, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Gambia; Rabbi Benjamin Scolnic, Temple Beth Sholom, Hamden, CT; Rabbi Ronald B. Sobel, Senior Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Emanu-

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About the Museum

The Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is located on the waterfront at 36 Battery Place in Manhattan's Battery Park City. Its mission is to educate people through groundbreaking award-winning exhibitions, world class education, and public programs. It is also home to Andy Goldsworthy's memorial *Garden of Stones*, as well as James Carpenter's *Reflection Passage*, Gift of The Gruss Lipper Foundation.

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