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Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, Catharine Street Community Center and the Roosevelt Institute

Introduce the *Eleanor Roosevelt "We Make Our Own History"* Forums Benefiting the Catharine Street Community Center

**2:00 p.m. on February 21, 2010 and March 7, 2010
Pre-registration required**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The FDR Presidential Library, the Catharine Street Community Center and the Roosevelt Institute proudly introduce the **Eleanor Roosevelt "We Make Our Own History" Forums**. The first forum, *Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges*, is on February 21, 2010 in commemoration of African American History Month. The second forum, *Marian Anderson and the Lincoln Memorial Concert*—with performances by the Marist College Music Department and the Poughkeepsie Boys Choir, will be held on March 7, 2010 in honor of Women's History Month. Both forums will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Proceeds benefit the Catharine Street Community Center in Poughkeepsie, New York and the education programs of Roosevelt Library.

Pre-registration and an admission fee is required for both events (**February 21 only, \$20; March 7 only, \$30; or both programs, \$40**). Call (845) 486-7745 for registration information. To download the registration form visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/library/pdfs/erforums.pdf.

Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges, beginning at 2:00 p.m. on February 21, 2010 in the Henry A. Wallace Center, is a multimedia presentation by Museum of Jewish History archivist and curator Bonnie Gurewitsch. Ms. Gurewitsch will

discuss her work assembling the New York City exhibition *Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges*. Opening remarks will be made by Hon. George D. Marlowe, New York State Judicial Director of Ethics Education & Counsel.

Marian Anderson and the Lincoln Memorial Concert, beginning at 2:00 p.m. on March 7, 2010 in the Henry A. Wallace Center, is a live musical presentation of the songs performed by renowned African American contralto Marian Anderson in 1939 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. This program will feature performances by the Marist College Music Department and the Poughkeepsie Boys Choir.

Catharine Street Community Center, in Poughkeepsie, New York, promotes and coordinates educational, health, and cultural programming that enriches and enhances the lives of individuals, children, and families. Visit www.catharinecenter.org.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.

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