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**CHILD SURVIVOR OF NAZI PERSECUTION TO SPEAK AT
KRISTALLNACHT (CRYSTAL NIGHT) COMMEMORATION**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies of Ramapo College and Temple Beth Haverim Shir Shalom will hold a Kristallnacht (Crystal Night) commemoration on Wednesday, November 9. The event will commence at 7 p.m. and will take place at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, located at 280 Ramapo Valley Road (Route 202) in Mahwah, NJ.

The commemoration will feature a talk by Erwin Ganz of Warren, New Jersey who experienced mounting oppression and anti-Semitism as a young schoolboy in the small town of Bernkastel Koos, Germany where his family was forced to relocate from his native Frankfurt am Main soon after Adolf Hitler came to power.

Upon emigrating to the United States in April of 1939 at age 9, Ganz and his family settled in Newark, New Jersey, where he later graduated from Weequahic High School. While employed full time with the Ronson Corporation, Ganz received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Seton Hall University. His career at Ronson, for which he is now a director, has spanned six decades.

The evening also will include a commemorative service conducted by Rabbi Joel Mosbacher, a program featuring chorale music performed by the adult choir of Temple Beth Haverim Shir Shalom under Cantor David Perper.

For more information regarding the event, please contact the Director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies Michael Riff via telephone at 201.684.7409.

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Established in 1969, Ramapo College 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. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers five

graduate programs as well as 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.