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MEDICINE AND MORALITY

Lessons from the Holocaust and COVID-19

The active participation of the medical community – those who took an oath to “first, do no harm,” – in the labeling, persecution, and mass murder of millions of those deemed unfit, represents one of the darkest periods not only in the history of medicine, but in the history of humankind.

Yet, even in the darkest times, one can always find the light. Stories of physicians who remained dedicated to healing and saving lives prove that the power and privilege of medicine can be an inspiration to us all.

The past year has found our society faced with unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19. The lessons of the Holocaust have informed our current situation as we struggle to meet this challenge in the most ethical manner possible. This Holocaust Remembrance Day, we look to medicine and morality as a way to reflect on the past and protect the future, while appreciating the miraculous work of our healthcare professionals during this global pandemic.

“Medicine and Morality: Lessons from the Holocaust and COVID-19” will include internationally known scholars discussing the nexus between medicine, ethics, and the Holocaust and how lessons learned from the past have been incorporated into the handling of the current pandemic. The program will also include testimony from Holocaust survivors and stories of healthcare professionals whose lives have been shaped by the Holocaust.

Moral Courage in Medicine Award to Dr. Anthony Fauci



We are proud to announce the presentation of the Moral Courage in Medicine Award to Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and Chief Medical Advisor to US President Biden. Dr. Fauci, who exemplifies our themes of morality and medicine in times of crisis, will be offering his acceptance remarks as part of our program.

Special performance by Grammy Award Winning artist Miri Ben-Ari

This program will also feature a special performance by Miri Ben-Ari, a Grammy Award-Winning violinist/producer/humanitarian, “United Nations Goodwill Ambassador of Music” and third generation to Holocaust survivors.



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