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**TO THE POINT:** Rutgers Master Teacher Institute in Holocaust Education (MTI) Offers Free Professional Development Courses Starting September 10

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Registration is now open for free professional development courses in which Rutgers scholars and experts from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will reexamine key events and themes of the Holocaust, as well as the topic of justice after the Holocaust and Rwanda. The courses are open to middle and high school teachers who have a minimum of three years teaching experience and one year of involvement with Holocaust/genocide education. Sponsored by the Herbert and Leonard Littman Families Holocaust Resource Center, sessions will be held on five Wednesdays throughout each semester, from 4:30 -7:30 p.m., at the Bildner Center, located at 12 College Avenue in New Brunswick. Advance registration is required.

The fall course will address the following topics: The Holocaust in Hungary and Current Debates; Encounters with Neighbors during the Holocaust; Rescue and Moral Responsibility; Planning the Final Solution; and the Soviet Encounter with the Nazi Camps. A trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. is also planned. The spring 2015 course is “Justice after the Holocaust and Rwanda.” **For an application or more information, visit [BildnerCenter.rutgers.edu](http://BildnerCenter.rutgers.edu), email [jmarcou@rutgers.edu](mailto:jmarcou@rutgers.edu), or call 848-932-4165.** Registration for the fall course is open through September 5.

Participants receive numerous benefits from the MTI program, including fifteen professional development credits per semester, resource materials, access to preeminent scholars of the Holocaust, help in curriculum development from experts in Holocaust pedagogy, access to a supportive network of teachers, and access to the Shoah Visual History Archive. Teachers who complete both fall and spring semesters (2014-15) are eligible for a \$250 stipend.

An advanced training program, the MTI is designed to develop expert teachers in Holocaust studies who will serve as resource providers in their schools, districts, and communities. The MTI engages teachers in a wide-ranging study of the history of the Holocaust and its remembrance and addresses the complex methodological issues involved in teaching about this subject. The MTI is sponsored by the Herbert and Leonard Littman Families Holocaust Resource

Center of Rutgers' Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, and has been supported by a grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

The mission of the Herbert and Leonard Littman Families Holocaust Resource Center is to teach future generations about the Holocaust by training educators, and providing educational materials to teachers, students, and scholars. Its programs are designed to enhance public awareness of the Holocaust and promote discussion of racism, genocide, discrimination, and the importance of protecting human rights. The HRC is an important part of the Bildner Center's overall mission of prejudice reduction and outreach to the broader community.

The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers is committed to the pursuit of academic excellence, fostering faculty research, and sponsoring a variety of community outreach programs.