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**Fresh Perspectives on Jewish Law and Theology Offered at Two Public Programs:
February 28 and March 8 at Rutgers University**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Bildner Visiting Scholar Dr. Yakir Englander will deliver two public lectures at Rutgers. On February 28, his talk “Post-Holocaust Ultra-Orthodox Theology: A New Perspective” will throw new light on responses to the Holocaust within the ultra-Orthodox community, with a focus on the differences in reaction between men and women and between Hasidic and Lithuanian communities. The talk introduces a fresh interpretation of the concept of Jewish martyrdom in the context of the Holocaust. On March 8, he will present his second lecture, “Religious Zionism, the Media, and the Changing Role of the Rabbi,” in which he will address how advances in technology have had an impact on the role of the rabbi.

Yakir Englander’s unique scholarship explores the interface between Jewish philosophy, Jewish law, and gender studies. Currently a visiting scholar at Rutgers’ Bildner Center, he has also been affiliated with Northwestern University, Harvard Divinity School, and the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Both programs will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Douglass Student Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. Sponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, the lectures are free and open to the public. Free parking is available behind the Student Center. (For GPS search, use “57 Lipman Drive.”) Advance registration is requested by emailing csjlrsvp@rci.rutgers.edu or calling 848-932-2033. For more information, visit the website BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu.

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