

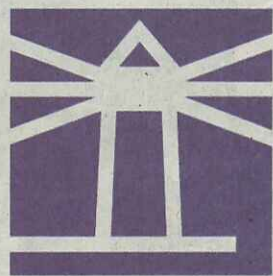


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Holocaust survivor, 103, to be at Moorpark College

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The oldest known male Holocaust survivor will speak at Moorpark College this month.

Leopold Engleitner, 103, was imprisoned in a series of concentration camps 70 years ago when he refused to renounce his faith as a member of Jehovah's Witnesses and serve in Hitler's army. When Engleitner, an Austrian, left the last camp, he weighed 62 pounds.

"There's a lesson to be learned," said filmmaker Ferenc Gutai, who teaches

part time at Moorpark and is producing the event. "The lesson is that when popular opinion is wrong, young people need to stand up for what's right."

The free event will be part of Engleitner's third speaking tour in the U.S, when he also will speak at Harvard University and the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, among other locations.

At Moorpark College, Engleitner will



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speak May 22 at 7:30 p.m. and on May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. His talk concludes the college's Year of Democracy, which focused on the democratic process, both in the U.S. and worldwide.

He will be joined by Bernhard Rammerstorfer, who told Engleitner's story in the book "Unbroken Will" and documentary "Unbroken Will USA Tour." The documentary will be shown at the Laemmle's Theatre Sunset 5 in West Hollywood from May 15 to 21.

"He had the strength to say no," Rammerstorfer said by phone from Austria.

"He didn't join the army. He was only an ordinary farmer, but his story reminds people, especially young people, that they in their lives should listen to their conscience."

The event also will include Robert Buckley, consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and Dan Brown, a professor at Moorpark College, in addition to Gutai.

On the Net:

<http://www.unbrokenwill.com>

<http://www.moorparkcollege.edu/yearof>



Leopold Engleitner, photographed by the Gestapo in 1939