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TRAVELING EXHIBIT FACT SHEET

Jewish Photographic Memories by Gabriela Landau

Gabriela Landau worked on many different assignments as a photographer, but when she wandered the streets of New York in the 1950s and '60s, her camera focused on a particular and favorite subject: the Lower East Side. Landau selected this collection of her works for the show, which evoke memories for the viewers and link them back to the 20th century.

Home to a large Jewish community, the Lower East Side was bustling with activity. Corner delis, street vendors, busy pedestrians, piles of pretzels and handwritten Yiddish signs were some of the scenes and characters Landau captured. This colorful world, long gone, is suspended in time in her photographs. The Brooklyn Museum of Art and University of Lyons, France have some of these photographs in their permanent collection.

Gabriela Landau received her photographic training in New York City from Victor Laredo, a well-known photographer who has authored several books. She worked with Fritz Henle, former *Life Magazine* photographer, administering his studio and work in New York. Edward Steichen, first curator of photography of the New York Museum of Modern Art, requested her work for an exhibition. Landau, who has received numerous honors, specializes in documentary black-and-white photography. She has been published in the *New York Times*, *American Annual of Photography*, *Modern Photography*, *Salon Photography*, and *Behold a Great Image* by the Jewish Publication Society.

Gabriela Landau was born in Germany and immigrated to Panama in 1939 with her family, and then to Jacksonville, Florida in 1941. She met her husband, Rabbi Sol Landau, in New York where they married in 1951. They moved to congregations in many communities throughout the United States and then settled in Miami in 1965, when he became the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth David.

AVAILABILITY Negotiable

CONTENT: 25 photographs of Lower East Side scenes and Jewish life, each framed 11" x 14" and larger.
 4 photographs taken of Gabriela Landau c. 1950
 3 text panels: Landau biography, brief history of photography as an art form, & brief history of the Lower East Side.

SPACE REQUIREMENTS 80 linear feet

RENTAL FEE \$ 2,500 for 3 months plus shipping

INSURANCE VALUE \$100,000 evidence of insurance required

SECURITY Medium

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