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**MEL GIBSON INVITED TO VISIT MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE – A LIVING
MEMORIAL TO THE HOLOCAUST IN NYC**
Museum Director David G. Marwell
**Offers to Guide Gibson Through Exhibition Examining Jewish Life Before, During, and
After the Holocaust**

New York, NY –Dr. David G. Marwell, Director of the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, has invited Mel Gibson to come to the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust to learn about Jewish life before, during, and after the Holocaust. “We have invited Mr. Gibson to come and learn about the history of the Jewish people as he begins this process of understanding,” stated Dr. Marwell. “At the doors of our Museum are the biblical quotes ‘Remember, Never Forget’ and ‘There is Hope for Your Future.’ These quotes are part of a Judeo-Christian tradition that we share with Mr. Gibson, and I think that he can find meaning in them for himself.”

As an educational institution, the Museum seeks to teach the story of the Holocaust to a wide range of audiences – Jewish and non-Jewish. The Museum has a long history of hosting dialogues among people of different faiths. This September the Museum will open a special exhibition called “A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People.” The exhibition focuses on the late pope’s life-long efforts to bring Christians and Jews together.

Dr. Marwell is a respected Holocaust scholar and war crimes investigator here in the United States and in Europe, and has served as the Director of the Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust since 2000. From 1988-1994, Dr. Marwell served as the Executive Director of the Berlin Documents Center. In other capacities, Dr. Marwell served at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum as Director of Collections, Associate Museum Director for Museum Programs, and Associate Museum Director for Information and Technology as well as the Chief of Investigative Research at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigations, and in that role he played a major part in the Justice Department’s investigations of Klaus Barbie and Josef Mengele.

For more information please contact the Museum’s communications department at (646) 437-4339.

About the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

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; and *Bukharan Odyssey*, photographs by Zion Ozeri of one of the world’s most exotic and colorful communities. The Museum offers visitors a vibrant public program schedule in its Edmond J. Safra Hall. 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. 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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