

FIRST PLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL ART

Holding on to Hope

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In the midst of despair, Jadzia Stern held onto hope. Alone in Auschwitz, she heard a rumor that her sister was in the hospital. When the rumor turned out to be true, the sisters' shared embrace enveloped Jadzia in a willingness to risk her life to remain with her indefinitely. That moment of raw emotion inspired me to paint their embrace and to reflect on my obligation to demonstrate Jadzia's values: advocating for others. The sunflowers represent the comfort and hope Jadzia had while hugging her beloved sister Sabina.

