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CALENDAR ITEM

Holocaust Museum Houston hosts panel of experts on the identity of the disabled

-- Moderated by Former Chair of the National Council on Disability --

What: As part of "Medical Ethics and the Holocaust," a 15-part lecture series and exhibit hosted by Holocaust Museum Houston, Lex Frieden, senior vice president of Memorial Hermann-TIRR (The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research) and former chair of the National Council on Disability, will headline the panel discussion "Disability and Genocide – Where Are We Today?" Frieden and four other experts will discuss the evolution of forced sterilization laws, many of which were not repealed until the 1970s, and how even in 2007, fetuses are aborted for the sole reason that a child will be born with a disability. In this program, the presenters will discuss legal definitions of disability, as well as the history and current practice of disability eugenics in other countries and our own.

Where: Holocaust Museum Houston
Morgan Family Center, 5401 Caroline St.

Who: **Lex Frieden**, (panel moderator) senior vice president, Memorial Hermann-TIRR, and former chair of the National Council on Disability

Richard Petty, Independent Living Research Utilization

Jacque Brennan, director, Center for Paralegal Studies, University of Houston

Bill Monroe, professor of English and executive associate dean, Honors College, University of Houston

Wendy Wilkinson, clinical assistant professor, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Baylor College of Medicine

****Sheldon Rubinfeld**, chair of the steering committee for "Medical Ethics and the Holocaust" will moderate the lecture.*

When: Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007
6 p.m.

Why: This is a continuation of a 15-part lecture series designed to help understand how the Holocaust's horrific medical practices shape medical ethics.

Specifics: To register online or for more information, visit www.hmh.org/medethics or call (713) 942-8000. For information on CME and CNE credits for medical professionals attending this program, visit www.utcme.net.

About Holocaust Museum Houston

Holocaust Museum Houston is dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust, remembering the 6 million Jews and other innocent victims and honoring the survivors' legacy. Using the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides, the Museum teaches the dangers of hatred, prejudice and apathy. For more information, visit www.hmh.org.

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