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Chicagoland Jewish High School To Host Rare Holocaust Exhibit And Mengele Twin Survivors

Deerfield, IL (March 29, 2011) – A one-of-a-kind exhibit of over 300 pieces of World War II-era mail, money and documents related to the Nazis' attempt to exterminate Jews and other individuals will be displayed at Chicagoland Jewish High School (CJHS) 1 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. April 10 in the school's gymnasium, 1095 Lake Cook Road.

Danny Spungen, member of the Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation and curator of the exhibit, is bringing "*The Nazi Scourge: Postal Evidence of the Holocaust and the Devastation of Europe*" right to Deerfield. Guests attending this free program will have the opportunity to meet with two Holocaust survivors and examine envelopes, postcards, letters and specially designated postage stamps and money used exclusively by concentration camp inmates, Jewish ghetto residents and prisoners of war.

"I believe the Holocaust is a story about a complete breakdown in humanity that exposes how sensitive humanity really is," said Spungen. "The story of the Nazi scourge takes a deep look into the Holocaust, exposing that some 13 million people were murdered under the Nazi rule and that, more importantly, 60 million people were killed on the World War II stage all around the world."

Spungen will guide guests through this exhibit and will lead the program with two 40-minute presentations that will examine some of the life-altering events that took place during this time period.

The extensive Holocaust exhibit will include:

- A postcard sent by an inmate at Dachau soon after it opened in 1933 that is the earliest known prisoner mail from any Nazi concentration camp
- Bible scroll fragments used by Nazi soldiers for wrapping letters and parcels
- The only known surviving piece of mail sent by Rabbi Leo Baeck, the leader of German Jewry (Reichsvertretung der Deutschen Juden), while he was confined to the Theresienstadt ghetto
- Mail secretly carried by children through the sewers of Warsaw during the 1944 uprising
- Mail clandestinely carried from Nazi-occupied Poland to the exhibit Polish Navy headquarters in London and to a Jewish resistance leader in Switzerland

- A December 1945 postal card addressed to Dr. Eugen von Haagen, a Nazi war criminal on trial after the war at Nuremberg, which is the only recorded example of the censor mark of the International Military Tribunal

Following this unique exhibit, CJHS is honored to welcome Eva Kor— founder of the CANDLES Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute, IN —and Helen Rappaport, Mengele twin survivors. Both survivors will share their personal stories from Auschwitz Concentration Camp in a panel discussion led by Rabbi Elliot Goldberg, Director of Religious Life at CJHS.

Other exhibit highlights will include two hand-written letters from Dr. Josef Mengele, a Nazi who administered intense medical experiments on identical twins. This portion of the exhibit is provided on behalf of CANDLES Holocaust Museum. In addition, there will be two showings of the 45-minute Holocaust-related documentary, *Forgiving Dr. Mengele*, the story of Eva Kor and her struggle to let go of the pain she endured during the Holocaust.

Holocaust exhibit schedule:

Tour of exhibit:

1:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Showing of

Forgiving Dr. Mengele:

2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Survivor discussion:

4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Copies of the extended 85-minute film will be available for a donation of \$36. All proceeds will go directly to CANDLES Holocaust Museum and to the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Skokie.

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About the Chicagoland Jewish High School

Chicagoland Jewish High School is a co-ed, college-preparatory high school committed to academic excellence. The dual curriculum combines a first-class general studies education with a comprehensive Jewish studies education, supplemented by strong athletic and fine arts programs, and numerous extra-curricular, social and leadership opportunities. Located in Deerfield, Illinois, Chicagoland Jewish High School is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States and has earned full recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education. Additionally, CJHS is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling and the College Board.

About the Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation

The Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation was established in 2006 to support charitable and educational causes. Many of the historic artifacts now can be viewed online at the foundation's web site, www.SpungenFoundation.org.

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