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Liberator to Speak at YomHaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Commemoration

MAHWAH, N.J. – The Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies of Ramapo College and Temple Beth Haverim Shir Shalom will hold a Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance) commemoration on Wednesday, May 4. It will commence at 7 p.m. and take place at Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, 280 Ramapo Valley Road (Route 202), Mahwah, New Jersey.

The commemoration will feature a talk by Mr. Alan Moskin of Nanuet, who at the beginning of May 1945 as a young G.I. participated in the liberation of the Guns kirchen Concentration Camp, a sub-camp of Mauthausen. He was a member of the 66th infantry, 71st Division, part of General George Patton's 3rd Army. Mr. Moskin's outfit fought in combat through France, Germany and Austria during which time he was promoted in rank from private to staff sergeant. After the war ended, he remained in Europe until June 1946 as a member of the U.S. Army of Occupation.

Alan Moskin was born in Englewood, New Jersey, on May 30, 1926. He attended Syracuse University both before and after his military service in World War II and graduated in May 1948. He then attended New York University Law School, graduating with a J.D. degree in June 1951. He practiced law as a civil trial attorney in New Jersey for more than 20 years and subsequently worked in the private business sector until he retired in 1991. Mr. Moskin has spoken to students in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina, Florida, Arkansas and elsewhere about his experiences as an infantry combat soldier and a "concentration camp" liberator.

The evening also will include a commemorative service conducted by Rabbi Joel Mosbacher with a program of chorale music performed by the adult choir of Temple Beth Haverim Shir Shalom, under Cantor David Perper, and the Chorale of Ramapo College under Professor Lisa Lutter.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fifth in the Best Regional Public Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes viewed as a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary

academic structure, its size of approximately 6,000 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 eight graduate programs as well as articulated programs with Rutgers, The State University 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.