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## **MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE – A LIVING MEMORIAL TO THE HOLOCAUST PAYS TRIBUTE TO BEN MEED, HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR-ACTIVIST**

New York, NY – Dr. David Marwell, Director of the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust reacts to news of the death of Ben Meed, Holocaust survivor and activist. “Ben Meed epitomized the survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the survivor community as a whole,” remarked Dr. Marwell, “his passing is a poignant reminder that the survivor community is getting smaller and smaller.”

“Ben was one of the founders of our Museum,” notes Dr. Marwell. “His vision and counsel will be missed, as will his tireless efforts to teach the lessons of the Holocaust and tell his personal stories.”

In 2002, Mr. Meed as founder of WAGRO, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprisers Organization, asked the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust to assume responsibility for the Annual Gathering of Remembrance, this City’s oldest and largest Holocaust commemoration at *Yom HaShoah* honoring the memory of the six million Jews who perished. The Museum is proud to be one of two locations for the Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

Dr. Marwell, a respected Holocaust scholar and crimes investigator here in the United States and in Europe has served as the Director of the Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust since 2000, arriving from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum serving as Director of Collections, Associate Museum Director for Museum Programs, and Associate Museum Director for Information and Technology. Dr. Marwell may be reached via cell at (917) 816-7132.

The Museum’s three-floor Core Exhibition educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the rich tapestry of Jewish life over the past century--before, during, and after the Holocaust. Current special exhibitions include: *Ours To Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War*, which explores the lives of Jewish men and women who served during WWII; and *A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People*. The Museum offers visitors a vibrant public program schedule in its Edmond J. Safra Hall. It is also home to Andy Goldsworthy’s memorial *Garden of Stones*, as well as James Carpenter’s *Reflection Passage*, Gift of The Gruss Lipper Foundation. The Museum receives general operating support from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and is a founding member of the *Museums of Lower Manhattan*.

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