Bahrain Ambassador to U.S., First Jewish Ambassador of an Arab Country to Speak In Hughes Center Forum at Stockton College

Houda Ezra NoNoo Guest Lecturer for Topic "The Changing Role of Women in Bahrain"

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Galloway Township, NJ- Her Excellency Houda Ezra Nonoo, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United States, will be the featured speaker for a William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy Lecture Series event later this month at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Nonoo, the first-ever Jewish Ambassador of an Arab country and the first female Ambassador to the United States in her nation's history, will headline "The Changing Role of Women in Bahrain" to take place **6 p.m. Tuesday, April 27** in the Elizabeth Alton Auditorium (A-Wing) of the Galloway Twp. campus.

"This promises to be a fascinating lecture," said Sharon Schulman, Executive Director of the William J. Hughes Center. "Her Excellency will be providing an insider's perspective on the changing dynamic of women's roles in the Middle East."

Space is limited for the event with an RSVP requested from those wishing to attend. For more information, call the Hughes Center at 609-626-3542 or email at hughescenter@stockton.edu.

Ambassador Nonoo is the granddaughter of Jews who migrated to Bahrain from Iraq. She attended primary school in London and she earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from the City of London Polytechnic and an MBA in Business Administration from the International University of Europe. She is a founding member of the Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society, initiated in 2004 to raise awareness of the plight of domestic workers and foreign laborers and to promote the rights of women and children.

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The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy is a leader for southern New Jersey in the discussion of key issues for the region and state. In addition to its Lecture Series, which has featured Governor Chris Christie (in his previous role as U.S. Attorney), former Governor Brendan Byrne, New Jersey Attorney General Anne Milgram, William Castner, the Chief Counsel to former Governor Jon Corzine, and political commentator Roger Stone, the Hughes Center has produced widely quoted public opinion polls, election polls and business forecasts. It serves as an impartial source of civic engagement, research and commentary on many important issues of the day.

"We strive to get people talking about important issues that impact our region, nation and state," Schulman said. "This event promises to follow in that tradition."