



Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center  
For Holocaust Studies

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### **“LAWYERS WITHOUT RIGHTS” EXHIBIT SCHEDULED FOR MONTRÉAL, TORONTO AND OTTAWA**

**TORONTO, August 22/06** - Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, the German Embassy and the Israeli Embassy and their respective consulates in Montréal and Toronto, will present an Exhibit during October and November 2006, called **LAWYERS WITHOUT RIGHTS, the fate of Jewish lawyers in Germany after 1933.**

**MONTRÉAL - October 12 - 26/06** - to launch Holocaust Education Week @ Université de Québec a Montréal (La Pavillon de science biologiques)

**TORONTO - November 1 - 12/06** - to launch Holocaust Education Week @ Beth Tzedec Synagogue

**OTTAWA - November 15-22/06** - @ Ottawa City Hall

An “Opening Night” reception will be held in each City, hosted by the sponsoring organizations.

“This Exhibit recalls the fate of lawyers once the Rule of Law was perverted for ideological purposes. Through different biographical portraits, the viewer gains new insight into both the historical events and the quandary facing the legal system,” said Leo Adler, Director of National Affairs, Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies.

“At the beginning of 1933, there were 19,276 lawyers in Germany. By March 31, 1933, SA troops stormed the court houses in a number of German cities and demanded the dismissal of all Jewish judges, prosecuting attorneys and lawyers,” said Josh Hacker, Friends’ Community Outreach Coordinator.

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“With the complicity of the ‘Justice System’ and the upholding of the Nuremberg racial laws, the fate of Jewish lawyers was sealed. None of the lawyers hallmarked in the exhibit is alive today,” Adler added. “Very few of them found refuge, anywhere!”

Prior to Canada, this Exhibit has appeared in 35 cities in Germany, Israel, the United States and Mexico.

#### **ABOUT FRIENDS OF SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES**

*Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies is a Canadian human rights organization dedicated to fostering tolerance and understanding through community involvement, educational outreach and social action. With over 40,000 members of all faiths, it confronts important contemporary issues including racism, anti-Semitism, terrorism and genocide. Friends is affiliated with the world-wide, Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, an accredited Non-Government Organization with status at international agencies, including the United Nations, UNESCO, OSCE and the Council of Europe, with offices in New York, Miami, Paris, Jerusalem, BuenosAires, and Toronto. Simon Wiesenthal died in 2005 after devoting his life to preserving the memories of the victims of the Holocaust, while simultaneously seeking justice for the war criminals.*