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**Shulem Deen Discusses His Memoir on Leaving Hasidic Community:
April 26 at Rutgers**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. –Shulem Deen, author of the memoir *All Who Go Do Not Return*, will speak at Rutgers on April 26 about his struggles with faith, family, and community growing up in one of America’s most insular Hasidic sects. Winner of the National Jewish Book Award in 2015, the memoir offers a fascinating and revealing look at Hasidic life, and Deen’s ultimate decision to leave the Hasidic community. Deen is a columnist for *Forward*, and his articles have appeared in the *New Republic*, *Salon*, and *Tablet*. He is also a member of the board of Footsteps, an organization that assists those who have left the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community assimilate into mainstream American society.

Sponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, the talk is this year’s Abram Matlofsky Memorial Program supported by the Karma Foundation. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Douglass Student Center located at 100 George Street, New Brunswick.

The program is free and open to the public. Free parking is available behind the Douglass Student Center. (For GPS search, use “57 Lipman Drive.”) Advance registration is requested by emailing csjlrvp@rci.rutgers.edu or calling 848-932-2033. For more information, visit the website BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu.

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