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The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists mourns the passing of Elie Wiesel, 87, Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Elie Wiesel saw the horrors of the Holocaust as a child prisoner in Auschwitz and Buchenwald and dedicated his life to generating public awareness and to the fight against genocide, hatred, and injustice. His book *Night*, written in 1955 and translated into 30 languages, brought world attention to Nazi extermination camps. He ultimately wrote dozens of books about the Holocaust.

Eli Wiesel received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal in 1985, and was named a Messenger of Peace by the United Nations in 1998.

Wiesel worked tirelessly for decades to expose and fight genocide and atrocities and to promote peace. He was recognized for not remaining silent in the face of inhumanity and suffering, stating during his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech "We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented." He was relied on by world leaders a source of counsel and as a leading human rights activist.

U.S. President Barack Obama called Wiesel "the conscience of the world" and Israeli President Reuven Rivlin called him "a hero of the Jewish people, and a giant of all humanity."

He will be remembered as one of the world's leading voices of moral authority of our generation.