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Film on Return of Jewish Holocaust Survivors to Hungary to be Screened at Ramapo College

MAHWAH, N.J. – The Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies will screen the film, “1945,” on Thursday, March 28 at 10 a.m. in the H-wing Auditorium (H-129) at Ramapo College of New Jersey. The program is free and open to the public.

Directed by Ferenc Török and based on the acclaimed short story Homecoming by Gábor T. Szántó, the film “1945” tells the story of the return of an observant Jew and his son to a village in Hungary just as the inhabitants are preparing for the wedding of the town clerk's son. The townspeople – suspicious, remorseful, fearful and cunning – expect the worst and behave accordingly. Shot in gorgeous, high-contrast black-and-white, “1945” is a commentary on treachery and guilt during and after the Holocaust.

In setting the film right after World War II came to end, it explores the juncture between a hopeful future and a dark past. By situating the narrative beyond the urban environment of Budapest, the author and filmmakers explore the impact of the Holocaust in the Hungarian countryside and aim to provoke greater discussion of the topic generally.

Note: The film was scheduled to be shown last spring semester in connection with a memorial for deceased Gross Center Advisory Board member, John Gunzler; however, weather events forced cancellation.

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

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intercultural understanding. The College is ranked #1 among New Jersey public institutions by College Choice, and is recognized as a top college by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Kiplinger's*, Princeton Review and *Money* magazine, among others. Ramapo College is also distinguished as a Career Development College of Distinction by CollegesofDistinction.com, boasts the best campus housing in New Jersey on Niche.com, and is designated a "Military Friendly College" in Victoria Media's *Guide to Military Friendly Schools*.

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