

First Prize Art, Middle School Division

*In Disguise*

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Survivor Testimony, Rose Toren



My painting reveals how Rose Toren disguised herself as a Polish girl because Jews at the time were being persecuted and hunted. Only small areas of her face around her eyes are revealed to show she was hiding her Jewish identity under the mask; only sometimes would her true identity be revealed. The sky behind her is dark. When the sky hits the Jewish Star of David, the star brightens, representing the dark journey she went through until she found the light and comes out of the darkness as a proud Jew.