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The Jewish Soldier in Modern Jewish Memory:
A Public Lecture at Rutgers on February 21

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Derek J. Penslar, the Samuel Zacks Professor of Jewish History at the University of Toronto, will examine Jewish experiences in, and historical views on, military service. He will explore how they have changed in the wake of the Holocaust and since the establishment of Israel, and he will also analyze the different attitudes toward Jewish war veterans in the Diaspora and war veterans in Israel.

The February 21st lecture, presented by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University, will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Brower Commons at 145 College Avenue in New Brunswick. The talk is presented in conjunction with the Henry Schwartzman Endowed Faculty Seminar, and is free and open to the public. Advance registration is requested.

Penslar's publications focus on modern European Jewry, the history of the Zionist movement, and the state of Israel. His books include *Contemporary Antisemitism: Canada and the World* (2005), co-edited with Michael Marrus and Janice Gross Stein, and *Israel in History: The Jewish State in Comparative Perspective* (2006). Penslar is currently writing a book, under contract with Princeton University Press, entitled *Jews, War and the Military in Modern History*.

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