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Ethics During and After the Holocaust

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At one point in his memoir, *All Rivers Run to the Sea*, Elie Wiesel's memory of the Holocaust makes him wonder: "And what of human ideals, or of the beauty of innocence or the weight of justice? . . . Why all these deaths?"

Questions shape the Holocaust's legacy. As this lecture will underscore, "What happened to ethics during and after the Holocaust?" looms large among them and calls us to accountability. That accountability requires a three-fold recognition. Nazism and the Holocaust were an assault on the values that human beings hold most dear when we are at our best. Nothing human, natural or divine guarantees respect for those values. Nothing is more important than our commitment to defend them, for they remain as fundamental as they are fragile, as precious as they are endangered.

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The **Suzanne R. and Dr. Lawrence M. Fishman Scholar-in-Residence** program has been established as a multi-year commitment to promote the agenda of the FIU Holocaust Studies Initiative: to enhance Holocaust education through outreach to the entire South Florida region. To that end, the Fishman Scholar will engage the community annually with lectures at the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU, on campus and at a local Jewish day school.

This event is free for FIU students.

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