

MEDIA ADVISORY

November 13, 2015

EDITOR'S NOTE: ATTENTION RELIGION, ASSIGNMENT EDITORS, this public event is fully subscribed, but journalists are invited to attend and interview Rabbi Sacks. Call Karen Small, 848-391-6188.

RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS, GLOBAL RELIGIOUS LEADER, TO EXPLORE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VIOLENCE, RELIGION NOV. 16 AT RUTGERS

WHAT: “Not in God’s Name: Confronting Religious Violence,” a discussion of his new book (with the same title) by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, former chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Commonwealth. The book, which will be available for purchase and signing, explores the relationship between violence and religion, with a focus on the historic tensions among the three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University sponsors the program with support by the Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation.

WHO: **Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks** is a global religious leader, philosopher, author of more than 25 books and moral voice for our time. He is the Ingeborg and Ira Rennert Global Distinguished Professor of Judaic Thought at New York University and the Kressel and Ephrat Family University Professor of Jewish Thought at Yeshiva University.

WHEN: Monday, Nov. 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30.)

WHERE: Traves Hall, Douglass Student Center, 100 George St., New Brunswick

BACKGROUND: Described by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales as “a light unto this nation” and by former British Prime Minister Tony Blair as “an intellectual giant,” Rabbi Sacks is a frequent contributor to the media both in Britain and around the world. A visiting professor at several universities in Britain, the U.S. and Israel, Rabbi Sacks holds 16 honorary degrees, including a Doctor of Divinity conferred to mark his first 10 years in office as Chief Rabbi, by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Carey.

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