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**UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM FELLOW TO
SPEAK ON THE IMPACT OF CRYSTAL NIGHT (KRISTALLNACHT)
ON THE JEWS OF VIENNA**

(Mahwah) – United States Holocaust Memorial Museum fellow Ilana Offenberger will speak on “Kristallnacht in Vienna: Fragments of a Shattered World” at Ramapo College of New Jersey Thursday, November 9, at 7 p.m. in the York Room located on campus in the Birch Mansion.

Co-sponsored by Ramapo College’s Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and Temple Beth Haverim of Mahwah, Offenberger’s talk will be in commemoration of *Kristallnacht*. Also known as the Night of Broken Glass, the pogrom night of November 9 – 10, 1938 with its widespread and organized nature of attacks, represented a turn in the history of Hitler’s war against the Jews. The toll in human suffering and physical damage was staggering, with at least 96 Jews killed and hundreds more injured. Over 1,000 synagogues were burned to the ground, and 30,000 Jewish males were arrested and temporarily detained in concentration camps.

Offenberger will be in residence at the Museum’s Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies through December 31. She is a Ph.D. candidate in history at the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University. She earned a B.A. in German from Skidmore College and spent a year of her undergraduate study at Salzburg College (Austria). For her nine-month fellowship, Offenberger has conducted research on her dissertation, “The Nazification of Vienna and the Response of the Viennese Jews,” that examines the impact on the daily life of the Jews of Vienna following the Nazi takeover of Austria from the vantage point of the victims.

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Several prestigious honors have helped to advance Offenberger's scholarship on the Holocaust. In 2000, she received the General Consulate Award and Departmental Honors for her exceptional work in German. Since 2002, she has been a Crown Family Doctoral Research Fellow, a Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies Fellow, and since 2003, a Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany Graduate Studies Fellow.

Ilana Offenberger's participation in the program is made possible through a generous donation from Jack and Goldie Wolf Miller to the United States Holocaust Memorial Foundation's Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies.

For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 201.684.7409.

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