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CHDHU TO SPONSOR DRAMATIC PRESENTATION OF “ONLY A GIRL”

Irene Gut Opdyke was 17 and Christian and in her homeland Poland, which the Nazis were occupying. She was separated from her family and found herself in a struggle to survive. She could ignore the suffering around her and focus on self-preservation, or she could act with courage and self-sacrifice to make a difference in the world. Irene chose the latter path and lived to tell the story of how she saved hundreds of people and many Jews from death.

On March 14, 2005, a dramatic presentation of the life of Irene Gut Opdyke will be performed in the Islip Arts Building, Ammerman Campus (Selden), Suffolk County Community College. The performance will be sponsored by the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding, Inc. There will be no charge for admission and it is open to the public. Performances will be held at 4:45 p.m. (Room 115) and at 7 p.m. (Shea Theatre). Running time is one hour and fifteen minutes.

In the theatre lobby, a continuing exhibit on the subject of “*Faces of Resistance: Women in the Holocaust*” will run from March 9 through 14. The exhibit is on tour from *Moreshet*, an Israeli Holocaust Research and Study Center.