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Sunday, May 18, 2014 | 2 PM | Jewish Museum of Florida - FIU | 301 Washington Ave., Miami Beach

A Joint Project of the Holocaust Studies Initiative and the Latin American Jewry Initiative

Keynote lecture by Mr. Scott Miller, Director of Curatorial Affairs United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

On May 13, 1939, the German transatlantic liner *MS St. Louis* sailed from Hamburg, Germany, for Havana, Cuba. On the voyage were 937 passengers, almost all Jews fleeing from the Third Reich. Most were German citizens, some were from Eastern Europe, and a few were officially "stateless." The Cuban government turned away the *St. Louis*. After being refused safe haven in the United States as well, the ship returned to Europe. Over the years, this voyage has come to symbolize the world's indifference to the plight of European Jewry on the eve of World War II.

For ten years, beginning in 1996, Mr. Scott Miller and Sarah Ogilvie of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum worked to uncover the fates of all 937 refugees aboard the *MS St. Louis*. Mr. Miller's lecture will discuss their findings.

The lecture will be followed by a panel discussion on the Cuban and American political contexts for the episode, along with personal recollections:

- **Mr. Herb Karlner**, Holocaust survivor and passenger on the *MS St. Louis*
- **Dr. Frank Mora**, Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC) and Professor of Politics and International Relations at Florida International University
- **Dr. Margalit Bejarano**, Professor Emeritus of Spanish and Latin American Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The **Latin American Jewry Initiative**, is a joint project of the **Latin American and Caribbean Center** and **Jewish Studies Initiatives**.

Co-sponsored by the **Cuban Research Institute** and the **Ruth K. and Shephard Broad Distinguished Lecture Series**.

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