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NOTED HOLOCAUST AUTHOR TO APPEAR AT LCC VISITING AUTHOR SERIES

Lansing, MI – Lev Raphael, an internationally recognized authority on the subject of children of Holocaust survivors, will be featured at the Lansing Community College Visiting Writer Series on Wednesday, March 23. He'll conduct two sessions – 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. – in the LCC Administration Building's First Floor Board Room. Both sessions are open to the public and free of charge.

Nineteen of his works have been published earning praise from around the globe. Among his novels dealing with offspring of Holocaust survivors are *Winter Eyes* and *The German Money*.

Raphael's morning session will focus on how his life was forever altered as a result of traveling to Germany – a country he'd sworn never to visit because of the suffering endured by his Jewish parents in German concentration camps. During the evening session Raphael will talk about the importance for authors to escape their comfort zone, grasping the unexpected and following paths they never imagined traveling – and how that all adds up to enrich and expand both a writer's life and work.

Raphael is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where he earned his MFA in creative writing and English and he was also awarded a Ph.D. in American Studies from Michigan State University. He taught at universities in New York, Massachusetts and Michigan for 13 years before leaving teaching in 1988 to write and review full-time.

Other books by Raphael include *Stick up for Yourself*, *Coming out of Shame* and *Let's get Criminal*.

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