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We are grateful to Chapman University Enrollment Services for donating Chapman University t-shirts to contest finalists.

Chapman University institutional items have been generously donated by Strategic Marketing and Communications. Today's students explore passionately in order to keep the stories of the Holocaust alive and bring awareness to all survivors.



his year marks the 24th anniversary of the Holocaust Art & Writing Contest. Launched in 1999 as a partnership between the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education at Chapman University and The "1939" Club, now The 1939 Society, the contest has grown from a few local schools to become a national, and increasingly, an international one. This year the contest includes some 241 registered schools and thousands of students.

This growth would not have been possible without the extraordinary support of the Chapman University administration; The 1939 Society; and our various benefactors, including especially the Samueli Foundation and Dana and Yossie Hollander, whose generosity makes possible our annual study trip for first-place students and their teachers.

A special word of appreciation must go to Louis Weber and Publications International for nearly twenty-five years of extraordinary support and the close to 10,000 copies of *The Holocaust Chronicle: A History in Words and Pictures* they have donated. Thanks to Publications International, each school receives a book which they can have signed by Holocaust survivors and their families, and by other participants and guests attending the reception following the awards ceremony. With these signatures, each book becomes a unique testimony to the memories created on this very special day that furthers knowledge and memory of the Holocaust and inspires commitment to making the words "never again" a reality.

And lastly, the idea for this contest originated with the president of The 1939 Society, William Elperin. During the first years of the contest, at the awards ceremony, we were blessed with the presence of nearly a hundred members of The "1939" Club. This year, as we mark our 24th anniversary, very few who are witnesses to the Holocaust are still physically able to be with us, although many are viewing the live feed of our program. In spite of their physical absence, the spirit of all those who have taught, mentored, and inspired us over the last two decades is very much present—their memories and their voices now live within the more than 100,000 students who have participated in over twenty years of the contest. We proudly welcome students and educators from these participating international schools to the 24th Annual Holocaust Art & Writing Contest.

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Akademickie Dwujęzyczne Liceum Oxford Secondary School

BRAȘOV, ROMANIA Dr. Ioan Meșotă National College

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SURVICE TO



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Congratulate all participants

in the 24th Annual Holocaust Art & Writing Contest

March 10, 2023



Music by the Orange County Klezmers

Welcome	Daniele Struppa President, Chapman University
Introductions	Marilyn Harran Stern Chair in Holocaust Education and Director, Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education, Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Chapman University
Special Greetings	William Elperin President, The 1939 Society
A Life Shaped by Love	Glenn Kurtz Presidential Fellow, Chapman University Author of Three Minutes in Poland: Discovering a Lost World in a 1938 Family Film
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Division Finalists and Winners

Announcement of International School Special Award

Join us next year for the 25th Annual Holocaust Art & Writing Contest March 15, 2024 | 11 a.m.

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Division Finalists and Winners

Participants, Middle School Division	Stephanie Takaragawa
	Associate Dean, Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities,
	and Social Sciences, Chapman University

Announcement of Middle School Finalists and Winners

Prose Category	
First and Second Prize	Jennifer Goss
Reading of First Prize	Project Manager, Echoes & Reflections
Poetry Category	
First and Second Prize	Marika Manos
Reading of First Prize	History/ Social Science/ Civics Coordinator
	Orange County Department of Education
Art Category	
First and Second Prize	Lindsey Spindle
Reading of First Prize	President, Samueli Family Philanthropies
Film Category	
First and Second Prize	William Elperin
Reading of First Prize	

Participants, High School Division

Jennifer Keene Dean, Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Chapman University

Announcement of High School Finalists and Winners

Prose Category	
First and Second Prize Reading of First Prize	Jennifer Goss
Poetry Category	
First and Second Prize Reading of First Prize	Marika Manos
Art Category	
First and Second Prize Reading of First Prize	Lindsey Spindle
Film Category	
First and Second Prize Reading of First Prize	William Elperin
Congratulations	Daniele Struppa
Closing Thoughts	Marilyn Harran



Distribution of certificates and prizes to student representatives and teachers will follow the awards ceremony in the lobby of Memorial Hall. Reception in the Attallah Piazza.

Non-finalist artworks will be available for pick-up in the lobby of Memorial Hall.

Registered Schools

We encourage all our visitors today to visit the exhibit:

Holocaust Survivors: The Indestructible Spirit

on the Second and Fourth Floors of the Leatherby Libraries.

Photography by Bill Aron.

Summaries by Dr. Marilyn Harran with research assistance from Chapman University students.



Registered Middle Schools – National

CALIFORNIA

Aliso Viejo Aliso Viejo Middle School

Anaheim Acaciawood Preparatory Academy Saint Justin Martyr School Sunkist Elementary

Bell Orchard Arts & Media Academy

Beverly Hills Good Shepherd Catholic School

Brea Brea Junior High

Buena Park St. Pius V

Corona del Mar Harbor Day School

Costa Mesa Christ Lutheran School Mariners Christian School St. John the Baptist School

Cypress

Lexington Junior High School Oxford Academy St. Irenaeus Parish School

Fountain Valley Vista View Middle School

Fullerton Beechwood School D. Russell Parks Junior High School Ladera Vista Jr. High School of the Arts Robert C. Fisler School

Garden Grove

Christ Cathedral Academy Lake Intermediate School Saint Columban School

Huntington Beach

Marine View Middle School Mesa View Middle School Saints Simon & Jude Catholic School Spring View Middle School Stacey Middle School Talbert Middle School Irvine Lakeside Middle School Orchard Hills School South Lake Middle School Tarbut v'Torah

La Cañada La Cañada High School 7/8

La Habra Washington Middle School

La Palma Walker Junior High

Laguna Beach Thurston Middle School

Laguna Niguel Niguel Hills Middle School St. Anne School

Lake Forest Oxford Preparatory Academy-Saddleback Valley

Lakewood Herbert Hoover Middle School

Newport Beach Corona del Mar Middle School

Orange Holy Family Catholic School La Purisima Catholic School Santiago Charter Middle School Yorba Middle School

Palm Desert Palm Desert Charter Middle School

Placentia Kraemer Middle School

Parkview Tuffree Middle School Valadez Middle School Academy

Poway St. Michael's School

Rancho Santa Margarita

St. J. Serra Catholic School St. John's Episcopal School

Redwood City John F. Kennedy Middle School

Riverside

Arizona Middle School Vista Heights Middle School **San Clemente** Our Lady of Fatima Academy

San Diego

San Diego Jewish Academy **San Dimas**

Lone Hill Middle School

Santa Ana Carr Intermediate MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School Samueli Academy Santiago Elementary K-8 Scholarship Prep Orange County St. Joseph Catholic School

Spring Valley Spring Valley Academy

Stanton Robert M. Pyles STEM Academy

Tustin Pioneer Middle School St. Cecilia School

Whittier Rancho Starbuck Intermediate School

Yorba Linda Bernardo Yorba Middle School Buena Vista Virtual Academy Heritage Oak Private School Saint Francis of Assisi Travis Ranch Middle School Yorba Linda Middle School

COLORADO

Highlands Ranch Rocky Heights Middle School Pueblo Pleasant View Middle School

CONNECTICUT

Stratford St. Mark School

FLORIDA

Boca Raton Loggers' Run Middle

Jacksonville LaVilla School of the Arts

HAWAII

Aiea Aiea Intermediate School

INDIANA

Whitestown Zionsville West Middle School

KENTUCKY

Pippa Passes June Buchanan School

MAINE

Millinocket Stearns Junior Senior High School

MARYLAND

Aberdeen Swan Creek School

Accokeek Accokeek Academy

Pikesville Krieger Schechter Jewish Day School

MASSACHUSETTS

Brookline Michael A. Driscoll School

Norwood St. Catherine of Siena School

MICHIGAN

Farmington Hills St. Fabian School

Hartland Ore Creek Middle School

MONTANA

Harlowton Harlowton High School

NEVADA

Reno Swope Middle School

Registered Middle Schools – National (Continued)

NEW JERSEY

Englewood Dwight Englewood School

Livingston Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy

Princeton Princeton Learning Experience

NEW YORK

Brooklyn IS 234 Cunningham



Manhattan PS 334

New York The Anderson School

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte Rea Farms STEAM Academy

Wake Forest Franklin Academy

OHIO

Bath Old Trail School

OKLAHOMA

Felt Felt Public School

PENNSYLVANIA

Johnstown Westmont Hilltop Elementary School

Pittsburgh St. Therese School

Robesonia

Conrad Weiser Middle School State College

YSCP

SOUTH CAROLINA

Anderson Southwood Academy of the Arts

Bluffton Cross Schools

TENNESSEE

Memphis Hutchison School

TEXAS

Houston Awty International School

VERMONT

Bristol Mt. Abraham Union High School

VIRGINIA

Richmond The Steward School



WASHINGTON

Kirkland Kamiakin Middle School

WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling Wheeling Country Day School

Registered High Schools – National

CALIFORNIA

Anaheim

Acaciawood Preparatory Academy Cambridge Virtual Academy Esperanza High School Fairmont Preparatory Academy Katella High School Western High School

Banning Banning High School

Corona Santiago High School

Costa Mesa Early College High School

Cypress Oxford Academy

Diamond Bar Diamond Bar High School

Fremont

Irvington High School Mission San Jose High School

Fullerton

Rosary Academy Sunny Hills High School Troy High School

Garden Grove Pacifica High School

Hawthorne Hawthorne Math and Science Academy

Hesperia Shadow Ridge School

Irvine

Arnold O. Beckman High School Crean Lutheran High School Creekside High School Northwood High School San Joaquin High School Tarbut v'Torah University High School Woodbridge High School

Long Beach Poly High School

Los Angeles Abraham Lincoln High School

Mission Viejo Trabuco Hills High School

Orange Canyon High School Orange High School

Placentia El Camino Real High School El Dorado High School Parkview Valencia High School Riverside

Riverside Virtual School

San Diego San Diego Jewish Academy Waldorf School of San Diego

San Juan Capistrano JSerra Catholic High School

Santa Ana Century High School

Temecula St. Jeanne De Lestonnac Catholic High School

Victorville Victor Valley High School

Walnut Creek The Seven Hills School

Yorba Linda Buena Vista Virtual Academy Yorba Linda High School

Registered High Schools – National (Continued)

CONNECTICUT

Burlington Lewis S. Mills High School

New Canaan St. Luke's School

DELAWARE

Camden Caesar Rodney High School

FLORIDA

Boca Raton Katz Yeshiva High School

Cooper City Cooper City High School

David Posnack Jewish Day School



Fort Lauderdale Cardinal Gibbons High School

Miami Riviera Preparatory School

Orlando Bishop Moore Catholic High School

Palm Beach Gardens William T. Dwyer High School

GEORGIA

Savannah

Woodville Tompkins Technical & Career High School

HAWAII

Kailua Le Jardin Academy

ILLINOIS

Deerfield Rochelle Zelle Jewish High School

Sullivan Sullivan High School

INDIANA

Oxford Benton Central High School

KANSAS

Overland Park Blue Valley North High School

KENTUCKY

Bardstown Bethlehem High School

MARYLAND

Poolesville Poolesville High School

MICHIGAN

Battle Creek Lakeview High School

West Bloomfield West Bloomfield High School

MONTANA

Harlowton Harlowton High School

Missoula Sentinel High School

NEW JERSEY

Closter Peak Education Center

Haddonfield Haddonfield Memorial High School

Woodbridge Woodbridge Academy Magnet School

NEW YORK

Bronx Horace Mann School

Brooklyn

St. Edmund Preparatory High School

Dix Hills Half Hollow Hills High School West

Flushing Townsend Harris High School

Great Neck North Shore Hebrew Academy High School

Jericho Jericho Senior High School

New York Stuyvesant High School

Potsdam Potsdam High School

NORTH CAROLINA

Durham Carolina Friends School

Marshall Madison Early College High School

OHIO

Gates Mills Gilmour Academy

PENNSYLVANIA

Dallastown Dallastown Area High School

Johnstown Westmont Hilltop Jr.-Sr. High School

Lansdale Penndale Middle School

West Grove Avon Grove High School

RHODE ISLAND

North Scituate Scituate High School

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bluffton Cross Schools May River High School

Greenville St. Joseph Catholic School

Lexington

Lexington High School

North Charleston Charleston County School of the Arts

Summerville Summerville High School

Winnsboro Fairfield Central High School

TEXAS

Pearland Shadow Creek High School

San Antonio IDEA South Flores College Prep

VERMONT

Bristol Mt. Abraham Union High School

VIRGINIA

Oakton Flint Hill School

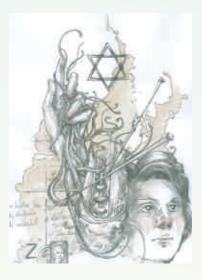
Virginia Beach Tallwood High School

WASHINGTON

Mercer Island Mercer Island High School Northwest Yeshiva High School

WISCONSIN

Prairie du Chien Prairie du Chien High School



Registered Middle Schools – International



CANADA Cote Saint Luc JPPS-BIALIK

North York

English Pro School **Toronto** Robbins Hebrew Academy

INDIA

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IRELAND

New Ross St. Mary's Secondary School

POLAND

Bolesławiec Szkoła Podstawowa nr 4 im. Jana Matejki

Grybów Primary School No. 1

Kielce Akademicka Szkola Podstawowa Shakespeare Primary School

Łostówka Zespół Szkoły i Przedszkola

Nasielsk Szkoła Podstawowa nr 2 im. Stefana Starzyńskiego

Sobków Szkoła Podstawowa im. Jana Pawła II

Tuszyn Władysław Jagiełło Primary School no 1

SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg King David Linksfield High School Yeshiva College



Registered High Schools – International

CANADA

Old Perlican Baccalieu Collegiate

Mississauga St. Paul Catholic Secondary School

North York English Pro School

GERMANY

Berlin SESB Hans-Litten-Schule

MEXICO

Mexico City Olami ORT

PHILIPPINES

San Pedro

Cuyab Integrated National High School

POLAND

Bielsko-Biała Akademickie Dwujęzyczne Liceum Oxford Secondary School

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Kielce V Liceum Ogólnokształcące im.

ks. Piotra Ściegiennego

Kozienice I LO im. Stefana Czarnieckiego

Rzeszów

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Warsaw

LXVII Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Jana Nowaka-Jeziorańskiego XLV Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Romualda Traugutta

Zamość

III Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. C. K. Norwida

ROMANIA

Brașov Dr. Ioan Meșotă National College

Bucharest Saint Sava National College

SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg King David Linksfield High School Steyn City School Yeshiva College

SOUTH KOREA

Jeju Special Self-Governing Province Seogwipo-si St. Johnsbury Academy Jeju

Contest Judges

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Jeff Brouwer, Assistant Vice President, Creative Services, Strategic Marketing and Communications, Chapman University

Nancy Chase, Community Volunteer; Co-Benefactor, "The Indestructible Spirit" photography and memoir project

William Elperin, President, The 1939 Society

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Honorary Judges

Marie Kaufman, z"l, Child Survivor; President, Child Survivors of the Holocaust, Los Angeles

Leon Leyson, z"l, Educator and author of award-winning memoir, *The Boy on the Wooden Box*; One of the youngest persons on Schindler's "List"

Mila Page, z"l, Founding Member, The "1939" Club now The 1939 Society; Member of Schindler's "List"

Sally Roisman, z"l, Award-winning Artist; Member of The 1939 Society

- **Sally Schwartz,** z"l, The Jerry and Sally Schwartz Endowment for Holocaust Education
- Natalie Weinstein Gold, Psychotherapist; Child Survivor; Member of The 1939 Society; Benefactor

Susan Samueli, Co-Founder and President, Samueli Foundation



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An Evening of Holocaust Remembrance

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Shout the Truth to the World The Secret Archives of the Warsaw Ghetto

Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

LIGHTING OF CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

SPECIAL RECORDED MESSAGE

Roberta Grossman Award-winning producer, director, and writer of the documentary *Who Will Write Our History*

MUSICAL TRIBUTES

READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

Admission Free. An informal reception will follow the event.

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