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TO THE POINT: Free Professional Development Seminar for Teachers--“The Holocaust in the Former Soviet Union: A Focus on Ukraine, Past & Present,” June 26–28, 2023

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Rutgers University is hosting its annual **Master Teacher Institute in Holocaust Education (MTI)** on June 26–28, 2023, from 9 am–3 p.m. each day. Held virtually, with an in-person option on the third day, this free seminar on the history of the Holocaust in the former Soviet Union, is open to middle and high school teachers. The program, which includes educational materials and professional development credits, is sponsored by the University’s **Herbert and Leonard Littman Families Holocaust Resource Center (Littman Families HRC)**.

Ukraine has been in the news a great deal because of the ongoing war. Russian president Vladimir Putin has repeatedly justified his invasion of Ukraine citing the need for "denazification." This seminar will tackle the complex questions of how to ensure that Holocaust history is not distorted, and how to impart accurate information to students about the Holocaust in the Soviet Union and in Ukraine in particular. Experts will examine why so few of the three million Jews who lived in parts of today's Ukraine survived the Holocaust. What happened to the 1.5 million Jews who were murdered and how is this history remembered?

Advance registration and application are required by June 15 to participate. Applicants should have at least one year of teaching experience and at least one year of involvement with Holocaust/genocide education or be pursuing a master of education degree. Please contact Sarah Portilla at Sarah.Portilla@rutgers.edu with questions or visit **BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu/holocaust-education/master-teacher-institute**.

The Littman Families HRC at the Rutgers Bildner Center teaches future generations about the Holocaust through teacher training. Free professional development programs for middle and high school teachers are available throughout the year. **The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life** connects Rutgers University with the community through public lectures, symposia, Jewish communal initiatives, cultural events, and teacher training in Holocaust education.

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