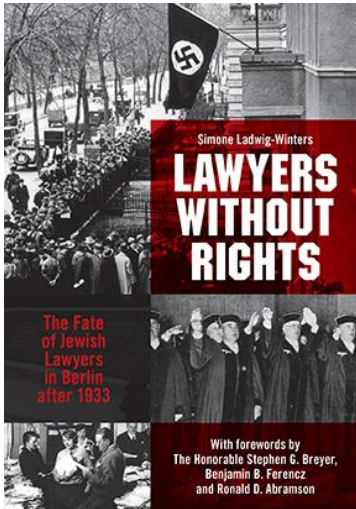


## ‘Lawyers Without Rights’ exhibit opens



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“Lawyers Without Rights: The Fate of Jewish Lawyers in Berlin after 1933” has been translated from the original German into English and will be published in July. It can be ordered at [LawyersWithoutRights.com/BerlinBook](http://LawyersWithoutRights.com/BerlinBook). PHOTO COURTESY OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

An acclaimed international exhibit, “Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany under the Third Reich,” will be presented in Nashville from May 16 through June 1.

The showing at Belmont University College of Law is sponsored by Belmont University, the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee and its Community Relations Committee, and the American Bar Association in conjunction with the German Federal Bar, the Nashville Bar Association and the Harry Phillips American Inn of Court.

The exhibit begins to provide a portrait of the fate of Jewish lawyers in Germany, stories that speak to how the Nazis purged Jewish lawyers as one of the early steps to attack the rule of law in their country. The stories are told in panels that combine photographs, documents and a written narrative. The exhibit has been shown in more than 100 cities in Germany, the United States and other parts of the world.

The exhibit will be in the rotunda of the Baskin Building at the Belmont University College of Law, 1901 15th Avenue South. The building will be open for visitors between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 1-5 p.m. on the weekend.

An opening reception will be held in the rotunda of the Baskin Building on Wednesday, May 16, from 5:30-7 p.m. There is underground parking in the building, and the event is free and open to the public.

The idea for the “Lawyers Without Rights” exhibit was conceived in 1998, when an Israeli lawyer asked the regional bar of Berlin for a list of Jewish lawyers whose licenses had been revoked by the Nazi regime.

“The regional bar decided not only to research a list of names but also to try to find out more about the fates behind all those names,” Axel Filges, past president of the German Federal Bar, said in a news release from the American Bar Association.

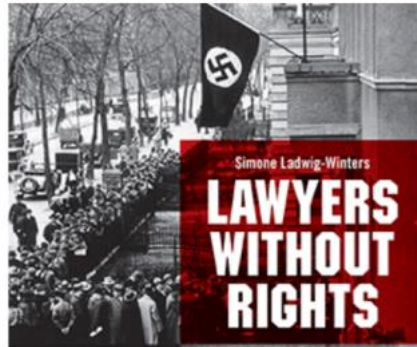
“Some were able to leave the country after the Nazis came into power, but very many of them were incarcerated or murdered. The non-Jewish German lawyers of those days remained silent. They failed miserably, and so did the lawyers’ organizations. We do not know why.”

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