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Attorney General Phil Weiser to Address Hatred and Extremism at Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony Sept. 22

Denver, CO (Sept. 19, 2019) – Attorney General Phil Weiser will give a special address on confronting hate and extremism at the Mizel Museum's annual Babi Yar Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. at Babi Yar Memorial Park (10451 E. Yale Ave., Denver). The event commemorates the Babi Yar Massacre and honors all victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

"The rise in anti-Semitism and other vicious acts of hatred in the U.S. and around the world underscore the need to confront racism and bigotry in our communities," said Weiser. "We must honor and remember the victims of the Holocaust, learning from the lessons of the past in order to combat intolerance and hate in the world today."

Weiser's grandparents and mother survived the Holocaust; his mother is one of the youngest living survivors. She was born in the Buchenwald concentration camp in Germany, and she and her mother were liberated the next day by the Second Infantry Division of the U.S. Army.

Nearly 34,000 Jews were executed at the Babi Yar ravine on the outskirts of Kiev in Nazi-occupied Ukraine on September 29-30, 1941. This was one of the largest mass murders at an individual location during World War II. Between 1941 and 1943, thousands more Jews, Roma, Communists and Soviet prisoners of war also were killed there. It is estimated that some 100,000 people were murdered at Babi Yar during the war. The Babi Yar Memorial Park pays tribute to those lives lost and to victims of genocide throughout the world.

The ceremony is open to the public. Register at MizelMuseum.org/events or call 720-785-7300.

About the Mizel Museum

The Mizel Museum is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to fostering cross-cultural understanding, combatting racism and promoting social justice.

RSVP Required for ALL ATTENDING PRESS:

Members of the media are required to register and obtain press credentials upon arrival. If you know you will be in attendance, please email **mavner@mizelinstitute.org or call 720-670-8036.**

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