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San Diego Public Library to Host Discussion on State and Religion in the Middle East *Event is Part of the Library's Five-Month "Stories of Faith" Program*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library, in cooperation with the Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies* at San Diego State University and the California Council for the Humanities, will host a presentation by Dr. Uzi Rabi who will discuss "State & Religion in the Middle East: Would Parallels Meet?" The free event will be held on Monday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

A professor of Middle Eastern and African History at Tel Aviv University, Dr. Rabi specializes in the modern history of the Gulf States and is a research fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies. He received his Ph.D. from Tel Aviv University in 1999 from the Department of Middle Eastern History. He is the author of numerous publications on Middle Eastern affairs, focusing mainly on the political and socio-economic developments of states in the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula. He has also written several articles on oil and politics in the Middle East.

An open discussion will immediately follow the presentation.

This event is presented in as part of "Stories of Faith: Religion and Diversity in San Diego," a five-month series of programs consisting of dance, music, live theater, films, exhibits, lectures and panel discussions with the goal of enabling participants to learn more about each other's beliefs and values. The project is made possible by a Community Speaks grant from the

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California Council for the Humanities. For more information, visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library> or call the Library at 619-236-5800.

*The Institute's New Perspectives in Judaic Studies lecture series is presented to the San Diego community twice yearly and continues throughout the fall season. You may find additional information on the Internet at http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~jewish/lectures_events.htm. The Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies at San Diego State University was founded in 1985 and derives its funding from an endowment established by a major contribution by Bernard and Dorris Lipinsky. One of the Institute's many goals is to provide public lectures and symposia on Jewish topics.

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