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Holocaust Exhibit Comes to Eastern

Willimantic, CT — Eastern Connecticut State University will host an exhibit commemorating the life and work of Swiss diplomat Carl Lutz, whose heroic actions helped to save the lives of more than 62,000 Jews in Hungary during World War II. The exhibit, which has been made available through the generosity of the Budapest, Hungary-based Carl Lutz Foundation and the Mensch Foundation, will be on display at the J. Eugene Smith Library on Eastern's campus from Feb. 26 to March 21. The Carl Lutz Exhibit comprises five stand-alone units that include photos, documents and other materials that recount this compelling and historic story seldom told outside of Europe.

The Holocaust in Europe during World War II significantly changed the course of world history, for the lives lost, for the hopes and dreams dashed, and for the exceptional displays of humanity and inhumanity during a period of extreme international turmoil. The Carl Lutz Exhibit touches upon all those themes and recounts how Lutz, a Swiss diplomat assigned to Hungary from 1942 to 1945, used his diplomatic position and the

legendary Glass House of Budapest to save the lives of tens of thousands of Hungary's Jewish population.

The exhibit opening will take place at 4 p.m. on Feb. 26. Notable dignitaries have been invited to participate in the opening, including the Swiss and Hungarian ambassadors to the United States ; U.S. Senators Chris Dodd and Joe Lieberman; Hadassah Lieberman, herself the daughter of Holocaust survivors; and local religious leaders. After appearing at Eastern, the exhibit is scheduled for display at the Senate Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

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