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**Holocaust Memorial Center to Observe International Holocaust  
Remembrance Day on January 27**

*Dr. Guy Stern also to be honored by French Consul General at special ceremony*

**Farmington Hills, Mich. – Jan. XX, 2017** – The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus will observe International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Fri., Jan. 27, which will include a docent-led tour at 1 p.m. As a way to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust, Jan. 27 was designated International Holocaust Remembrance Day by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005.

At a special ceremony taking place at 2 p.m., Dr. Guy Stern, the director of the Harry and Wanda Zekelman International Institute of the Righteous at the Holocaust Memorial Center, will receive the French Knight of the Legion of Honor medal. Presented by the French Consul General, the award was created by Napoleon in 1802 and is the highest honor the country can bestow upon those who achieved remarkable deeds for France. Dr. Stern is being honored for his role in liberating the country during World War II.

“I am truly honored and touched to be receiving the Legion of Honor medal,” said Dr. Stern. “For many years now, I have been dedicated to teaching others about my experiences during the war, as well as detailing the atrocities that took place during the Holocaust. This ceremony surely will be one of the most memorable moments of my life.”

During the event, Dr. Stern will speak about his service in a special military intelligence unit of the U.S. Armed Forces in France during World War II called The Ritchie Boys. This event is free to members or with museum admission.

The program is supported by The David Horodoker Organization.

For more information, please call 248-553-2400.

***About the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus***

*The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus is a 55,000 square foot museum and Library Archive in Farmington Hills that teaches about the senseless murder of millions and why each of us must respect and stand up for the rights of others if we are to prevent future genocide and hate crimes.*

*The lessons of history are used to create a call to action, teaching visitors through the examples of those who risked their lives to save others, and asking our guests to react to contemporary challenges such as racism, bullying and prejudice. Exhibits include artifacts such as an authentic WWII-era boxcar, text panels, photos, video testimonies, films, paintings, sculpture, and a sapling from the tree located outside Anne Frank's hiding place window that is described in her diary. A daily, guided tour at 1 pm is often followed by a live presentation by a Holocaust survivor. Located on the second floor above the museum, the Library Archive is an important resource for academics, the media and families researching their heritage.*

*Hours: Sunday-Thursday 9:30 am to 5 pm (last admission at 3:30 pm) and Friday 9:30 am to 3 pm (last admission 1:30 pm). Wheelchair accessible. Free parking. For additional information, visit [www.holocaustcenter.org](http://www.holocaustcenter.org) or call 248.553.2400.*

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