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## **MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care Leads Forum about Holocaust Survivor End-of-Life Needs**

*Focus Will Be on How Trauma Affects Care*

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NEW YORK—MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care, through generous Holocaust survivor grant sponsorship and funding by UJA-Federation of New York, hosts a thought-provoking forum on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at The Museum of Jewish Heritage. The deeply moving event includes a Holocaust survivor's stirring testimony, an insightful keynote address about the unique issues faced by Holocaust survivors and the Second Generation—adult children of Holocaust survivors—and a stirring exhibit to foster discussion about the importance of culturally-sensitive and compassionate medical, physical, social and spiritual care for patients and their loved ones.

MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care is one of the largest such programs in New York state and the largest historically Jewish hospice program in the region. It remains one of the only hospice and palliative care organizations in New York City to focus on the physical, emotional and psychological pain and suffering experienced by Holocaust survivors and their families. *Halachic Pathway* is offered to every enrolled Jewish person. This option serves as a health care proxy that ensures all medical decisions will be made in consultation with the rabbi of the patient's choice.

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 11, 2011

**EVENT TIME:** 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Program)

*\*Media are encouraged to attend any or all of the following:*

10:30 a.m.: Exhibit tour

Noon: Survivor Testimony

1:30 p.m.: Keynote address by noted psychologist Irit Felsen, PhD

**PLACE:** Museum of Jewish Heritage  
39 Battery Place  
New York, NY 10280

**NOTE:** Toby Weiss, Director of Cultural Diversity and Miryam Rabner, Outreach Coordinator, both of MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care, will be available for press questions.

**About MJHS**

MJHS is a charitable not-for-profit organization with more than a century of providing quality, compassionate and innovative health services to New Yorkers of all ages, ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds. MJHS is uniquely positioned to provide the right level of care when and where it is most needed—so the majority of its care recipients are able to continue living at home and we can help reduce hospital readmissions. The MJHS robust portfolio includes: home care, hospice, palliative care, centers for rehabilitation and nursing care, health plans, independent living and adult day health care. For more information, visit [www.mjhs.org](http://www.mjhs.org) or call 1-855-692-5058.

**About the Hospice Programs of MJHS**

MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care provides comprehensive culturally-sensitive care and effective pain management to patients, as well as their families, throughout the Greater New York area—whether in homes, hospitals, nursing homes or hospice residences. The hospice program was one of the original demonstration projects in the 1980s and has remained at the forefront with innovative inpatient and home-based palliative care services, state-of-the-art pediatric hospice care and culturally specific end-of-life programs. For more information, call 1-800- HOSPICE or visit [www.mjhs.org](http://www.mjhs.org).

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