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## **\*MEDIA ADVISORY\***

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

### **HUMANITARIAN RUTH GRUBER HONORED IN** *From the Heart: The Photojournalism of Ruth Gruber* *at the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust*

NEW YORK, NY – The Talmud says “Saving a single life is like saving an entire world.” By that token, humanitarian, journalist, and activist **Ruth Gruber** has saved the world a thousand times over. Ruth Gruber’s remarkable career is the subject of the new exhibition *From the Heart: The Photojournalism of Ruth Gruber*, which will open at the **Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust on January 16, 2007.**

Now 95 years old, Gruber had backstage access to Jewish history: she escorted war refugees from Europe to America; visited DP camps; detailed the plight of the *Exodus 1947*; described the establishment of the State of Israel; and documented the State’s ingathering of refugees from Europe, Iraq, Yemen, and Ethiopia. Emissary for Harold Ickes and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, friend to Eleanor Roosevelt and Golda Meier, Ruth’s life and work are inextricably bound with the rescue and survival of the Jewish people. The exhibition consists of Gruber’s powerful photographs of her experiences in Displaced Persons camps, Fort Ontario in Oswego, New York, Cyprus, and early Israel.

The exhibition takes its name from advice given to Ruth Gruber from photographer Edward Steichen. But it is clear in her journalism, books, photography, and activism that with or without that advice, Ruth would do nothing short of observing and interpreting the world around her with an open heart, a keen eye, and the desire to see what is best in the human spirit.

*From the Heart* is made possible through the generosity and admiration of Friends of Ruth Gruber.

Many of the photographs in the exhibition appear in Ruth Gruber’s forthcoming book, *Witness*, to be published in April 2007 by Schocken Books. Ms. Gruber is available for interviews. For more information please contact Elisabeth Calamari, [ecalamari@randomhouse.com](mailto:ecalamari@randomhouse.com).

- WHAT:**            *From the Heart: The Photojournalism of Ruth Gruber*
- WHERE:**        **Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust**  
**36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280**
- WHEN:**        **Opens January 16, 2007**
- COST:**         **Free with admission**

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; *A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People*; and coming soon: *From the Heart: The Photojournalism of Ruth Gruber*. 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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