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**CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES AND TEMPLE BETH
HAVERIM SHIR SHALOM HOST KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION**

MAHWAH – Holocaust survivor Susan Gold of Englewood will speak at a Kristallnacht commemoration at Temple Beth Haverim Shir Shalom of Mahwah in November. The evening will be co-sponsored by the temple and Ramapo College’s Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

A native of the Polish city of Lvov, now Lviv in the Ukraine, Gold lived underground with her parents from 1943 to 1945. During the commemoration, she will relate her experience as a Jewish child in hiding during the Holocaust, and also describe the unique cultural milieu that constituted the Lvov of her childhood. Before World War I Lvov was a university town and outpost of German culture with a strong Jewish presence. Under independent Poland, it became a contested space in which Jews found themselves caught in the middle of increasing ethnic conflict between the local Polish and Ukrainian populations. Gold, who came to the United States in 1947, is the author of *“The Eyes Are All the Same,”* an account of her experiences.

The evening also will include a program of chorale music from German-speaking European synagogues performed by the choir of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, under Cantor David Perper, and the Ramapo Chorale and CantaNOVA, under the direction of Lisa Lutter, assistant professor of music at the college.

The evening commemorates November 9, 1938, 70 years ago, when Jews throughout Germany and the newly-acquired territories of Austria and former Czechoslovakia were attacked in the street, in their homes and at their places of work and worship. At least 96 Jews were killed and hundreds more injured. More than 1,000 synagogues were burned and almost 7,500 Jewish businesses were destroyed. In addition, 30,000 Jewish males were arrested and, for the first time in the history of the Third Reich, Jews were sent en masse to concentration camps. This coordinated attack has come to be known as Kristallnacht, The Night of Broken Glass.

The commemoration will be held Friday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Haverim Shir Shalom Temple, located at 280 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 201.684.7409.

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