



Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz Named as CMATH Champion by Center for Medicine after the Holocaust

June 12, 2017 (HOUSTON) —Center for Medicine after the Holocaust (CMATH) announced today that it has added Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, Michigan to its group of CMATH Champions.

CMATH Champions are either faculty members in schools of medicine, nursing, public health and other health sciences, or other scholarly individuals who study, teach and research medicine and the Holocaust. Using videos, content modules and other resources provided by the Center for Medicine after the Holocaust, they challenge their students and colleagues to personally confront the behavior and ethics of medical professionals in Germany, the United States and elsewhere immediately before, during and after the Third Reich. CMATH Champions also challenge their students and colleagues to apply this new knowledge to contemporary medical practice, research and healthcare policy.

Yoskowitz plans on teaching medical students about the atrocities Nazi physicians perpetrated during the World War II era in a seven-session seminar series called “Nazi Medicine and Its Impact on the Founding of Bioethics” at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB), October 4 through November 15. He believes that OUWB School of Medicine is the only medical school in Michigan to offer such a course.

“We are pleased to have Rabbi Yoskowitz as a new CMATH Champion. He is passionate about educating future physicians about Nazi medical crimes and preparing them for the difficult medical ethical decisions shared by all doctors,” CMATH Executive Director Sheldon Rubinfeld, M.D. said. “Rabbi Yoskowitz’s work aligns with CMATH’s mission and we are very appreciative of his commitment to raising awareness about medicine and the Holocaust in the next generation of medical professionals.”

Yoskowitz, who has been involved in medical ethics for years and has previously taught on medicine in Europe during the Holocaust, said he is proud to be named a CMATH Champion and for the organization’s cause.

“Most medical students have no idea how many physicians participated in the Nazis’ final solution eugenics program, and how the American medical community contributed to the Nazis’ policies,” he explained. “I am grateful to OUWB for allowing me to teach this important course and to convey the warning signs that our future physicians should be watching for.”

Center for Medicine after the Holocaust (CMATH) provides forums, content and curricula for medical students, medical professionals and educators to learn about medicine and the Holocaust, and shares their experience in applying that history to contemporary practice and research. To learn more about CMATH, visit medicineaftertheholocaust.org or follow us on Facebook or Twitter @medaafterhc.