

TCNJ English Department Presents

Ellen G. Friedman

Book Talk/Reading
The Seven, A Family Holocaust Story
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
12:30pm in the Library Auditorium



https://ellengfriedman.tcnj.edu/

Most Polish Jews who survived the Second World War did not go to concentration camps, but were banished by Stalin to the remote prison settlements and gulags of the Soviet Union. Less than ten percent of Polish Jews came out of the war alive—the largest population of Jews who endured—for whom Soviet exile was the main chance for survival. Based on oral histories, Ellen G. Friedman's *The Seven, A Family Holocaust Story* is an account of this hidden Holocaust story.

"Combining careful research, personal courage, and a novelist's sense of detail, Ellen Friedman's family history restores a sense of colorful humanity to years that we recall in ash gray, while at the same time providing us with a serious portrayal of the motives and reasons of those who fled and those who did not, and what survival meant for a family one, two, and three generations down the line. No book in English provides such a careful rendering of the experience of Jews who fled or were deported east to the Soviet Union, people who were after all the largest group of Jews from Poland to survive the Holocaust." —Timothy Snyder, Levin Professor of History at Yale University