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## **Local Author to Discuss Book about a Young Person's Return to Life in Commemoration of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)**

MAHWAH, N.J. – Iris Dorbian, an author and editor from Fair Lawn, N.J., will discuss the story behind *An Epiphany In Lilacs*, her young adult novel set in a DP (displaced persons) camp outside Hamburg, Germany, following the end of World War II. The program will take place on Monday, April 24 at 1 p.m. and will be held in the Robert A. Scott Student Center, Alumni Lounges (SC157-58) under the auspices of the Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Hillel of Ramapo College.

Based on the author's father's personal experiences, *An Epiphany in Lilacs*, published by Mazo Publishers in January 2017, provides a unique glimpse into the period after the Holocaust when, after their liberation, survivors returned to life. Daniel, the main protagonist, struggles to find comfort through his love of nature and pre-war memories.

Dorbian is a business and arts journalist whose articles have appeared in a wide number of outlets that include the *Wall Street Journal*, *Reuters*, *Jerusalem Report*, *The Forward*, and *Backstage*. From 1999 to 2007, she was the editor-in-chief of *Stage Directions*. She is also the author of *Great Producers: Visionaries of the American Theater* (Allworth Press, 2008).

A New Jersey native, Dorbian has a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University.

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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.