



## Invitation to the Opening of The Rosenberg, an exhibition devoted to

# "THE GERMAN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IN THE SHADOW OF THE NAZI PAST."

An important question posed for the Federal Republic of Germany and its Ministry of Justice upon the republic's establishment in 1949 was how to address the horrors of the Nazi era. In 2012, the Ministry undertook a study of its response in the 1950's and 1960's, which revealed what are best described as shocking failures by the Ministry. A high percentage of Ministry senior staff had backgrounds in the Nazi legal system and had participated in the terrible misdeeds of that machinery. As a result, during the early years of the German Republic, many laws were denazified only superficially; discrimination continued; crimes of the Holocaust were not properly prosecuted; and many Nazi criminals were not brought to justice for decades, benefitting from amnesties and statutes of limitation. This traveling exhibition based on the Ministry's own four years of serious introspection, research and study, compiled in what are known as the Rosenberg Files - so named because following World War II the Ministry's offices were located in the Rosenberg Castle in Bonn - seeks to raise awareness among a large audience of the historical injustice that took place post World War II at the hands of the Ministry itself.

### Opening of the Exhibition:

**May 13, 2019, 6:00 PM**  
**Supreme Court of the State of New York,**  
**County of New York**  
60 Centre Street  
New York, New York 10007-1474  
Ceremonial Courtroom (Room 300)

### Remarks:

**Hon. Deborah Kaplan**, Administrative Judge  
Supreme Court, Civil Term, NY County  
**Hon. George J. Silver**, Deputy Chief Administrative  
Judge for the New York City Courts  
**Hon. Melissa Jackson**, Justice of the Supreme Court,  
Criminal Term, NY County  
**Dr. Frank Mecklenburg**, Director of Research, The  
Leo Baeck Institute  
**Hon. Rita Hagl-Kehl**, Parliamentary State Secretary  
to the Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer  
Protection

### Exhibition Venue and Regular Hours:

Rotunda  
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May 13 through June 7, 2019