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Understanding Recent Tensions between Muslims and Jews in France:
Public Lecture at Rutgers on April 18th

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – What are the origins of the recent wave of violence against Jews in France, largely by disadvantaged Muslim youth? Maud Mandel, a professor of history and the director of the Program in Judaic Studies at Brown University, will explore the impact of the attacks against French Jewish institutions, property, and individuals since 2000. The violence raised alarms over the state of Muslim-Jewish relations in contemporary France. Mandel’s talk will draw from her new book *Muslims and Jews in France: The Genealogy of a Conflict* (under contract with Princeton University Press).

The Raoul Wallenberg Annual Program funded by Leon and Toby Cooperman will be held on Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Douglass Campus Center, 100 George Street, in New Brunswick. The talk, entitled “Muslims and Jews in France: The Genealogy of a Conflict,” is sponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University, and it is free and open to the public. Advance registration is requested by contacting csjlsvp@rci.rutgers.edu or 732-932-2033. Free parking is available. For more information, visit BildnerCenter.rutgers.edu.

Prof. Mandel specializes in modern Jewish history and has focused particularly on the 20th-century French Jewish experience. She has written extensively on the impact of genocide on the reconstruction of community and on inter-ethnic relations. Her book *In the Aftermath of Genocide: Armenians and Jews in Twentieth Century France* was published by Duke University Press in 2003.

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