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TCI Hosts Holocaust Education Program Jan. 9-10 at Choate Rosemary Hall

Renowned Experts Discuss Roots and Effects of Anti-Semitism with Students and Faculty of Leading Independent School

New York, NY- January 10, 2006 – The Curriculum Initiative (TCI), the leading Jewish educational organization serving America’s independent schools, is hosting its first ever day of learning on the Holocaust, its roots, consequences and relevance to universal moral issues in the 21st Century, January 9-10 at Choate Rosemary Hall in Connecticut.

On Monday evening, January 9, renowned Holocaust educator Deborah Dwork gave an open presentation to sophomore world history students on the roots of anti-Semitism in European history. Dwork is an internationally recognized, award-winning author and the Rose Professor of Holocaust History and the Director of the Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University in Massachusetts.

On Tuesday morning, January 10, classroom workshops will be led by educators from the New Haven Jewish Federation Holocaust Prejudice Reduction Program followed by an afternoon discussion with Choate faculty members involved in the teaching of Holocaust and genocide studies.

On Tuesday evening, January 10, Professor Dwork will present a plenary address to the entire school on contemporary moral issues raised by the role of rescuers and resisters in the Holocaust.

“We are honored to have been asked by Choate Rosemary Hall to coordinate a colloquium for the school community,” said Eileen Gress, Executive Director of TCI. “Top experts will discuss the historical context for the roots and effects of anti-Semitism as well as why the lessons of the Holocaust are relevant to combating prejudice today. The scope and intensity of this program make it a landmark event, both for TCI and for Choate.”

Choate’s 850 students, faculty and community residents are expected to participate in the program.

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About The Curriculum Initiative

The Curriculum Initiative (TCI) is the leading Jewish educational organization serving independent schools. Through extra-curricular programming, presentations to student bodies and professional development, TCI strengthens Jewish students' Jewish identity and nurtures school communities' appreciation for the Jewish heritage. Major funding for TCI is provided by the S. Daniel Abraham Foundation, Edgar M. Bronfman/The Samuel Bronfman Foundation, Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, Jewish Life Network/Steinhardt Foundation, Jim Joseph Foundation, Natan Fund, Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, and the Alan B. Slifka Foundation.

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