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Bildner Center at Rutgers Presents the Lecture

“Israeli Commemorations of Yitzhak Rabin”

On November 18

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – How does a society manage the challenge of recognizing and commemorating difficult aspects of its history? Vered Vinitzky-Seroussi, an associate professor of sociology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will explore how Israelis have memorialized Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, as November marks the fourteenth anniversary of his assassination. Vinitzky-Seroussi will discuss findings from her newly published book, *Yitzhak Rabin's Assassination and the Dilemmas of Commemoration* (State University of New York Press, 2009). For example, while Tel Aviv commemorated the assassination of Israel's prime minister, Jerusalem virtually ignored it. Vinitzky-Seroussi explores distinct and opposing practices within Israel and examines the meanings, boundaries, and limits of commemoration, a phenomenon shared by many societies around the world.

Presented by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers, the Ruth and Alvin Rockoff Annual Lecture will be held on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m., in Traves Hall, Douglass Campus Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. The talk is free and open to the public. Advance registration is requested.

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