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Anne Frank's Story to be Told in Salt Lake City
Exhibition Highlights Lessons Taught in Young Girl's Diary

An exhibition telling the story of Anne Frank – the young Jewish diarist who hid for two years during World War II only to die in a Nazi concentration camp – opens at the Salt Lake City Main Library on Tuesday, April 13 and will remain on view through Tuesday, May 11.

The free exhibition, "Anne Frank: A History for Today," tells the young teenager's story of hope amid horror during the Holocaust and the world events surrounding Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party. The exhibition explores the issues raised by Anne Frank's situation in the context of modern times, including social justice, racism, ethnic cleansing and genocide.

"We welcome the Anne Frank exhibition to Salt Lake City to educate residents – both young and old – about the consequences of intolerance, racism and discrimination, and to inspire the next generation to build communities based on mutual respect," said Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker.

The exhibition, here in Salt Lake City for the first time, is offered by the Anne Frank Center, USA, and presented by the United Jewish Federation of Utah in partnership with the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, Salt Lake City Library, the Utah Department of Community and Culture, and the Inclusion Center. Organizers are working with schools throughout Utah to bring students to see this unique exhibition. Over 80 schools from around the state have scheduled field trips for more than 6,000 students. Docents will lead tours that relate Anne's story to modern times and encourage visitors to work to improve their communities.

“This exhibition uniquely draws on the power and inspiration of Anne’s life to challenge prejudice with tolerance and respect and encourages each of us to open our eyes and take responsibility for the lives of others,” said Martin I. Gelman, president-elect of United Jewish Federation of Utah. “We’re bringing the exhibition to Salt Lake City to teach our children the power of hate and the importance of action,” he continued.

During the run of the exhibition, several local organizations dedicated to diversity, tolerance and inclusion will hold related lectures and other activities. The Salt Lake City Library and the Salt Lake City Mayor’s Office will launch the City Reads program, with *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*. The program’s purpose is to encourage dialogue through community discussions centered on one book.

On Sunday, April 11 — Holocaust Remembrance Day — a ceremony including Holocaust survivors, witnesses and liberators will be held. Speakers include Ruth K. Hartz, who was hidden as a child by French villagers during World War II. The 2 p.m. ceremony in the library auditorium is open to the public.

“Anne Frank: A History for Today” will be open during the regular hours of the Salt Lake City Public Library: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City.

Information on related events can be found at www.ShalomUtah.org. To arrange guided tours for schools or other organizations, contact the United Jewish Federation of Utah at annefrankexhibit@ShalomUtah.org or (801) 581-0102.

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To schedule interviews with Utahns who were concentration camp survivors, camp liberators, hidden children and witnesses, please contact Kay Brief or Vanessa Vicente (see contact information above).