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**RSF FOUNDATION SPONSORS EVENING AT THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS**

“The Dead Sea Scrolls are our bridge to a period that laid the foundation of western traditions, beliefs and practices throughout the past two millennia.”

The San Diego Natural History Museum’s exhibition Dead Sea Scrolls is the largest, longest, most comprehensive ever assembled in any country. Spanning two floors and 12,000 square feet, 27 Dead Sea Scrolls—10 exhibited for the first time ever—will be on display over the course of the exhibition.

The six-month exhibition brings together materials never before exhibited together: Dead Sea Scrolls from Israel and Jordan reunited for the first time in sixty years, never-before-exhibited ancient Hebrew codices from the Russian National Library, medieval manuscripts from the British National Library, and stunning modern interpretations of the texts. Tracing the scrolls and their meaning through time, the exhibition connects the ancient world to the modern.

The Dead Sea Scrolls—objects of great mystery, intrigue and significance—are widely acknowledged to be among the greatest archaeological treasures ever discovered. Log on to [www.sdscrolls.org](http://www.sdscrolls.org) for more information.

The Foundation invites you to hop on the bus... and join your RSF friends and neighbors for RSF Foundation Night at the Dead Sea Scrolls. RSF Foundation has underwritten the lecture “The Qumran Community: The Wicked Priest and the Righteous Teacher”.

Tickets for the evening on **September 17**, will be offered for \$100 per person and will provide round-trip bus transportation from Rancho Santa Fe and a catered reception on the roof top of the museum after a docent led tour. We will be joined at the reception by Dr. David Noel Freedman, who holds the endowed chair in Hebrew Biblical Studies at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Freedman will be our lecturer for the evening.

For more information and reservations, call the Foundation at 858-756-6557 ([info@rsffoundation.org](mailto:info@rsffoundation.org)) – don’t delay because reservations are limited.