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\$500 prize will go to the first-place-winning students, who will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Awards Ceremony provides young students the rare opportunity to meet with Holocaust survivors.

WHAT:

Awards Ceremony: Students from more than 50 Southern California middle schools and high schools participated in the Fifth Annual Holocaust Art and Writing Contest, *Conscience and Courage: Heroes of the Holocaust*. Students submitted poetry, essays or artwork on individuals who made choices of courage during the Holocaust and the lessons for our society today. The contest is sponsored by Chapman University and the 1939 Club, one of the largest and most active Holocaust survivor organizations in the United States.



Prizes: \$500 and \$250 cash prizes awarded in each of three categories to first and second place from middle and high school divisions. School representatives in attendance at the awards ceremony will receive certificates and a copy of *The Holocaust Chronicle: A History in Words and Pictures*, a unique one-volume history of the Holocaust.

Each school in attendance at the awards ceremony will receive one copy of each of the following: *A Guide to the Film Schindler's List*, published by Facing History and Ourselves National Foundation, Inc.; *Friedl Dicker-Brandeis: Vienna 1898-Auschwitz 1944*, written by Elena Makarova, international coordinator Regina Seidman Miller, and published by Tallfellow Press in association with The Simon Wiesenthal Center/Museum of Tolerance, and *The Hidden Child*, published by the Hidden Child Foundation of the Anti-Defamation League, with the accompanying lesson plan.

WHO:

Student Winners: Each school is invited to submit a total of three entries, consisting of essay(s) and/or poem(s) and/or works of art for the first and second prizes in the middle school and high school competitions.

Contest Organizers: Dr. Marilyn Harran, Stern Chair in Holocaust Education, professor and director of Chapman's Rodger Center for Holocaust Education; and Professor of Education Jan Osborn.

Holocaust Survivors: From throughout Southern California will attend.

Keynote Speakers: Thomas Toivi Blatt, survivor of the Sobibor death camp and author of *Sobibor: The Forgotten Revolt* and *From the Ashes of Sobibor: A Story of Survival*.

WHY:

The Conscience and Courage: Heroes of the Holocaust contest provides students with the opportunity to creatively direct their thoughts toward choices of courage that people make in trying times. The choices are as relevant today as they were years ago. The competition allows students to confront current and past issues and meet with people who are a part of Holocaust history. The awards ceremony event gives both middle and high school student the rare opportunity to meet and talk with Holocaust survivors and experience a one-on-one personal experience something that cannot be taught through a textbook.

WHEN:

Friday, March 19, 12 p.m.

WHERE:

Memorial Hall Auditorium on the Chapman University campus in Orange, Calif.