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***Ask Dr. Ruth* Documentary to be Screened at Ramapo College**

MAHWAH, N.J. – The Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies will screen the film *Ask Dr. Ruth* on Friday, September 20 at 1:45 p.m. in the Trustees Pavilion at Ramapo College of New Jersey. The program is free and open to the public.

Directed by Ryan White, the Hulu Original Documentary, *Ask Dr. Ruth*, tells the story of how Karola Ruth Siegel, of Frankfurt, Germany — the only member of her Jewish family to survive the Holocaust — became the 90-year-old author, therapist and media personality known throughout North America for her outspoken and frank advice on all matters sexual.

In the film, Westheimer speaks openly about her three marriages (the third, to Fred Westheimer, was the longest and happiest), and her children and grandchildren. We learn about how she was consistently ahead of her time — from her advocacy of choice and compassion for the gay community during the height of the AIDS crisis in the 1980s to her more recent open and compassionate discussion of LGBT issues.

Partly through compelling sequences taken from her diaries, we also learn how she at the age of 10 was sent by her parents to an orphanage in Switzerland as part of the *Kindertransport*, and a decade later, was a sniper in Israel's war of independence, nearly losing her legs when an artillery shell exploded next to her.

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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Ramapo College of New Jersey is the state's premier public liberal arts college and is committed to academic excellence through interdisciplinary and experiential learning, and international and 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*.

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 business, education, nursing and social work. In addition, the College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels, and offers graduate programs leading to master's degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Educational Technology, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education.