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**VIDEO BY RAMAPO COLLEGE PROFESSOR, INSPIRED BY EVENTS
RELATED TO SEPTEMBER 11, SCREENED AT THE JEWISH MUSEUM**

(Mahwah) – A video by Shalom Gorewitz, a professor of visual arts at Ramapo College of New Jersey, will be featured in “Urban Eden: Three Videos by New York Artists,” opening at The Jewish Museum on July 1 and continuing through October 31.

Gorewitz’s video, “Levinas in Yorkville,” is part of a work entitled “Before, During, After,” a series of three videos inspired by events and themes related to September 11, 2001. The video, shot in Yorkville, a former German neighborhood on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, incorporates texts based on the writing of philosopher Emmanuel Levinas (1906-1995). Embracing the Jewish concept of *tikkun olam* (the repair of the world), Levinas made ethical responsibility and respect for people’s differences the starting point of any reflection on the nature of existence and the validity of knowledge.

Since the late 1960s, Gorewitz has worked with prototype and low-end electronic equipment to realize painterly, poetic and political works of art. In addition to his ongoing video production, he has created digital prints and Web-based work.

Urban Eden also features videos by two additional contemporary artists, Jem Cohen and Neil Goldberg. The exhibition explores the pleasures and pains of life in New York City, and looks at how artists and others embrace the city’s energy, creativity and diversity.

The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, Manhattan. For general information, log on to <http://www.thejewishmuseum.org> or call 212.423.3200.

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