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2014 Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration scheduled May 1

From Staff Reports

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TULSA — The Holocaust is most often seen through a Jewish lens. However, many people are unaware that of the 11 million people who died in the Holocaust, 5 million were not Jewish.

In fact, the first group targeted for extermination by the Nazis was disabled German children. Gypsies (Roma and Sinti), Polish and other Slavic peoples, homosexuals, "asocials" (alcoholics, the homeless, criminals), persons of African or Asian descent, and those considered ideologically dangerous

also were among the groups singled out for extermination.

The Tulsa Council for Holocaust Education invites the public to honor these forgotten victims at the 17th annual Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration on Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at Temple Israel, 2004 E. 22nd Place.

Dr. Nadine Blumer is the featured speaker. She will address the topic "Forgotten Holocaust Victims: How Germany Remembers the Roma." Blumer recently finished a fellowship at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and

now is starting a post-doctoral fellowship at the Centre for Ethnographic Research and Exhibition in the Aftermath of Violence at Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec.

The Yom Hashoah Commemoration is an annual event sponsored by the Council for Holocaust Education, a committee of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa, in cooperation with the Circle Cinema, Tulsa City-County Library, and dozens of local interfaith and community organizations.

As in past years, the commemoration program includes an exhibi-

tion of projects created by Tulsa area students of the Holocaust. In addition, music will be performed by select members of the Trinity Episcopal Choir and Tulsa Symphony. Plus, the Tulsa City-County Library will have available for checkout many Holocaust books and media.

To complement the commemoration, the Circle Cinema, 10 S. Lewis, will show a screening of "Paragraph 175," a documentary about the homosexual survivors of Nazi persecution, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 27. Made in 2000, the film's title refers to a

provision of the German Criminal Code which made homosexual acts illegal. Ticket prices for the film showing are \$6 for Circle Cinema members, \$7 for nonmembers and free for teachers of the Holocaust.

Contact the Jewish Federation of Tulsa at 918-495-1100 for more information about the commemoration. Contact the Tulsa City-County Library at 918-549-7323 for more information about Holocaust resources. Contact the Circle Cinema at 918-585-3504 for more information about the film showing.



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Dr. Nadine Blumer will deliver remarks about forgotten victims of the Holocaust during a commemorative event May 1 at Temple Israel.

TANF helps young Caddo County mom become self-sufficient

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OKLAHOMA CITY — The life of a young mother changed completely when she walked into the Caddo County office of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) in April 2012.

Crystal Hardin moved from Texas to Oklahoma

Needy Families (TANF), a federal program that provides temporary support to meet basic needs, provide employment services and training, and help with child care assistance for qualified families.

Hardin's caseworker, Traci Allen, enlisted the help of Career Development Specialist Paula Moore to develop a work plan for

Center in Chickasha. "TANF paid for my course and helped get me scrubs," said Hardin. "It even helped out with gas money. I almost made it through the whole course, but got kicked out because of my attitude."

The DHS staff recognized that Hardin

vides job skills and work enhancements to TANF participants and helps them move toward self-sufficiency.

"Crystal impressed everyone in the office," said Fred Icard, DHS county director. "Her administrative skill

came available, she was a candidate for the job.

But there was another challenge. Hardin put in the hard work, but she is grateful she had help from so many others along the way. "I couldn't have done it without TANF helping me financially," said Hardin. "With the help of DHS and the Caddo Kiowa Tech Center, I know I can do

receiving assistance. She is the epitome of what a TANF success story should be."

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and began her search for a better life for herself and her little boy.

She needed help. And she got it.

Hardin qualified for Temporary Assistance for

Weaver, Coordinator for the TANF Advanced Program at the Caddo Kiowa Technology Center, Hardin enrolled in the Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) program at the Canadian Valley Technology

me," said Hardin, "so I enrolled in an administrative assistant class. It was a better fit for me. I loved it!"

Hardin also participated in the Work Experience Program (WEP), which pro-

gram (LIHEAP). It was a defining moment in Crystal's journey toward self-reliance."

lkard said Hardin excelled at her LIHEAP work and when a clerical position be-

month.

"Crystal has come full circle," said lkard. "In just 14 months, she went from being a single parent in need of DHS assistance to a DHS employee no longer

back."

To learn more about TANF eligibility, follow this link <http://www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/tanf>, or contact your local or county DHS office.

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