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**JEWS WHO FOUND REFUGE IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DURING
THE HOLOCAUST TOPIC OF PRESENTATION AT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

MAHWAH – The experiences of European Jewish refugees who settled in Sosúa, Dominican Republic between 1940 and 1945 will be the topic of a presentation at Ramapo College of New Jersey in November.

Dr. Marion Kaplan, author of “*Dominican Haven: The Jewish Refugee Settlement in Sosúa, 1940 - 1945*” will relate the settlers’ expectations, adjustments, successes and, ultimately, why most left the Dominican Republic.

Her talk will highlight factors that contributed to the migration to the country: the Dominican government that welcomed the refugees when other governments closed their doors, the American government that agreed to the refugees’ haven in the Dominican Republic and then changed its mind, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee that supported and administered the settlement and the Dominican workers who helped build Sosúa.

Kaplan is Skirball Professor of Modern Jewish History at New York University. She is the author of “*The Campaigns of the Jüdischer Frauenbund, 1904 - 1938*” and

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National Jewish Book Award winners “*The Making of the Jewish Middle Class: Women, Family and Identity in Imperial Germany*” and “*Between Dignity and Despair: Jewish Life in Nazi Germany.*”

She has also served on the advisory committees of the Museum of Jewish Heritage for its permanent exhibit as well as “*Sosúa: A Refuge for Jews in the Dominican Republic.*”

The talk will be sponsored by Ramapo College’s Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Spanish Studies Program, with support from the Office of Student Affairs Platinum Series, in conjunction with Ramapo College’s celebration of Latino Heritage Month.

The presentation will be given Thursday, November 6, at 7 p.m. in the York Room of the Birch Mansion on the campus of Ramapo College. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 201.684.7409.

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