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## "John Demjanjuk and the Last Great Holocaust Trial" Public Lecture at Rutgers on September 14

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – A war crimes expert, legal scholar, and novelist, Professor Lawrence Douglas will discuss his recent book, *The Right Wrong Man: John Demjanjuk and the Last Great Nazi War Crimes Trial* (a *New York Times* Editor's Choice), which builds on Douglas's own reportage of Demjanjuk's trial in Munich in 2011 for *Harper's* to show the historic importance of the enormous effort to bring Demjanjuk to justice.

John (Ivan) Demjanjuk was a native Ukrainian who settled in Cleveland, where he worked for Ford and raised a family. He also became the subject of the lengthiest and most bizarre criminal case to arise out of the Holocaust. The only person in American history to be twice stripped of his citizenship, Demjanjuk was extradited to Israel, where he was tried and sentenced to death as the Treblinka guard known as Ivan the Terrible—only to be released when the Israelis realized they had the wrong Ivan. Two decades later, a Munich court convicted him as having served as a guard at Sobibor, an equally lethal SS death camp.

The talk, "John Demjanjuk and the Last Great Holocaust Trial," will take place on September 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Douglass Student Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. The lecture is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, the talk is the Raoul Wallenberg Annual Program, funded by Leon and Toby Cooperman. Douglas is the James J. Grosfeld Professor of Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought at Amherst College. Free parking is available behind the Student Center. (For GPS search, use "57 Lipman Drive") Advance registration is requested by emailing <a href="mailto:csjlrsvp@rci.rutgers.edu">csjlrsvp@rci.rutgers.edu</a> or calling 848-932-2033. For more information, visit the website BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu.

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