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Rutgers Bildner Center Celebrates 25 Years—Kickoff Event Features Talk on Balancing Journalistic Objectivity with Personal Identity Commitments, Sept. 18

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – What does it mean to have a *Jewish* perspective on the news? How does the distinctiveness of the Jewish experience inform how we view what happens in the United States and in the world? Journalist **Gal Beckerman** will share insights from his career at both legendary Jewish institutions like the *Forward* and influential secular ones like the *New York Times*, which have given him a unique perspective on what it means to pursue objectivity while understanding one's own specific identity commitments--enriching both. Beckerman is senior editor for books at the *Atlantic* and author of two books: *The Quiet Before: On the Unexpected Origin of Radical Ideas*, a *New York Times* Editors' Choice, and *When They Come for Us, We'll Be Gone: The Epic Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry*, winner of a National Jewish Book Award.

This event—"A Jewish Journalist's View of the World"--will feature special guest **Jonathan Holloway**, President and University Professor, as the Bildner Center kicks off celebrations for its 25th anniversary year. Sponsored by the **Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life** at Rutgers University, the program will be held Sunday, September 18, at 4:30 p.m. at the Douglass Student Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. Light refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public, advance registration is required online at **BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu**. Free parking is available on campus with online vehicle registration. **All indoor events require attendees to show proof of full vaccination or a COVID-19 negative PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to the event.**

For twenty-five years, the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life has connected the university with the community through public lectures, symposia, Jewish communal initiatives, cultural events, and teacher training in Holocaust education.