



UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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Dear Friends of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights:

In May 1939, the MS *St. Louis* sailed from Germany to Cuba, carrying 937 refugees – almost all Jewish – fleeing Nazi persecution. After the ship was turned away by Cuba, with only a small number of refugees disembarking, it proceeded toward the Florida coast. However, the United States also turned the ship away, sending 907 passengers back to Europe. While several European countries accepted the refugees, hundreds later perished in concentration and internment camps or while hiding and fleeing from the Nazis.

Please join the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on **Friday, April 21**, in Washington, DC, for presentations by:

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United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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Archivist and Curator
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The presentations will occur immediately following our monthly Commissioners' business meeting, and beginning at approximately at 11:00 am EST.

The Commission is located in the National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Av. NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425. The building entrance is on F St. NW between 13th and 14th Streets NW. If attending in person, we ask that you RSVP by email to publicaffairs@usccr.gov.

There will also be a call-in line for individuals who desire to listen to the presentations. The call-in information is:

1-877-857-6173; Call ID # 390-6891

We look forward to your joining us on April 21.