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Jewish Museum of Florida Presents Panel Discussion on the Healing Chamber Exhibit and Kabbalah

Miami Beach, FL – On Thursday, **January 31, 2008 at 7:30 pm** at the Jewish Museum of Florida on South Beach, three authorities on Kabbalah will present a panel discussion focused on the healing power of Kabbalah, accompanied by a question and answer session. The event promises to offer diverse insights into the world of Jewish mysticism. This program complements the Museum's new art installation, *PsalmSong: Healing Through the Art of Carol Hamoy*. Admission for the program is \$6 for non-members. Members and press are free. To make a reservation, call 305-672-5044, ext. 3175.

Featured on the panel will be:

Rabbi Chaim Solomon is a graduate of the Yeshiva Kol Yehuda in New York and a prominent teacher of Kabbalah. Rabbi Solomon, who holds a Bachelor's degree in Biology from UCLA, has conducted seminars around the world on Kabbalah and Health, Kabbalah as it relates to Science, Kabbalistic meditation and other spiritual arts.

Rabbi Marc Labowitz, a graduate of the Scottsdale Torah Institute and the Ateret Tzvi Academy, is a teacher of Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism and a faculty member of Melton Adult Mini-School and CAJE. He is a member of OHALAH: Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal.

Cantor Tali Katz, a member of the Women Cantor's Network for more than 25 years, was the first and only cantor to serve at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. She served as Director of Education at the Jewish Museum of Maryland and has been a student of Kabbalah for 20 years.

The panelists' presentations will address elements of *PsalmSong: Healing Through the Art of Carol Hamoy*. The artist has created a work of art inspired by the ten Psalms deemed by Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav to promote healing. The exhibit is a five-sided meditation chamber comprised of symbolic chairs and panels. Ms. Hamoy has designed an environment conducive to reflection, prayer and meditation, a sanctuary for the soul.

The **Jewish Museum of Florida** on South Beach is housed in two adjacent lovingly restored historic buildings that were once synagogues for Miami Beach's first Jewish congregation. The focal point of the Museum is "*MOSAIC: Jewish Life in Florida: 1763 to the Present*," its core exhibit, and temporary exhibits that change periodically. Currently, the Museum is exhibiting *Zap! Pow! Bam! The Superhero: The Golden Age of Comic Books 1938-1950* through April 30, 2008 and an art installation by Carol Hamoy, *PsalmSong*, through April 6, 2008. A Collections & Research Center, several films, Timeline Wall of Jewish history and an expanded Museum Store complete the experience for visitors of all ages and backgrounds. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the Museum is located at 301-311 Washington Avenue, South Beach and is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Mondays and Civil and Jewish holidays. Admission: Adults/\$6; Seniors/\$5; Families/\$12; Members and children under 6/ Always Free; Saturdays/Free. For information: 305-672-5044.