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**ANTI-SEMITISM IN AMERICAN CINEMA TO BE EXPLORED AT RAMAPO
COLLEGE**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Film historian Eric Goldman will discuss “*The Culture of Anti-Semitism in Cinema*” at Ramapo College of New Jersey on Thursday, March 27 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Robert A. Scott Student Center-Alumni Lounges (SC 136/137).

Since the 1940s, the issue of anti-Semitism as the subject for films has been hotly contested. Some observers have been fearful that raising the issue might cause greater harm than good. Most recently, concern has been raised about the power of cinema to create an anti-Semitic atmosphere. Dr. Goldman will use film clips to shed light on this development.

Dr. Goldman is founder and president of Ergo Media Inc., a New Jersey-based video publishing company specializing in Jewish and Israeli video. He is also film reviewer for New Jersey's *The Jewish Standard*. Dr. Goldman is an expert and lecturer on Yiddish, Israeli and Jewish films and a noted film educator. He was curator of film for the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, where he supervised the preservation of Yiddish films. For many years, he curated and moderated the film program at the Center for Jewish History at Yeshiva University in New York City. Dr. Goldman was also a member of the Educational Advisory Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

Dr. Goldman received a Ph.D. in Cinema Studies from New York University and was a fellow of the Max Weinreich Center for Eastern European Jewish Studies at Columbia University. He holds graduate degrees in Contemporary Jewish Studies and Theater Arts from Brandeis University and a B.A. from Temple University.

Dr. Goldman is adjunct professor of Cinema at Yeshiva University and Fairleigh Dickinson University. In 2013, the University of Texas Press published his new book, *The American Jewish Story Through Cinema*.

For more information regarding this event, contact Dr. Michael Riff, director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, at (201) 684-7409 or at mriff@ramapo.edu.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category, 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 six 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.