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ZVI BIELSKI, SON OF A BIELSKI GUERRILLA FIGHTER, LEADS DISCUSSION FOLLOWING SCREENING OF FILM 'DEFIANCE' AT TOURO COLLEGE'S LANDER COLLEGE FOR WOMEN- THE ANNA RUTH AND MARK HASTEN SCHOOL

More Than 175 People Attend Screening and Discussion

New York, N.Y., February 17, 2011 -- Zvi Bielski, the son of one of the four Bielski brothers who joined forces with Russian resistance fighters to help fight Nazi-occupied Poland (now Belarus) during the Second World War, leads a discussion following a recent screening of the film, "Defiance," at Lander College for Women-The Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten School in Manhattan. More than 175 people attended the screening of the 2008 film, which recounts the story of the Bielski partisans who escaped into the Belarussian forests, where they joined Russian resistance fighters and built a village in order to protect themselves and about 1,200 Jewish non-combatants from the Nazis. Bielski is the son of the late Zus Bielski, who is played by the actor Liev Schreiber in "Defiance." The Bielski group, he said, is the largest rescue of Jews by Jews in all of World War

II, rescuing approximately 1,200 people whose descendants today number around 20,000. The screening was organized and run by Touro's Graduate School of Psychology.

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