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\$500 cash prizes will go to first-place-winning students announced at the awards ceremony.

The awards ceremony gives young students the rare opportunity to meet Holocaust survivors in person.

WHAT:

Awards Ceremony: Students from more than 75 Southern California middle schools and high schools participated in the Sixth Annual Holocaust Art and Writing Contest, "To Change Our World: Legacy of Liberation." Students submitted poetry, essays and artwork based on a study of the past and present, linking the history of the Holocaust with research about a current situation where injustice continues. The awards ceremony honors students who participated in the contest.

The contest is sponsored by Chapman University and the 1939 Club, one of the largest and most active Holocaust survivor organizations in the U.S.

Prizes: \$500 and \$250 cash prizes awarded in each of three categories to first and second place entries for 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.

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 place 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 Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education; and Professor of Education Jan Osborn.

Holocaust Survivors: Survivors from throughout Southern California will attend.

Keynote Speakers: Gerda Weissmann Klein, Holocaust survivor and author of *All But My Life*.

Music: Performance by the Orange County Klezmers.

WHY:

The "To Change Our World: Legacy of Liberation" contest gives students the opportunity to creatively direct their thoughts toward current situations of injustice where their voices can make a difference, adding their own chapter to the legacy of liberation. The competition allows students to confront current and past issues and meet with people who are a part of Holocaust history. The awards ceremony gives middle and high school students the rare opportunity to meet and speak with Holocaust survivors.

WHEN:

Friday, March 11 at noon.

WHERE:

Chapman Auditorium on the Chapman University campus in Orange.