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**“Escape to Freedom: A Story of Survival, Dreams,  
Betrayals, and Accomplishments”  
A Brown Bag Lecture by Henry A. Fribourg**

**PROGRAM:** “Escape to Freedom: A Story of Survival, Dreams, Betrayals, and Accomplishments”  
A Brown Bag Lecture by Henry A. Fribourg

**DATE:** Noon, Wednesday, June 12, 2013

**LOCATION:** East Tennessee History Center  
601 South Gay Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**ADMISSION:** FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch

In a Brown Bag Lecture on Wednesday, June 12, Dr. Henry A. Fribourg will discuss his autobiographical memoir, *Escape to Freedom*, of a 12-year old French Jewish boy who with his parents, sister and baby brother, escaped from occupied Europe in January 1942, one month after Pearl Harbor. Fribourg’s mother had premonitions of the coming Holocaust and convinced her husband to leave the Old World to give their children another chance at life, even when her parents opposed her departure. The family survived three machine-gun strafings by a German fighter pilot, escaped the German Panzers during the invasion of France in 1940, and had their neutral ship stopped by a U-boat mid-way across the Atlantic as they sailed to seek refuge in Cuba. Fribourg’s personal story is a fascinating one of determination and the survival of a family to create a fulfilling life in America. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for his grandparents and other family members who died at Auschwitz.

Dr. Henry A. Fribourg served in the US Army during the Korean War and worked his way through college to have a 48-year career as a professor of crop ecology and successful pasture and beef cattle researcher. He is now retired with his wife Claudia, who also escaped Europe with her family as a very young child. Dr. Fribourg is the author of several books including *How Mother Gave Us Life Twice*.

The program is sponsored by 21<sup>st</sup> Mortgage, and free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at [www.EastTNHistory.org](http://www.EastTNHistory.org).

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