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**NINTH ANNUAL GERSHOM MENDES SEIXAS AWARD DINNER**

In honor of Ambassador Stuart E. Eizenstat & Dr. Allen I. Hyman

**Wednesday, May 13, 2009**

Low Memorial Library at Columbia University  
Broadway at 116th Street, New York City

**Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. • Dinner at 7:15 p.m.**

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## 2009 SEIXAS AWARD HONOREE

### Ambassador Stuart E. Eizenstat

During a decade and a half of public service in three U.S. administrations, Ambassador Eizenstat has held a number of key senior positions, including chief White House domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter (1977-1981); U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, and Deputy Secretary of the Treasury in the Clinton Administration (1993-2001).

Much of the interest in providing belated justice for victims of the Holocaust and other victims of Nazi tyranny during World War II was the result of Ambassador Eizenstat's leadership of the Clinton Administration as Special Representative of the President and Secretary of State on Holocaust-Era Issues. He successfully negotiated major agreements with the Swiss, Germans, Austrians and French, and other European countries, covering restitution of property, payment for slave and forced laborers, recovery of looted art, bank accounts, and payment of insurance policies, totaling a sum of \$8 billion.

Ambassador Eizenstat received an A.B. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1964 and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1967. He is currently a partner at the Washington, D.C. law firm Covington and Burling, where he heads the firm's international practice.

A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Ambassador Eizenstat has served on the board of numerous non-profit organizations including The Jerusalem Foundation, Brandeis University, American Jewish Committee and the Weizmann Institute of Science, where he served as Chairman of the Board of Governors from 2002-2005. He is married to Frances Eizenstat and has two sons and six grandchildren.

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### Dr. Allen I. Hyman, CC'55

Professor Emeritus Allen I. Hyman, Columbia College '55, trained in anesthesiology at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center (CPMC). After completing an NIH research program in perinatal physiology at the University of Oxford, Dr. Hyman joined Columbia's anesthesiology faculty with a joint appointment in pediatrics. Beginning in 1965, his laboratory and clinical research focused on the cause, prevention and management of respiratory distress of premature infants. This period marked a dramatic improvement in the health outcomes of very small babies.

In 1974, NIH sponsored his post-doctoral fellowship at the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the University of California in San Francisco. For the next decade he was Director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at CPMC. In 1987, Dr. Hyman received a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship and worked as Senator Robert Dole's health aide in the U.S. Capitol. After serving as acting Chair of Anesthesiology, he became Executive VP, Chief Medical Officer of CPMC and the Hospital's first Chief of Staff. He received the Presbyterian Hospital Alumni Medal.

Dr. Hyman has been on the boards of Columbia/Barnard Hillel, Seeds of Peace and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Dr. Hyman has been a staunch supporter of Jewish life at Columbia University for many years and has helped to facilitate the close working relationship between Hillel and the University that exists today. Having received a scholarship himself from Columbia, he endowed the Allen I Hyman scholarship. A member of the University Senate, he serves on Columbia's Honors and Prizes Committee. He and Valerie have three sons, three daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren.

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