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**AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT RAMAPO COLLEGE ON HEROISM OF
RIDGEWOOD NATIVE AND HOLOCAUST RESCUER VARIAN FRY**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Sheila Isenberg, an acclaimed writer and educator, will speak at Ramapo College of New Jersey in October under the auspices of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

Isenberg will give a talk about “The Intellectual as Hero: Varian Fry and his Feat of Rescue.”

It is being held in conjunction with the hosting of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s traveling exhibition, *Varian Fry, Assignment: Rescue, 1940-1941*. It will be on display from September 1 to October 8 in the Pascal Gallery, Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts. The exhibition is sponsored by Ramapo College’s Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies in cooperation with the Berrie Center Art Galleries and the Committee to Honor Varian Fry (Ridgewood). The exhibition and all events associated with it are free and open to the public.

Sheila Isenberg is currently writing *Muriel’s War*, a biography of American heiress and World War II heroine Muriel Gardiner. Isenberg’s last book, *A Hero of Our Own*, a biography of Varian Fry published in 2001 by Random House, was named a notable book by *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and is a featured book on the official web site of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She is also the author of *Women Who Love Men Who Kill* (Simon & Schuster 1991); co-author with the late William M. Kunstler of *My Life as a Radical Lawyer* (Carol Publishing 1994); and collaborator with Tracey Brown on *The Life and Times of Ron Brown*, (William Morrow, 1998). Isenberg’s books have been translated into other languages, and she appears frequently in the national media, most recently on “Good Morning America.” She has been interviewed on CNN, NPR, “20/20,” “The Today Show,” many other cable and network programs, and in dozens of newspapers and magazines in the U.S. and internationally.

Born in New York City, Isenberg was educated at the City University of New York. She earned a B.A. in English from Brooklyn College and studied in the graduate English Department of Hunter College. She has been a reporter and a press secretary, and is now adjunct lecturer of journalism and English at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She lives in Woodstock with her husband, a college instructor and union president.

Isenberg will speak on **Monday, October 4** at 7:15 p.m. in the York Room of the Birch Mansion. 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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