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**Bernard, Anne, and Governor Eliot Spitzer Honored**  
*by the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust*  
*at its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Dinner*

New York, NY – Museum Trustee **Bernard Spitzer**, his wife **Anne Spitzer**, and their son **Governor Eliot Spitzer** will be honored by the **Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust** at its *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Dinner* on **Monday, May 7, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.** The Co-chairs of this year's dinner are **Paul Fribourg**, Chairman, ContiGroup Companies Inc.; **Stephen E. Kaufman**, Stephen E. Kaufman, P.C.; **Howard J. Rubenstein**, President, Rubenstein Associates, Inc.; and the **Honorable Merryl H. Tisch**. Jazz pianist **Fred Hersch** and Manhattan Transfer singer **Janis Siegel** will perform a musical tribute of jazz standards in Edmond J. Safra Hall.

“Bernard, Anne, and the Governor are a true example, without parallel, that actions speak louder than words,” said Robert M. Morgenthau, Museum Chairman. “The Spitzers are a dedicated, generous family whose involvement with the Museum goes back to its inception, whether serving on working committees or speaking at our dedication. We are grateful for their steadfast devotion to our mission of education and remembrance.”

The Museum will host the Heritage Dinner on site, offering guests the opportunity to tour all exhibitions, enjoy spectacular views of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and attend the award presentation in the Museum's state-of-the-art Edmond J. Safra Hall. Among the exhibitions on display are the groundbreaking *Daring to Resist: Jewish Defiance in the Holocaust* and *From the Heart: The Photojournalism of Ruth Gruber*, a remarkable photographic journey of the internationally known journalist's life.

**Bernard Spitzer**, the son of Austrian immigrants who came to the United States in the 1920s, is a professional engineer by training. Since 1952, his work has encompassed the development and ownership, from inception to completion, of luxury apartment houses and office buildings in New York City. He is a Trustee of the Museum of Jewish Heritage— A Living Memorial to the Holocaust and The Jewish Museum and he has wide interests in the cultural and scientific world. His wife, **Anne Spitzer**, is a member of the Museum's Public Programs Committee, teaches literature at Hunter College, and serves on the boards of the 92nd Street Y and NARAL NY.

**Eliot Spitzer**, a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School, began his career in public service as a clerk in the U.S. District Court. He served as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan under Robert M. Morgenthau from 1986 to 1992, rising to become chief of the Labor Racketeering unit where he successfully prosecuted organized crime and political corruption cases. He also spent time in private practice at various law firms. He was elected New York State Attorney General in 1999 and took office as Governor of the State of New York in 2007. His involvement in community service includes the formation of the Children for Children Foundation. His wife Silda Wall, also a Harvard Law School graduate, joined him in this endeavor, which encourages children to participate in hands-on service and philanthropy programs that teach the values of volunteering and giving.

The Spitzers join 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, Leon D. Black, and Thomas H. Lee.

Pianist and composer **Fred Hersch** has earned his place among the foremost jazz artists and creative musicians in the world today. He is widely recognized for his ability to steadfastly create a unique body of original works while reinventing the standard jazz repertoire — investing time-tested classics with keen insight, fresh ideas and extraordinary technique. Hersch's many accomplishments include two Grammy nominations for Best Jazz Instrumental Performance and a 2003 Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship for composition.

Over the past three decades, the voice of **Janis Siegel** — a nine-time Grammy winner and a seventeen-time Grammy nominee — has been an undeniable force in The Manhattan Transfer's diverse musical catalog. Alongside her career as a member of this 30-year musical institution, Siegel has also sustained a solo career that has spawned a half dozen finely-crafted solo albums and numerous collaborative projects, amassed a large international fan base, and garnered consistently high critical praise.

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 *From the Heart: The Photojournalism of Ruth Gruber* and *Daring to Resist: Jewish Defiance in the Holocaust*. 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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