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# THE MAINE JEWISH MUSEUM

## Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers Under the 3rd Reich



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE RULE OF LAW IS TRAMPLED?



Munich lawyer Dr. Michael Siegel (1882-1979) had complained to Munich Police in early April 1933, when one of his clients was taken into 'protective custody'. He had the legs of his trousers cut off and was led through Munich's inner city streets barefoot with a board around his neck that read: "I will never complain to the police again!" Siegel managed to flee to Peru as late as 1940, where he died in 1979.

You are cordially invited to the Maine premiere of the international exhibit **Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany Under the Third Reich**

Opening Reception:  
**December 10, 2014**  
**5:30-7:00pm**  
in recognition of  
World Human Rights Day

Opening remarks by  
Adrian Kendall, Esq.  
Honorary Consul of  
Germany

This event is free and  
open to the public.

RSVP for opening  
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December 5 (not  
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**Dear Harris,**

Prior to World War II, Jewish lawyers in Germany were accepted members of society and comprised about 40% of all members of their profession. In 1933, a statute banning all Jewish judges, prosecutors, and lawyers from the courts was issued. The exhibit, *Lawyers Without Rights*, focuses on these individuals and tells the story of what happened.

Portrayed in the exhibition are more than 25 Jewish lawyers and judges, both well-known and lesser-known, some of whom successfully escaped. The exhibition panels feature both biographical information and photos of the persecuted as well as documents and historical evidence. The vivid presentation of individuals' fates is completed by several general panels ranging from the beginnings of exclusion until the end of persecution after 1945.

The messages imparted from these stories have not lost their urgency today.

"The lesson to be learned from this assault on the rule of law is its fragility, even in a civilized nation, and the ease with which a popular leader can - through a reign of fear - achieve an oppressive, totalitarian state. It is a vivid reminder that we must vigilantly guard against any threat to a fair and just legal system and preserve the rule of law."

- Chief Judge Michael Davis & Judge Susan Richard Nelson,  
U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

"Defending liberty and pursuing justice are the foundation of our profession...Lawyers Without Rights has relevance at many different levels. Its relevance is for human rights and for a just rule of law. Its relevance is for mankind. Its message is a universal message; but perhaps its most important message is for and about lawyers everywhere."

- Carolyn Lamm, President ABA, Glenn Hendrix ABA Section of International Law, & Aaron Schildhaus, Chair "Lawyers Without Rights" US Exhibition, and Past chair ABA Intl.

Created by the German Federal Bar in conjunction with the American Bar Association, Lawyers Without Rights was first presented in 2000 and has toured more than 80 cities in Germany, Europe, Israel and worldwide. The Maine Jewish Museum is honored to present this compelling exhibit on the 3rd floor exhibit hall from December 10th - February 13, 2015.

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## The Maine Jewish Museum Corporate Partner Program

**The Corporate Partner Program**, a new initiative of the Maine Jewish Museum, is vital to the sustainability and growth of the museum. Because admission to our exhibitions and programs is free to the public, our financial success is directly tied to the generous donations of our community. Supporting this program provides the necessary capital to successfully realize our mission.

This program is an effective way for businesses to strengthen social responsibility programs, improve marketing initiatives, and engage and enrich employees and associates.

The Museum draws a diverse group of visitors and is a focal point for many community members. We have received recognition and generous praise from many reviewers. Exhibits and programming provide exposure to accomplished local, national and international artists and historians, as well as musicians, theater groups, and lecturers.

### Upcoming Exhibit Sponsorship Opportunities - Lawyers Without Rights ... December 10, 2014-February 13, 2015

"Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany Under the Third Reich" is sponsored, researched, and underwritten by the German Federal Bar. Until this exhibition was developed, no one really knew the details of Germany's attacks upon its lawyers, and how those attacks succeeded in permitting history's monstrous outrage against humanity.

The Maine Jewish Museum has partnered with the German Consulate to bring this exhibit to Portland. We will welcome school groups, college classes, and members of the legal community to experience the exhibit first hand, and hope that you are among our visitors.

For detailed information on the upcoming exhibit visit [www.lawyerswithoutrights.com](http://www.lawyerswithoutrights.com)

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The mission of the Maine Jewish Museum is to honor the contributions and diversity of Maine's Jewish immigrants in the context of the American experience. Through exhibits and programming, the Museum seeks to build bridges of appreciation and understanding with people of all backgrounds.

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