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**HOW JEWISH FAMILIES RECONSTRUCTED THEIR LIVES IN WARSAW  
AFTER THE HOLOCAUST TO BE EXPLORED**

(MAHWAH, NJ) –“Jews Return to Warsaw after World War II ” will be the title of a talk to be given by Karen Auerbach at Ramapo College of New Jersey on Monday, September 30 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Alumni Lounges of the Robert A. Scott Student Center. Ramapo College’s Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and Hillel will co-sponsor the program.

Dr. Auerbach will discuss her book, *“The House at Ujazdowskie 16: Jewish Families in Warsaw after the Holocaust,”* published by Indiana University Press in June. It examines how 10 Jewish families began reconstructing their lives after the Holocaust in a turn-of-the-century, once elegant building in the center of Warsaw. While most surviving Polish Jews were making their homes in new countries, these families rebuilt on the rubble of the Polish capital and created new communities as they sought to distance themselves from the memory of a painful past. Based on interviews with family members, intensive research in archives, and the families' personal papers and correspondence, Auerbach presents an engrossing story of loss and rebirth, political faith and disillusionment, and the persistence of Jewishness.

Karen Auerbach is the Kronhill Lecturer in East European Jewish History at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. She has held postdoctoral fellowships at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies of the University of Michigan and at Yad Vashem and previously taught at the University of Southampton in England, Virginia Tech, and Brown University. Beginning in 2014 she will be an assistant professor of History and the Stuart E. Eizenstat Fellow at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She is from New Jersey and was a journalist for *The Star-Ledger of Newark*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and the *Forward* (N.Y.). She completed her Ph.D. in History at Brandeis University in 2009.

For a photo of Professor Auerbach click here:

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Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers six graduate programs as well as articulated programs with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.