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A CELEBRATING 75 YEARS EVENT

4/03/06—Boston College Law School and the Celebrating 75 Years Committee is pleased to announce that Abraham H. Foxman will speak at the Law School on April 10, 2006. Foxman will speak on "The New Anti-Semitism: An International Human Rights Issue." The talk will take place at 3 pm in East Wing room 120.

Abraham H. Foxman is the National Director of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and is known throughout the world as a leader in the fight against anti-Semitism, hatred, prejudice, bigotry and discrimination.

Mr. Foxman, who has worked for ADL since 1965, was named National Director in 1987. Prior to that, he worked in the League's international affairs and civil rights divisions. His background and experience have contributed significantly to the development of meaningful relationships between different groups of people both here in the United States and also internationally.

Mr. Foxman is a great supporter of the State of Israel and the Middle East peace process. He regularly travels to Israel and works closely with officials there and in the United States to ensure the safety and security of the Jewish State.

His career at ADL has spanned nearly four decades, and in that time, Mr. Foxman has met with national and world leaders to discuss important issues of the day, including U.S. Presidents George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George Bush, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon. He has had several audiences with Pope John Paul II, and has met with the leaders of European nations, Russia, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, China, South Africa and Argentina.

Mr. Foxman is also known as an authority on the Holocaust and Jewish resistance to the Nazis. He has helped to focus worldwide attention on the heroic efforts of Christian rescuers of Jews and has been a leader in developing education programs about the Holocaust.

Born in Poland in 1940, Mr. Foxman was saved from the Holocaust as an infant by his Polish Catholic nanny who baptized and raised him as a Catholic during the war years. His parents survived the war, but 14 members of his family were lost.

After he arrived in America in 1950 with his parents, Mr. Foxman graduated from the Yeshiva of Flatbush, in Brooklyn, NY, and earned his B.A. in political science from the City College of the City University of New York, graduating with honors in history. Mr. Foxman holds a law degree from New York University School of Law, and did graduate work in Jewish studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary and in international economics at New York's New School for Social Research. Mr. Foxman is also fluent in several languages.

About the ADL

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) was founded in 1913 "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all."

ADL fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry here and abroad, combats international

terrorism, probes the roots of hatred, advocates before Congress, comes to the aid of victims of bigotry, develops educational programs and serves as a public resource for government, media, law enforcement and the public, all toward the goals of countering and reducing hatred.

For more information on the event, please email Jean at frenchj@bc.edu.

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