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**AMERICA’S EFFORTS TO SAVE THE JEWS OF EUROPE DURING WWII:
PUBLIC LECTURE AND TEACHER WORKSHOP AT RUTGERS ON OCT. 9 AND 10**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – America has long been criticized for failing to give safe harbor to the Jews of Europe during World War II. During a decade of research, Dr. Rebecca Erbelding uncovered new archival materials that tell the extraordinary story of the War Refugee Board, established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt late in the war. A historian, curator, and archivist at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Erbelding served as a historian for the Museum's newest exhibition, *Americans and the Holocaust*.

On October 9, Erbelding will deliver a public lecture, “The War Refugee Board and America’s Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe,” based on her new book. The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Douglass Student Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. Free and open to the public, the talk is sponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life. Free parking is available behind the Student Center. (For GPS search, use “57 Lipman Drive.”) Advance registration is requested - email rsvpBildner@sas.rutgers.edu, call 848-932-2033, or online on the Bildner Center website BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu. (Books will be on sale at the event.)

On October 10, Erbelding will be the main speaker for a free professional development workshop for teachers “Individuals Matter: Personal Narratives in Response to the Nazi Threat.” Sponsored by the Littman Families Holocaust Resource Center at the Bildner Center, the workshop will be held on the Rutgers-New Brunswick campus and is open to middle and high school teachers. Participants will be eligible to participate in a free trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum later this year. Advance registration is required by September 27. RSVP to Sarah.portilla@rutgers.edu or visit BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu to register online.

These programs are made possible through the Raoul Wallenberg Annual Program Fund, supported by Leon and Toby Cooperman, and the Marjorie and Egon Berg Holocaust Education Fund. The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life connects the university with the community through public lectures, symposia, Jewish communal initiatives, cultural events, and teacher training.

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