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**Zionism and the Origins of International Human Rights Explored at Public Lecture,
Rutgers-New Brunswick, April 2**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Few today are aware of the significant connections between Zionism and the origins of international human rights, and yet the creation of both the State of Israel and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights not only share a birthday, but also remain intimately intertwined in current debates about global anti-Semitism, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and American foreign policy. Professor James Loeffler, Berkowitz Professor of Jewish History at the University of Virginia, will draw on his recent award-winning book *Rooted Cosmopolitans: Jews and Human Rights in the Twentieth Century* to discuss both the forgotten historical connections, and the lessons going forward in approaching the interconnected futures of global justice and Jewish politics. Sponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, the talk is supported by the Henry Schwartzman Endowed Fund

The lecture, “From Zion Shall Go Forth the Law: The Unknown History of Jews and Human Rights.” will be held on April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Douglass Student Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. The program is 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 online on the Bildner Center website, BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu, or by email to rsvpBildner@sas.rutgers.edu. Please note new Rutgers parking policy: All guests attending Rutgers-New Brunswick events must register their vehicle online for each event. All parking registration links for Bildner Center events are available at BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu.

Professor James Loeffler is a scholar of Jewish, European, and international history, and the history of human rights. His publications include the forthcoming collection, *The Law of Strangers: Jewish Lawyers and International Law in Historical Perspective*.

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