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**FILM ABOUT POLISH HOLOCAUST RESCUER OF JEWISH CHILDREN TO
BE SCREENED AT RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Mary Skinner, director and producer of the film “Irena Sendler, In the Name of Their Mothers” will screen and lead a discussion of the film at Ramapo College of New Jersey in October.

The film centers around interviews Irena Sendler gave before her passing. Also featured are three of Sendler's co-workers and several of the Jewish children they saved. Filmed mostly in Poland with Polish cinematographers Andrzej Wolf and Slawomir Grunberg, the film uses evocative film footage of Irena Sendler's wartime apartment, the headquarters of Zegota (Polish code name for the underground Council for Aid to Jews), the Warsaw sewers, Gestapo headquarters and the Pawiak Prison along with rare footage of the city during the German occupation to vividly re-create the events of Sendler's life. This is the first non-Polish historical documentary made to record the true story of Irena Sendler and the daring "conspiracy of women" who worked with her to rescue and protect the tragically endangered children of the Warsaw ghetto. Skinner recorded over 70 hours of interview material for the film and spent more than four years consulting archives, historical experts and eyewitnesses in the U.S. and Poland to discover many previously unknown details about their operation.

Mary Skinner is a producer/writer/director with 2B Productions. The daughter of a Polish Catholic WWII orphan from Warsaw, Skinner has had a longtime interest in stories of Poles during World War II and a very personal appreciation for Irena Sendler. A graduate of UC Berkeley, she studied theater and screenwriting in San Francisco and New York and historical documentary filmmaking at the New School in New York. Over the past two decades she has held corporate marketing executive positions with several Fortune 500 companies in New York and San Francisco where she produced dozens of ad campaigns, TV commercials, corporate videos, seminar programs, and web sites. She continues to work as a writer and independent marketing consultant to a wide range of clients, including independent filmmakers. She currently resides in northern California.

Skinner will screen a portion of the film and lead a discussion on Monday, Oct. 11 at 3:45 p.m. in the H-Wing Auditorium as part of the Communication Arts Cinematheque series. The presentation is free and open to the public.

“Irena Sendler, In the Name of Their Mothers” will be shown in its entirety in the H-Wing auditorium as follows: Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 201.684.7409.

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