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**“Out of the Shtetl: Anarchists, Zionists and Other Dreamers Encounter the World”
Public Lecture at Rutgers-New Brunswick on April 29**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – On April 29, renowned scholar Omer Bartov, Brown University, will deliver a public talk at Rutgers about some extraordinary individuals with roots in the small Galician town of Buczacz in the century before World War II. Sigmund Freud, whose grandfathers were rabbis in Buczacz, and the Nobel Prize winning author Shmuel Agnon were among this remarkable group. They came to represent the hopes, dreams, and disillusionments of the first generation of Jews who left the shtetl and went out into the world. The talk is sponsored by Rutgers’ Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life.

Bartov’s talk draws on his new book, *Anatomy of a Genocide: The Life and Death of a Town Called Buczacz*, which will be available for purchase at the event. The John P. Birkelund Distinguished Professor of European History at Brown University, Bartov is considered to be one of the world’s leading scholars on the Holocaust and genocide. He has published widely and is the author of numerous books, including *Mirrors of Destruction: War, Genocide, and Modern Identity* and *Erased: Vanishing Traces of Jewish Galicia in Present-Day Ukraine*.

The program, “Out of the Shtetl: Anarchists, Zionists, and Other Dreamers Encounter the World,” is a special event honoring the career and scholarship of Professor Yael Zerubavel, the founding director of the Bildner Center, upon her retirement from Rutgers. It will be held at 4:30 p.m., at the Douglass Student Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. The talk is the Raoul Wallenberg Annual Program funded by Leon and Toby Cooperman. 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.

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