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**RUTGERS' BILDNER CENTER LECTURE EXPLORES ISRAELI FOREIGN  
POLICY TOWARD WEST GERMANY IN THE 1950s**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – During the 1950s, when the newly established state of Israel had to develop its foreign policy, the case of West Germany presented a particular difficulty. Roni Stauber, the Aresty Visiting Scholar at the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, will deliver a lecture on the challenges faced by Israel's leadership at the time as they negotiated between the need to cultivate foreign relations and the raw memory of the Holocaust and its traumatic legacy.

“Memory and Diplomacy: Israeli Diplomats in West Germany in the 1950s” will take place Monday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m., in Traves Hall, Douglass College Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. Advance registration is requested. The talk is free, open to the public, and sponsored by the Bildner Center at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Roni Stauber is a professor of Jewish history at Tel Aviv University and a senior research fellow at the university's Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Racism and Anti-Semitism. His publications include *The Holocaust in Israeli Public Debate in the 1950s: Ideology and Memory* and *Lesson for this Generation – Holocaust and Heroism in Israeli Public Discourse in the 1950s* (Hebrew).

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