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FLICKERS PARTNERS WITH ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY TO PRESENT FILM/SPEAKER SERIES ON THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE

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(November 6, 2012) Flickers, Rhode Island International Film Festival has partnered with Roger Williams University (RWU), to present **THE 2012 FILM/SPEAKER SERIES ON THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE** and will take place Tuesday, November 13 through Sunday, November 18, 2012. This year's series explores representations of the Jewish experience in Israel and of the Holocaust through three recent films (2011 and 2012 short and documentary films). The series culminates with a talk by Professor Jeffrey Shandler of Rutgers University, who will examine how the Holocaust has been viewed on American television from the 1950s through the mid-1990. All programming will take place on the Bristol, RI campus of Roger Williams University. The series is free and open to the public!

This series has been made possible through a partnership with *FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival* and sponsored by the *Edwin S. Soforenko Foundation* and the *Helene and Bertram Bernhardt Foundation*, and the *Roger Williams University Department of Communication, Hillel, and Spiritual Life Program*.

THIS YEAR'S SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012

Two Short Films on the Israeli Experience

6:00 p.m. Location: Marine and Natural Science Building 200

Featuring Professor (adjunct) George T. Marshall, who is also the Executive Director of FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival.

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The Other Side (2011). A simple soccer ball sparks an unusual friendship between two young boys on either side of the Israeli and Palestinian separation wall. Can this wordless and gaze-free relationship overcome the wall's towering presence?

Beyond the Boundaries (2011). Four disabled Israeli veteran soldiers are part of a group invited to Aspen, CO, to participate in the program Golshim L'Chaim-Ski To Live. The short film reveals how the soldiers are transformed by their experience of learning to ski. The program was started in 2008 by Rabbi Mendel Mintz of the Chabad Jewish Community Center and is supported entirely by donations from the local community.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Documentary on the Holocaust Experience

6:00 p.m. Location: Global Heritage Hall 01

Featuring Professor (adjunct) Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz, who is teaching a course on the Holocaust at RWU, and Rob Cohen, Director of Kinderblock66

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Kinderblock 66: Return to Buchenwald (2012). This feature-length documentary tells the story of the effort to save over 900 youth and children who were imprisoned in the Buchenwald concentration camp during the Holocaust. The film follows four child survivors as they return to Buchenwald to commemorate the sixty-fifth anniversary of their liberation. Additionally, the film sheds light on the efforts undertaken by the communist-led underground in Buchenwald to save the young boys who began coming to the camp in large numbers following the liquidation of the death camps by the retreating Nazis at the end of 1944 to early 1945. A major story line of the film is about the attempt to have the block elder of barrack 66, the "children's block" in Buchenwald, recognized as a Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2012

Perceptions of the Holocaust Experience in American Media

2:30 p.m. Location: Global Heritage Hall 01

"Living Room Witnesses: The Holocaust on American Television"

Featuring Guest Speaker Jeffrey Shandler, Professor of Jewish Studies, Rutgers University

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Professor Shandler will discuss how the Holocaust has been presented on American television, looking at examples from the early 1950s to the mid-1990s.

For more information, contact the Spiritual Life Program at Roger Williams University, email nsoukup@rwu.edu. Directions to Roger Williams University can be found at www.rwu.edu

ABOUT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY:

Roger Williams University is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as eighth among comprehensive colleges in the north. Roger Williams offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the arts and sciences, architecture, business, construction management, education, engineering, historic preservation, justice studies, legal studies, visual arts studies and law. For more information, go to: www.rwu.edu.

ABOUT FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:

The **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)** has secured its place in the global community as the portal for the best in international independent cinema, earning the respect of domestic and foreign filmmakers, filmgoers and trend watchers. This confluence of art and commerce brought together world-class celebrities, award-winning filmmakers, new talent and audience members in record numbers last year. Ranked as one of the top-12 festivals in the United States, **RIIFF** is one of 75 festivals worldwide that is a qualifying festival for the **Academy Awards** through its partnership with the **Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences**.

For more information about the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running **Aug. 6-11, 2013** at The Vets (formerly Veterans Memorial Auditorium), please visit our website at www.RIFilmFest.org or call us at **401.861.4445**.

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