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“DAVKA, The Survival of a People” Exhibit at the San Diego Central Library *From Shoah to Survival...in San Diego*

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host “DAVKA, *The Survival of A People*”. The multimedia photography and video array documents the Jews’ ascent from the Holocaust to their ultimate survival, highlighting some of San Diego’s surviving families. The exhibit opens at the San Diego Public Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego, on May 11 and will remain on display through June 15, 2009.

DAVKA, which in Hebrew means “in spite of”, illuminates the path from the Shoah (Holocaust) to Survival. Set up as a maze of oral and visual histories, this exhibition immerses the viewer in the journey of sharing an experience, moving from potential devastation to survival and success. The focus is not a retelling of the Holocaust, but rather on what happened to the survivors themselves and their families.

Originally created for the 2006 San Diego Jewish Book Fair, under a grant from Bank of America, The Private Bank and Sempra Energy, and under the auspices of the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture of the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, Jacobs Campus, the installation evokes universal questions and, at least partially, suggests answers about the human spirit. DAVKA, *The Survival of a People*, offers an understanding of the past and inspiration to protect our collective future.

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