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# ESCAPE FROM THE HOLOCAUST?

The Fate of Jews in Finland and  
other Scandinavian Countries

JUNE 17, 2008

09:00am–09:15am	<p><b>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>WALTER REICH</b>, Senior Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center, Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Professor of International Affairs, Ethics and Human Behavior, George Washington University; former director, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum</p> <p><b>LESLIE D. SIMON</b>, member of the Board of Governors of the American Jewish Committee and former Senior Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center</p>
09:15am–10:00am	<p><b>KEYNOTE</b></p> <p><b>AMBASSADOR JAMES E. GOODBY</b>, The Brookings Institution/Hoover Institution</p>
10:00am–10:30am	<p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>
10:30am–12:30pm	<p><b>PANEL 1: THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND THE HOLOCAUST</b></p> <p><b>CHAired BY WALTER REICH</b>, Senior Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center</p> <p><i>“Scandinavian Countries: on the Sidelines of the Holocaust?”</i> Professor <b>HENRIK MEINANDER</b>, University of Helsinki</p> <p><i>“The Fate of the Jews in the Other Scandinavian Counties: Sweden, Denmark, Norway”</i> Professor Emeritus <b>SUNE PERSSON</b>, University of Gothenburg</p> <p><i>“The Holocaust in Bulgaria: Balkan Finland? Balkan Denmark? A Comparative Approach”</i> <b>STEVEN F. SAGE</b>, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum</p> <p><b>COMMENTATOR: MEREDITH HINDLEY</b>, Adjunct Professor, American University</p>
12:30pm–02:00pm	<p><b>LUNCH BREAK</b></p>

02:00pm–04:00pm	<p><b>PANEL 2: FINLAND AND THE HOLOCAUST</b></p> <p><b>CHAired BY SAMUEL F. WELLS</b>, Associate Director, Woodrow Wilson Center</p> <p><i>“Why did Finland Escape from the Holocaust?”</i> Assoc. Professor <b>HANNU RAUTKALLIO</b>, University of Tampere</p> <p><i>“The Position of the Jews of Finland in the War of 1939-1944”</i> <b>RONY SMOLAR</b>, Chairman, The Helsinki Jewish Congregation</p> <p><i>“Deportations and the Exchange of Jewish POW’s with Germany”</i> <b>JUSSI NUORTEVA</b>, Director General, National Archives of Finland</p> <p><b>COMMENTATOR: CARL MODIG</b>, Program Coordinator, International Archival Programs Division, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum</p>
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4:00pm–5:00pm	<p><b>CLOSING ADDRESS</b></p> <p><b>CHAired BY MICHAEL HALTZEL</b>, Senior Fellow, Center for Transatlantic Relations, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University</p> <p><i>“The Position of Finland Before, During and After World War Two”</i> <b>AMBASSADOR MAX JAKOBSON</b> (ret.)</p>
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05:00pm–07:00pm	<p><b>DINNER RECEPTION</b> (open to all attendees)</p> <p>Woodrow Wilson Center Dining Hall</p>
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