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Embracing Our Differences Long Island

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**CHDHU BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP AND THE DESIGNATION OF
DR. VICKI WACKSMAN AS CHAIR EMERITA**

The Board of Directors of the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding, Inc. (CHDHU) has announced the retirement of Dr. Vicki Wacksman, formerly of Dix Hills, as founding chair of the Board. Dr. Wacksman was a member of the Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees when she secured a significant donation of original Holocaust materials, and she encouraged the Board to make the collection a tool for educating the community about the importance of eradicating hatred and discrimination. The Board sponsored the incorporation of the not-for-profit CHDHU, and Dr. Wacksman became its founding chair in 2003.

In recognizing her work in pursuit of human rights, the Board stated that she “developed its mission of promoting values that respect human dignity and foster peaceful coexistence” and brought “her vision and energy to develop what has become a vital organization on Long Island.” The Board has designated her *Chair Emerita*. Dr. Wacksman will continue as a member of the Board.

Succeeding Dr. Wacksman as chair will be Eleanor Kra, who has served as vice-chair since CHDHU’s founding. Mrs. Kra, of Setauket and New York City, is retired as Assistant Dean for Administration, School of Health, Technology and Management, Stony Brook University. Rabbi Steven Moss of B’nai Israel Reform Temple becomes the vice-chair. Rabbi Moss serves as the co-chair of the Suffolk County Anti-Bias Task Force and chair of the County Human Rights Commission. Andrew Liput, Esq., the donor of much of the collection, was named treasurer.

CHDHU sponsors the annual *Embracing Our Differences* outdoor art exhibition in addition to offering numerous programs for students and the community on topics related to its core mission. CHDHU also maintains public exhibits on the Holocaust and slavery on the campus of Suffolk County Community College.