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**The Future of the Relationship between American Jews and Israel:
Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer will Speak at Rutgers-New Brunswick on December 13**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – A leading thinker and author on the meaning of Israel to American Jews, Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer will come to campus to speak about the future of this complex relationship. Closely aligned for much of the twentieth century, the relationship between Israel and American Jews is now on uncertain ground, with denominational and partisan divides and public conflicts between Israeli officials and American Jewish leaders revealing growing tensions between the two communities. President of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, Kurtzer is the author of *Shuva: The Future of the Jewish Past*, which offers new thinking to contemporary Jews on navigating the tensions between history and memory, and relating meaningfully to the past without returning to it.

The lecture, “Israel and American Jews: The Future of a Challenging Relationship,” will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the College Avenue Student Center, 126 College Avenue, New Brunswick. The talk is free and open to the public and free parking is available on campus. Sponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, the talk is the Ruth and Alvin Rockoff Annual Program. Advance registration is requested - email rsvpBildner@sas.rutgers.edu, call 848-932-2033, or register online on the Bildner Center website BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu.

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