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A commemoration of the Holocaust was held at Thomas Jefferson University on January 27, the anniversary of the day that prisoners were liberated from the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in 1945. The program “Nazi Medicine, the Holocaust, and the Problem of Collective Evil”, featured a presentation by Salvatore Mangione, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Sidney Kimmel Medical College. Mangione discussed why study of the horrors of the Holocaust is especially important for medicine. A recording of the presentation, Group Thinking and the Roots of Collective Evil Implications for Health Care, is available in the Jefferson Digital Commons.

Mark L. Tykocinski, M.D., Provost, Thomas Jefferson University and Dean, Sidney Kimmel Medical College, introduced the program, which was organized in collaboration with the Italian Consulate General of Philadelphia. Italy adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Day in 2000, five years before the United Nations General Assembly did so.

The January 27 program was part of a series presented by the Sidney Kimmel Medical College that included movie screenings, lectures, and discussions about the Holocaust. The final part of the series is a discussion of the movie Gattaca (screened previously) and its themes. The discussion, which will be facilitated by Dr. Alex Levin, Chief, Wills Eye Pediatric Ophthalmology and Ocular Genetics Service and ethicist, is scheduled for 5 pm on February 2 in Foerderer Auditorium.

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