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TO THE POINT: Rutgers Offers Free Professional Development Course for Educators on Teaching the Holocaust, June 26 – June 30.

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Registration is now open for a free, one-week professional development course on the history of the Holocaust sponsored by the Rutgers Master Teacher Institute (MTI) in Holocaust Education. The course will run from June 26 through June 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, at the Bildner Center, located at 12 College Avenue in New Brunswick. The course is open to middle and high school teachers who have taught for at least one year, and educators new to this topic are encouraged to attend.

The course, “History of the Holocaust,” will offer a comprehensive, chronological history, including the legacy of anti-Semitism in Germany, the emergence of Nazism, victim groups, and American policy on immigration in the 1930s and 1940s. It will also demonstrate the use of testimonies in the classroom. The course will be taught by Dr. Joanna Sliwa, a historian of the Holocaust and modern Jewish history, and pedagogical consultant Colleen Tambuscio, an educator who has been involved in Holocaust and genocide education for more than twenty years. The course offers participants the necessary tools to approach teaching this complex subject matter as well as a network of peers with whom they can develop their skills. **For an application or more information, visit BildnerCenter.rutgers.edu, email Sarah Portilla at sarah.portilla@rutgers.edu, or call 848-932-4165.**

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.