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**“Hope, Guilt and the Value of Life:
The Holocaust and its Impact on End-of-Life
Decisions in Israel”**

Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

ILA Conference Room

415 South Callaway

Randy Linda Sturman earned her J.D. at the University of Florida College of Law and a Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of California, San Diego. She spent thirteen years working as a trial lawyer, first as an assistant district attorney in Miami under Janet Reno, and later, as a medical malpractice attorney. She was a fellow in the Department of Geropsychiatry at the V.A. Hospital/UCSD School of Medicine where she conducted a study of informed consent for schizophrenic patients and served as a member of the ethics consult team. Dr. Sturman previously taught in the Departments of Anthropology and Judaic Studies at the University of California, San Diego and at California Western School of Law. Her current appointment is in the Department of Religion at the University of Georgia.

Her recent book, “Six Lives in Jerusalem,” focuses on the lives of six individuals grappling with different end-of-life decisions and is a product of research conducted in Jerusalem. These cases provide insight into the legal, medical, ethical and cultural issues that families and patients go through when having to deal with death.

An unanticipated result of Dr. Sturman’s research on end-of-life decisions in Israel revealed the extent to which memories of the Holocaust impact medical decision-making. Dr. Sturman’s case studies have brought to light themes relating the experience of the Holocaust to patient care decisions and physician behavior.

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