

## **HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR ELIE WIESEL AND OPRAH ON A HISTORIC VISIT TO AUSCHWITZ**

**Tune in to “The Oprah Winfrey Show” on Wednesday, May 24, for a special presentation of “Oprah and Elie Wiesel at Auschwitz Death Camp.” March of the Living assisted in the organization of their trip and also advised on music for the episode. (Check local listings for stations and airtimes.)**

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*Note: Elie Wiesel himself has visited Auschwitz many times with the March of the Living and has spoken eloquently to the thousands of young students who gathered to hear him. In his visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau on the 1990 March of the Living, Elie Wiesel was unable to conclude his speech, overcome by emotion and the difficulty in communicating the enormity of the Holocaust to his young audience. Below is an excerpt from that speech:*

***“Children of the Jewish people - Will you ever see what I see here? I see so many children and so many parents, so many teachers, and so many students. I see them - forever will I seem them. I see them walking in their nocturnal processions...wandering, crying praying.***

***Forever will I see the children who no longer have the strength to cry. Forever will I see the elderly who no longer have the strength to help them. Forever will I see the mothers and the fathers and the grandfathers and the grandmothers, the little school children and their teachers, the righteous and the pious.***

***From where do we take the strength to cry over them? Who has the strength to cry over them?***

***Years and years ago, I saw...I cannot tell you what I saw. I am afraid. I am afraid if I told you we would all break out in tears and we would not stop.***

***I see a young girl....”***

He then shook his head, walking away from the microphone unable to finish the story he had begun.