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The University of San Diego hosts an exhibition of work by artist Harry Sternberg at Founders Gallery, Founders Hall, and the Fine Arts Galleries, Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, through February 28. The show is free and open to the public Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays noon- 4 p.m., and Thursdays, noon-6 p.m.

The show, titled "Harry Sternberg: Paintings, Drawings and Prints" includes the Tallit Series, work depicting Jewish men and boys at prayer or studying the Torah. Each wears a four-cornered prayershawl, called a tallit. In an accompanying essay, Rabbi Wayne Dosick, who teaches at USD, says "Wrapping in the tallit is a vivid, visual reminder of the sacred task of observing God's commands, and is a symbolic way for a worshiper to wrap up in the spirit of prayer, and to be enveloped in God's presence and love."

Other works in the exhibition depict Jews praying in the concentration camps and in front of the crematoria of the Holocaust. Dosick comments "By praying in traditional garb, even in front of the most dehumanizing, demoralizing, horrific of conditions, these Jews demonstrated unwavering commitment to God and to Jewish traditions."

Sternberg, born in New York City in 1904, was a painter, muralist, lithographer and educator. From 1959 to 1969 Sternberg served as head of the art department in the Idylwild School of Music and Art at the University of Southern California. His work hangs in major museums worldwide. Sternberg lived in Escondido from 1966 until his death in 2001.

The University of San Diego is a Catholic institution of higher learning chartered in 1949; the school enrolls approximately 7,000 students and is known for its

commitment to teaching, the liberal arts, the formation of values and community service. The establishment of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies will bring the University's total number of schools and colleges to six. Other academic divisions include the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Business Administration, Education, Law, and Nursing and Health Science.

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