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Oldest male Holocaust survivor to speak at college

Seventy years after his imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp, the Holocaust's oldest male survivor, Leopold Engleitner, will speak at Moorpark College as part of a major U.S. tour at 7:30 p.m. Fri., May 22 and 6:30 p.m. Sat., May 23 on the Main Stage Performing Arts Center, 7075 Campus Road.

The talks are free to the public and seating is first come, first served. The Friday event will be webcast worldwide at www.video.moorparkcollege.edu/.

The 103-year-old Austrian, who was chronicled in the book and prize-winning documentary film "Unbroken Will," will be accompanied by friend and biographer Bernhard Rammerstorfer.

Engleitner, who entered the Buchenwald concentration camp in 1939 at age 33, was offered his freedom in exchange for renouncing his faith as a Jehovah's Witness. Instead he submitted to Nazi persecution and torture, enduring years of imprisonment that reduced him to 62 pounds.

Other speakers at the event will include Robert Buckley, consultant to the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.; Dan Brown, Holocaust historian; and filmmaker Ferenc Gutai.

For more information, call Joanna Miller, Year of Democracy co-chair, at (805) 378-1400, ext. 1618, or visit www.unbrokenwill.com or www.moorparkcollege.edu/yearof.