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**“Jewish Refugees in Shanghai” Exhibition and Symposium**

*Los Angeles, CA (September 12, 2013)* **Jewish Refugees in Shanghai (1933-1941)** brings together for the first time photos, personal stories, and artifacts from Shanghai's Jewish Refugee Museum. The exhibition at Hillel of UCLA highlights the role China played in helping save over 20,000 Jewish men, women, and children from Nazi persecution from 1933 to 1941.

**“Cosmopolitan Shanghai,”** an international conference on Shanghai culture on October 27, will put this extraordinary exhibition in context. Panelists will focus on the music, literature, visual arts and urban culture of the 1920s, 30s and 40s and the interchange between Chinese and Western elements. The conference will include two panels: **“Cosmopolitan sounds and Jewish music in pre-1949 Shanghai”** at 11 a.m.; and **“Shanghai--Modern Metropolis in Transnational Perspectives”** at 2 p.m. An opening celebration will follow at 4:30 p.m. with remarks from dignitaries and several “Shanghailanders” currently living in Los Angeles.

Sponsors of this unique collaboration include the UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, UCLA Confucius Institute, and Hillel at UCLA. Cosponsors include the Dortort Center for Creativity and the Arts at UCLA Hillel, UCLA Center for Chinese Studies, UCLA Department of Ethnomusicology, the Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum, and the Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office of Hongkou District. Supporters include the UCLA Department of History, the UCLA Department of Germanic Languages, the UCLA Library, Facing History and Ourselves, the German Consulate General in Los Angeles, the Goldrich Family Foundation, Stephen O. Lesser, the “1939” Club and the Natalie Limonick Endowment in Jewish Civilization.

**Jewish Refugees in Shanghai (1933-1941)** will run at Hillel of UCLA (574 Hilgard Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90024) from October 27 through December 14, 2013. It is free and open to the public Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parts of the exhibit will also travel to Chicago's Thompson Center and to the Rockefeller Center. To RSVP for the symposium and the opening celebration on October 27, contact [cjsrsvp@humnet.ucla.edu](mailto:cjsrsvp@humnet.ucla.edu) or (310) 267-5327. For information on Hillel at UCLA, contact [perla@uclahillel.org](mailto:perla@uclahillel.org), or (310) 208-3081 ext. 108.

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**Note to Media: Photos, interview opportunities, and further details are available upon request.**