Jewish Refugees in Shanghai will run at Hillel of UCLA from October 27 through December 14, 2013. Hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hillel at UCLA is located at 574 Hilgard Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Parking available across the street in UCLA Structure 2 for $12 (pay at Westholme and Hilgard kiosk). No parking on Strathmore Dr. or 600 block of Westholme. Hillel at UCLA phone: (310)208-3081.

Events are subject to change without notice. Please visit www.cjs.ucla.edu for up to date event information.

RELATED EVENT:
A workshop for educators by Facing History and Ourselves on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 1 pm will explore the personal narratives of rescuers and survivor testimonies, as well as classroom strategies for engaging middle and high school students. For more info, contact leslie.caroline@facing.org.

The event is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. Please call (310)208-3217 or email cjrsrsvp@humnet.ucla.edu to RSVP.

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From 1933 to 1941, Shanghai became a modern-day “Noah’s Ark” accepting some 18,000 Jewish refugees fleeing the Holocaust in Europe. Most were from Germany and Austria, but the refugees also included students of the famed Mir Yeshiva, the only yeshiva in occupied Europe to survive the Holocaust. In the “Designated Area for Stateless Refugees” in Tilanqiao area of Shanghai, Jewish refugees lived harmoniously with local Chinese, overcoming numerous difficulties together.

Conditions in the impoverished Hongkou District were harsh. 10 per room, near-starvation, disastrous sanitation and scant employment. With the aid of Iraqi Jews living in Shanghai, and later of Russian Jewish locals and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, most of the Jewish refugees managed to survive and many went on to have remarkable lives. Holocaust historian David Kranzler called it the “Miracle of Shanghai.”

The exhibition, Jewish Refugees in Shanghai (1933-1941), brings together for the first time photos, personal stories and artifacts from Shanghai’s Jewish Refugee Museum, located in the former Ohel Moshe Synagogue in the Tilanqiao Historic Area. Former “Shanghailanders” now living in Southern California also loaned memorabilia for display at the October 27th opening celebration. A satellite exhibit at UCLA’s Young Research Library features related items from the library’s collection.

This international conference on Shanghai culture, “Cosmopolitan Shanghai,” will help to put an extraordinary exhibition in context. Speakers will explore models for promoting cross-cultural understanding and exchanges, using the Shanghai experience prior to 1949 as a critical foundation. 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.