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75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz
Brings Together Consul Generals of Israel, Germany and Japan
For International Holocaust Remembrance Day Panel

--One-woman play “Whistle: My Mother was Mengele’s Secretary” to follow consular panel--

Houston (January 6, 2019) . . . January 27, 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and death camp in World War II. In 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day to honor the victims of the Holocaust. This year’s commemoration at Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH) includes a panel discussion by Consul Generals of Israel, Germany and Japan followed by “Whistle: My Mother was Mengele’s Secretary,” a short one-woman play on second generation Holocaust survivors featuring Hadar Galron.

Distinguished panelists include Consul General of Israel to the Southwest U.S. Gilad Katz, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany Thomas Meister, Consul General of Japan Hideo Fukushima and Randy Czarlinsky, director of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) Houston. The panel discussion topic encompasses the moral obligation of the international community, including a talk-back with questions from the audience. In conjunction with the discussion topic, HMH will display eight panels of the photo exhibition Beyond Duty, the story of diplomats recognized as “Righteous Among the Nations” that came to the aid of Jews during the Holocaust, on view in Rice University’s Rayzor Hall through the 2020 spring semester.

All events take place Monday, January 27 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Holocaust Museum Houston, Lester and Sue Smith Campus, 5401 Caroline Street. Free and open to the public, advance registration is required. For more information or to register, please visit hmh.org/RemembranceDay.

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