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**Legacy of Champion of Children and Holocaust Hero Janusz Korczak to be  
Explored at Ramapo College**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Mariola Strahlberg M.S., L.Ac., Chairperson of the Janusz Korczak Association of the USA, and founder and executive director of the Shining Mountain Center for Peaceful Childhood, Inc., will speak at Ramapo College of New Jersey about “What We Do Really Matters: The Life and Legacy of the Champion of Children and Holocaust Hero Dr. Janusz Korczak” on Thursday, October 11 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the Trustees Pavilion. The talk will be sponsored by the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

The pediatrician and pedagogue Janusz Korczak (born in 1878 as Henryk Goldszmit) is best known outside his native Poland mainly through Andrzej Wajda's acclaimed film *Korczak*. It poignantly depicts his steadfast refusal to abandon the nearly 200 children of the orphanage he ran in the Warsaw ghetto, even in the face of multiple offers of rescue from Polish friends.

An engaging writer and public speaker, Korczak's work was known and highly regarded throughout the world during his lifetime. His work at the orphanage has exerted considerable influence on schools and extracurricular educational institutions throughout the world, including his own native Poland as well as Germany, Israel, France and Russia.

Strahlberg works with children who are experiencing challenges in their lives and helps them find a way to reach their highest potential. Inspired by Janusz Korczak's idea of allowing children to be responsible for their thoughts, words and deeds, this talk will shed light on how his ideas are pertinent for us today.

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 sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category for public institutions, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

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.