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Rutgers Bildner Center Kicks-off Spring Programming with the Public Lecture
“Is there a Strategic Relationship between the United States and Israel?”
on February 10

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – The question of whether there is a strategic relationship between the United States and Israel will be explored by Joel Migdal, the Robert F. Philip Professor of International Studies at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. Presented by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers, the lecture will kick-off an exciting semester of public programming exploring Jewish history, politics, and culture, and including lectures, panel discussions, and an Israeli authors forum in Hebrew.

The lecture will be held on Wednesday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the multipurpose room of the Cook Campus Center, 59 Biel Road, New Brunswick. The talk is free and open to the public. Advance registration is requested.

Joel Migdal was the founding chair of the University of Washington's International Studies Program. His publications include: *Peasants, Politics, and Revolution*; *Palestinian Society and Politics*; *Strong Societies and Weak States*; *State in Society*; *Through the Lens of Israel*; *The Palestinian People: A History* (with Baruch Kimmerling); and, *Boundaries and Belonging*. His honors include the University of Washington's Distinguished Teaching Award; the Washington State Governor's Writers Award; the Marsha L. Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award; and, the Provost Distinguished Lectureship.

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.