

International Symposium organized by the Embassy of Denmark in Israel  
in cooperation with the European Forum at the Hebrew University

## **Holocaust and the Rescue of Jews in Denmark: Are We Better Prepared to Prevent Atrocities Today?**

14:45- **Welcome by Ms. Charlotte Slente**, Ambassador of Denmark  
15:00 to Israel

15:00- **What Made Possible The Escape Of Danish Jews In**  
15:30 **October 1943**

*What made the rescue of Danish Jewry possible? This presentation will highlight and contextualize the importance of a number of factors and efforts, which contributed to making the rescue from Denmark possible*

**Dr. Phil. Bo Lidegaard**, Danish historian, author, former diplomat and former Editor in Chief of the daily newspaper 'Politiken'

15:30- **Pre-Holocaust in Europe: Anti-Semitism and Other Signs**  
16:00 **of Warning in Europe in the Years Preceding the Holocaust**

*This presentation will analyze the rise of anti-Semitism and other signs of warning in different European countries in the years preceding Holocaust and the response in different countries to these signs of warning.*

**Journalist Anders Jerichow**, Danish senior columnist at daily newspaper 'Politiken', author and Chairman of 'Humanity in Action Denmark'

16:00- Coffee Break

16:15

16:15- **Holocaust and Genocide - How Far Have We Come in**  
16:45 **Building Safeguards towards Grave Crimes Against Humanity?**

*In the aftermath of Holocaust and WWII, the world came together in establishing new international institutions, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Genocide Convention, and a broad human rights framework. The purpose was to help prevent atrocities and genocides from recurring. This presentation evaluates why these efforts have had limited success, and where we stand today.*

**Prof. Yehuda Bauer**, Professor Emeritus of History and Holocaust Studies at the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

16:45- **Human Rights Under Pressure -**  
17:15 **How Can We Build Stronger Alliances to Defend Common Values of Human Rights?**

*There seems to be a drift backwards internationally on our common values of human rights. Populist parties are on the rise in many countries and it is becoming clearer that human rights can be fragile, even in Western democracies.*

*This presentation analyzes these international trends and suggests ways in which broader commitment to human rights can be build.*

**Prof. Mordechai Kremnitzer**, Professor Emeritus and former Dean of the Faculty of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Senior research fellow and former Vice President of Research at the Israel Democracy Institute

17:15- **Roundtable discussion with the four speakers**

18:15

*To what extent are the lessons learned from the rescue of the Danish Jewry from Holocaust and the signs of warning pre-Holocaust in European countries still relevant today? How can we in today's context move forward towards strengthening awareness and developing policies and tools with the aim of preventing atrocities and other grave violations of human rights?*

**Chair: Ambassador Charlotte Slente**

18:15- Reception

19:30

Wednesday, March 27th, 14:45-19:30  
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