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Holocaust Memorial Center announces winners of art, writing contests

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The Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills has announced the winners of the Kappy Family Anne Frank and Elie Wiesel art and writing competitions.

A virtual showcase of the winning entries is available at www.holocaustcenter.org/competition.

The theme for this year's competitions was "The Power of Choice." Though 75 years have passed since the Holocaust ended, there are still instances of suffering, oppression, injustice and genocide. Students were invited to create a written or artistic response to the following questions: What does a better world look like to you? What choices can you make to make our world a better place?



Anne Frank kept a diary that told of her family's life while hiding from the Nazis during the Holocaust. The Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills has announced the winners of an art and writing competition in her honor. Winners were also announced for an art and writing competition in honor of Elie Wiesel. FILE PHOTO

Winners of the Kappy Family Anne Frank Art & Writing Competition are:

- Rozie Aronov, 8th Grade, Hillel Day School, writing
- Eloise Dunfee, 7th Grade, Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts, art
- Jieming Gan, 7th Grade, West Hills Middle School, writing
- Cora Hovermale, 8th Grade, Crestwood Middle School, art
- Karina Maruri, 8th Grade, Wyandot Middle School, writing
- Ashlynn Mulka, 8th Grade, Ore Creek Middle School, writing
- Sarah Piercey, 7th Grade, Wyandot Middle School, art
- Mariana Salt, 8th Grade, Michigan Virtual Charter Academy, writing
- Meredith Shapiro, 8th Grade, Hillel Day School, writing
- Ava Tarach, 7th Grade, Oxford Middle School, art

Winners of the Elie Wiesel *Night* Art & Writing Competition are:

- Anna Bochenek, 9th Grade, Rochester High School, writing
- Zander Connally, 9th Grade, Monroe County Middle College, art
- Emma Driker, 11th Grade, Berkley High School, art
- Annie He, 11th Grade, Troy High School, writing
- Audrey Hollenbaugh, 9th Grade, Marine City High School, art
- Margaret Kase, 11th Grade, Marian High School, writing
- Andrea Ouellette, 11th Grade, Farmington High School, art
- Hannah Resnick, 12th Grade, Frankel Jewish Academy, art
- London Shanahan, 11th Grade, International Academy West, writing
- Lili Tarnopol, 11th Grade, Frankel Jewish Academy, art.

Winners were awarded \$200. In addition, the teachers of winning students received a \$100 Amazon gift card.

The Anne Frank competition was presented with support from the Kappy family and the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan. Garry Kappy was born in Opatow, Poland, and at the age of 15 was imprisoned in several labor camps.

While Kappy recognizes the importance of memorializing the victims of the Holocaust, he felt it was crucial to educate and help prevent future genocides. It was this inspiration that led to the Kappy Family Anne Frank Art & Writing Competition.

“Each year, our family looks forward to seeing the artistic and literary vision conveyed in the students’ submissions. Their passion and optimism to make positive change is inspiring,” said

Dr. Irvin Kappy, Garry's son. "We invite the community to visit the museum's website and see the wonderful gallery our family is so honored to support through this competition."

The Holocaust Memorial Center is home to one of the saplings from the chestnut tree that grew outside of Anne Frank's hiding place. During nearly two years in hiding, her exposure to the outside world was limited to what she could see from her window. "From my favorite spot on the floor, I look up at the blue sky and the bare chestnut tree, on whose branches little raindrops shine, appearing like silver," she wrote in 1944.

"When I looked outside right into the depth of nature and God, then I was happy, really happy."

Elie Wiesel was a concentration camp survivor, author and political activist. He authored 57 books, including [*Night*](#), based on his experiences in the Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps.