



SAVE THE DATE

11th Annual Israel Arbeiter Holocaust Essay Contest

YOM HASHOAH: APRIL 23, 2017

This Essay Contest is a tribute to Israel “Izzy” Arbeiter, a Holocaust survivor and lifelong rights activist who lost several family members in the Holocaust. He is a past president of the American Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors of Greater Boston. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to write a 400-800 word essay on the following topic. Essays will be judged on originality, knowledge, style and depth.

The US House of Representatives unanimously approved a resolution honoring the life and work of Elie Wiesel, the Holocaust survivor and prolific writer who died July 2, 2016 in New York at the age of 87. The resolution “reaffirms Elie Wiesel’s efforts to preserve the memory of those who perished and to prevent the recurrence of another Holocaust, to combat hate and intolerance in any manifestation, and to never forget and also learn from the lessons of history.”

“I know and I speak from experience, that even in the midst of darkness, it is possible to create light and share warmth with one another; that even on the edge of the abyss, it is possible to dream exalted dreams of compassion; that it is possible to be free and strengthen the ideals of freedom, even within prison walls; that even in exile, friendship becomes an anchor.”

– **ELIE WEISEL**, April 23, 2009

- Why do you think Elie Wiesel is talking about compassion? What does compassion mean to you? Is compassion a human right?
 - How has the study of the Holocaust broadened your understanding of the need for compassion? What examples can you share from that history, from your own life, and from current events that show how compassion made an impact on yourself, or someone else?
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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: MARCH 26, 2017

Essay contest winners will receive educational scholarships and recognition at Greater Boston’s Jewish Community Commemoration of Yom HaShoah. Please submit essay in word document along with name, address, phone number, email, birthday, teacher, grade and school to Ellen Kaye, Event Consultant at EKaye@jcrCBoston.org.

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