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The Fisher-Bernstein Institute for Jewish Philanthropy and Leadership was established at Brandeis University in 1997 by a gift from philanthropist and community leader Max M. Fisher of Detroit. Through research and educational programming, the Institute addresses pressing questions related to fundraising, philanthropy, and leadership in the American Jewish community.

Profiles in Leadership

Wednesday
March 2, 2005
Shapiro Campus Center

Program

Noon Meet the Author

Deborah Lipstadt on *History on Trial: My Day in Court with David Irving*

Moderator: Antony Polonsky,
Albert Abramson Professor of Holocaust
Studies, Brandeis University

2:00 Leadership in the Post-Holocaust Era

Welcome: Marty Wyngaarden Krauss,
Provost, Brandeis University

Panel discussion: Margot Stern Strom,
Stuart Eizenstat, and Howard Gardner

Moderator: Leonard Saxe,
Professor and Director, Cohen Center for
Modern Jewish Studies, Brandeis University

3:30 Reception

4:00 Partners in Truth

A conversation between Deborah
Lipstadt and Leslie Wexner

Moderator: Amy L. Sales,
Director, Fisher-Bernstein Institute for
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Closing remarks: Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72,
President, Brandeis University

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Stuart Eizenstat, international lawyer, held a number of key positions in the Carter and Clinton administrations, including Chief Domestic Adviser to President Carter, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Under Secretary of State, Under Secretary of Commerce, and Ambassador to the European Union. As special representative on Holocaust-era issues during the Clinton administration, he successfully helped negotiate major agreements with the Swiss, Germans, Austrians, and French. His book, *Imperfect Justice: Looted Assets, Slave Labor and the Unfinished Business of World War II*, tells the inside story of the fight to reclaim the stolen and confiscated assets of Holocaust survivors and other victims. The renewal of interest in World War II-era issues owes much to his efforts. Stuart Eizenstat is a member of the Board of Trustees of Brandeis University.

Howard Gardner is the John H. and Elisabeth A. Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The author of hundreds of articles and over twenty books, he is best known in education circles for his theory of multiple intelligences. In recent years, he has embarked on a study of good work—work that is at once excellent in quality and also socially responsible. The Good Work Project includes studies of outstanding leaders and exemplary institutions and organizations. The first volume in the Good Work Project series, *Good Work: When Excellence and Ethics Meet*, offers powerful insight into how people can maintain moral and ethical standards in their work lives.

Deborah Lipstadt, M.A. '72, Ph.D. '76, is the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University where she directs the Rabbi Donald A. Tam Institute for Jewish Studies. She made international headlines in 2000 when David Irving, a prolific and controversial writer of works on World War II, sued her for libel in a British courtroom. At issue were passages in her critically acclaimed book, *Denying the Holocaust* (1993), which named Irving as a rightwing extremist and a Holocaust denier. Her newly released book, *History on Trial: My Day in Court with David Irving*, recounts how she fought and won her six-year legal battle, and set back the Holocaust denial movement. Professor Lipstadt was an historical consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and helped design its section on the American response to the Holocaust.

Margot Stern Strom is executive director and president of the Facing History and Ourselves National Foundation. As a social studies teacher in the 1970s, she saw a critical need for educational resources that make connections between history and the moral choices adolescents face in their own lives. With a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, she cofounded Facing History and Ourselves, and has grown it from a single classroom into an organization that has trained more than 18,000 educators internationally, and annually reaches 1.8 million students around the world. She created the Harvard/Facing History and Ourselves Project that supports the work of scholars and researchers in examining racism, violence, and injustice, as well as caring, courage, and resistance.

Leslie Wexner started his business in Columbus, Ohio, in 1963 with one store. Today he serves as chairman, president, and CEO of Limited Brands, which operates 4,000 stores including Victoria's Secret, Express, The Limited, Henri Bendel, Bath & Body Works, and The White Barn Candle Company. He has a profound interest in the development of tomorrow's leaders, whom he supports through the works of the Wexner Foundation, the Fisher College of Business at Ohio State University, and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University. Along with his wife, Abigail, he exercises philanthropic leadership locally in Ohio, nationally, and internationally. In 1988 he received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Brandeis University.