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Daughter to Discuss Her Father's Holocaust Art Journey

MAHWAH, N.J. – Miriam Friedmann Morris of Pomona, New York, will speak about "From Chess Masters to Clydesdales—Holocaust Survivor David Friedmann's Art Journey" on Monday, April 9 at 1 p.m. in The Robert A. Scott Student Center (Alumni Lounges, SC 157-158) under the auspices of the Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and Hillel of Ramapo College.

David Friedmann (1893-1980) was a Holocaust survivor who found a new purpose in life in fighting anti-Semitism and racial hatred through painting the horrors he had witnessed. An accomplished painter renowned for his portraits drawn from life and a leading Berlin press artist of the 1920s, he was banned from his profession after the Nazis came to power in 1933. Later, his artwork was looted and his first family was murdered. David painted for his life in Auschwitz. After immigrating to America in the 1950s, his skills brought a new career painting the iconic Budweiser Clydesdales and happy folks selling beer on two-story tall billboards.

His daughter Miriam Friedmann Morris will talk about her personal journey quest to find David Friedmann's Nazi-looted art and preserve her father's legacy.

For information or to request disability-related accommodations for this event, please contact <u>holgen@ramapo.edu</u> or call 201-684-7409.

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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.