

The Holocaust and Its Legacy: Resiliency, Fragility and Restitution of Survivors

Eighth Annual Pike Conference on Health Law

Sunday, October 23, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Florence & Chafetz Hillel House at Boston University
213 Bay State Road, Boston

Sixty-seven years have passed since the end of the Holocaust, and Holocaust survivors are the first generation of genocide survivors in history to reach old age in large numbers. They are suffering from physical and mental health disabilities, including chronic and complex post-traumatic stress disorder and depression. This conference is a joint venture between the Florence & Chafetz Hillel House at Boston University, in memory of Magda and Paul Burger, and the Boston University School of Law and School of Public Health, and will focus on the current health and healthcare needs of aging and disabled survivors, including their resiliency and fragility. The conference will also examine the effectiveness of the International Claims Conference in providing survivors with compensation for injury and a way to finance their care. The mission of the International Claims Conference is to provide a “measure of justice” by negotiating for compensation for injuries, obtaining funds for the “relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution,” administering individual compensation programs, and allocating funds to institutions that provide social services to elderly, needy victims.

Gregory Schneider, executive vice president of the International Claims Conference, will join us as a featured speaker. The keynote speaker will be child survivor, psychiatrist and author Robert Krell, M.D., whose talk is entitled “The Resiliency of the Survivor.” The closing program will highlight Rabbi Joseph Polak, a child survivor, who will give a talk titled “On Being the Last Witness.”

Please RSVP to Elizabeth Aggott at eaagott@bu.edu. For academic questions, please contact Michael Grodin at grodin@bu.edu or Kevin Outterson at mko@bu.edu.

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