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## LOCAL PSYCHOANALYST TO VISIT RAMAPO COLLEGE, DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF HAVING HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AS PARENTS

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Dr. Sylvia Flescher, a psychiatrist/psychoanalyst in private practice in Ridgewood, N.J. and a faculty member at Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York City, will speak at Ramapo College of New Jersey in September at the invitation of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies of Ramapo College.

Her talk, "Googling for Ghosts: A Meditation on Writer's Block, Mourning and the Holocaust," will describe her decades-long struggle with writer's block and how her voice was overshadowed by her analyst father, a writer and Holocaust survivor. Themes of survivor guilt, incomplete mourning and the transmission of trauma to the second generation will be discussed.

Dr. Flescher will speak on Thursday, September 22 at 7:15 p.m. in the Trustees Pavilion. 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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Ranked by U.S. News & World Report as fourth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work, and as courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers five graduate programs and articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

Undergraduate students choose to concentrate their studies in one of five schools with more than 700 course offerings and 40 academic programs. Ramapo College boasts an average student/faculty ratio of 18:1 and average class size of 23, affording students the opportunity to develop close ties to the College's exceptional faculty.