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**RUTGERS' BILDNER CENTER EXPLORES JEWISH HISTORY AND CULTURE IN
ISRAEL AND PRESENT-DAY UKRAINE**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Jewish history and culture in Israel and present-day Ukraine will be explored at two public lectures in October offered by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey.

The broad range of spiritual and ideological leanings of Jews in Israel and the role that Jewish traditions and values can play in resolving some of the problems that Israeli society faces today will be explored by **Meir Buzaglo**, the Schusterman Visiting Scholar in Israel Studies at the Bildner Center. The talk, “Nationalism, Tradition, and Jewish Revival in Israeli Society,” will be held on Monday, October 8, 2007, 7:00 p.m. at the Alexander Library, 4th Floor, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick.

Meir Buzaglo, a renowned scholar of Jewish philosophy and logic, is a professor in the Department of Philosophy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is the author of the books *The Logic of Concept Expansion* and *Solomon Maimon: Monism, Skepticism and Mathematics*.

Professor Omer Bartov (Brown University), one of the world’s leading authorities on German history, the Holocaust, and genocide, will discuss his forthcoming book, *Erased: Vanishing Traces of Jewish Galicia in Present-Day Ukraine* (due out this fall). What began for Bartov as a deeply personal chronicle of the Holocaust in his mother’s hometown of Buchach in former Eastern Galicia, became a journey across the region. Bartov uncovered the rapidly disappearing vestiges of the Jews of western Ukraine who were murdered by the Nazis during

World War II with help from the local populace. The lecture, which bears the same title as his forthcoming book, will be held on Sunday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. at Traves Hall Douglass College Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. The Raoul Wallenberg Annual Program is supported by the Leon and Toby Cooperman Fund.

Omer Bartov is the John P. Birkelund Distinguished Professor of European History and professor of German studies at Brown University. Bartov is widely published and is the author of six books, including *Germany's War and the Holocaust* and *Mirrors of Destruction: War, Genocide, and Modern Identity*. He is a recipient of Guggenheim and NEH fellowships as well as numerous other fellowships sponsored by the German and French governments.

Both programs are free and open to the public. Advance registration is requested. For more information, visit jewishstudies.rutgers.edu. To RSVP, email csjlrsvp@rci.rutgers.edu or call 732-932-2033. The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life connects the university with the community through public lectures, symposia, Jewish communal initiatives, cultural events, and teacher training.

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