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## **‘NO TIME FOR SILENCE’ EVENT TO MARK 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ**

*Community dialogue with U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and Dr. Susannah Heschel to be followed by ceremony commemorating HUC-JIR’s role in saving German Jewish scholars from the fires of the Holocaust in 1939*

**CINCINNATI, OH:**— As the world marks the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz on January 25, The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) will co-present, “*No Time for Silence: Contemporary Imperatives Marking the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz*”—a community-wide dialogue memorializing this important moment in history. The dialogue will be followed by a ceremony to commemorate HUC-JIR’s role in saving German scholars from the fires of the Holocaust in 1939. The Sunday, January 25 event—which is free and open to the public—begins at 4 p.m. in the Scheuer Chapel on the HUC-JIR campus, 3101 Clifton Avenue. The commemorative ceremony—which will include members of the families of the rescued scholars— will begin at 5:30 pm.

The dialogue portion of the program will explore how the lessons of the Holocaust have inspired many Americans to fight for social justice and human rights in an effort to prevent unchecked recurrences of brutality and inhumanity around the world. U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and Dr. Susannah Heschel, Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College, will open the program by sharing their own views on this important topic, and then together, they will participate in a question and answer dialogue with attendees.



**U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown & Dr. Susannah Heschel**

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Immediately following the dialogue, a ceremony will be held to commemorate HUC-JIR's role in saving German academics from the fires of the Holocaust. The program will include a candle lighting service and a musical interlude. Members of the families of some of the rescued scholars and students will be on hand for the ceremony. (Dr. Heschel's father, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, was a noted American civil rights leader and one of the scholars rescued by Hebrew Union College in 1939 .)

"In the years immediately following the liberation of Auschwitz and the end of World War II, many Holocaust survivors came to America—having lived through one of the most horrific chapters in all of human history," said Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director of the AJA and the Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience and Reform Jewish History at HUC-JIR/Cincinnati. "Today, when only a precious few of these survivors remain, we want to assess the lessons their experiences bequeathed to us; and to act on them."

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