

16th Annual Holocaust Art & Writing Contest

Presented by Chapman University and The 1939 Society

From Discovery to Action: Making Meaning from Memory

Awards Ceremony

Friday, March 6, 2015

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Music by the Orange County Klezmers

WELCOME

James Doti

President, Chapman University

INTRODUCTIONS

Marilyn Harran

Stern Chair in Holocaust Education and Director,
Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education,
Wilkinson College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Chapman University

SPECIAL GREETINGS

PARTICIPANTS, MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION

Dr. Kimberly White-Smith

Associate Dean of Educator Development,
The Donna Ford Attallah Educator Development Academy,
College of Educational Studies, Chapman University

PARTICIPANTS, HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

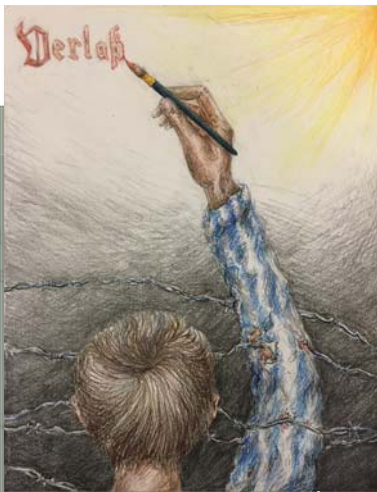
Patrick Fuery

Dean, Wilkinson College of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Chapman University

FROM ESCAPING TO PRECLUDING GENOCIDE

Jack Pariser

Holocaust survivor



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FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016 • 11 A.M.

**Announcement of Middle School
Division Winners, Writing Category**

**First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize**

**Announcement of High School
Division Winners, Writing Category**

**First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize**

**Announcement of Middle School
Division Winners, Art Category**

**First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize**

**Announcement of High School
Division Winners, Art Category**

**First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize**

**Announcement of Middle School
Division Winners, Film Category**

**First and Second Prize
Reading of First Prize Statement**

Congratulations

Closing Thoughts

Heather Rhein

Assistant Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League

Mary Robinson Hendra

Associate Program Director for Los Angeles and
Organizational Innovation, Facing History and Ourselves

Katrina Gaudier

Operations Administrator, Samueli Foundation

Jenna Leventhal

iWitness Manager, USC Shoah Foundation –
The Institute for Visual History and Education

William Elperin

President, The 1939 Society

James Doti

Marilyn Harran



Distribution of certificates and prizes to student representatives and teachers in the lobby of Memorial Hall and reception in the tent located outside of Memorial Hall in the Bert Williams Mall will follow the awards ceremony.

Non-finalist artworks will be available for pick-up in lobby of Memorial Hall.

School classes are invited to attend a screening of the documentaries *Testimony of Triumph* and *A Child on Schindler's List* in Memorial Auditorium.





The Holocaust Art & Writing Contest

was launched in 1999 as a partnership between the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education at Chapman University and The "1939" Club, now The 1939 Society, an Organization of Holocaust Survivors, Descendants and Friends.

Each year, the contest has grown, now reaching more than 200 public, private, and parochial schools. This growth would not have been possible without the extraordinary support of the Samuelli Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of Dana and Yossie Hollander, we are able to offer first-place students and their teachers an expense-paid study trip to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and other sites in Washington, D.C.

A special word of appreciation must go to Louis Weber and Publications International for their sixteen years of support and the nearly 5,000 copies of *The Holocaust Chronicle: A History in Word and Pictures* they have donated. Thanks to Publications International, each student representative has the opportunity to have his or her book signed by the Holocaust survivors attending the awards ceremony and reception. With these signatures, each book becomes a unique testimony to the memories created on this very special day in which witnesses to the Holocaust meet their witnesses to the future.



We invite you to attend

An Evening of Holocaust Remembrance

Thursday, April 16, 2015 • 7 p.m.
Memorial Hall

The 70th Anniversary of Liberation
A Tribute in Words and Music
LIGHTING OF CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

A Collaborative Program by
The Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education,
Wilkinson College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Department of Theatre, and
Hall-Musco Conservatory, College of Performing Arts

TICKETS REQUIRED. Request free tickets beginning
March 16 at chapman.edu/holocaustremembrance

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REGISTERED SCHOOLS



We encourage our guests today to visit the exhibit
Holocaust Survivors: The Indestructible Spirit
on the Second and Fourth Floors of the Leatherby Libraries.

Photography by Bill Aron.

Summaries by Dr. Marilyn Harran with research assistance from Chapman University students.

This exhibit is made possible by a generous gift from Irving and Nancy Chase
in honor of Sol (Z"L) and Fay Chase (Z"L).

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REGISTERED MIDDLE SCHOOLS

ALISO VIEJO

Aliso Viejo Christian School
St. Mary's School

ANAHEIM

Acaciawood College
Preparatory Academy
Betsy Ross Elementary School
Dr. Jonas E. Salk Elementary School
Fairmont Private Schools
Melbourne A. Gauer
Elementary School
St. Catherine's Academy
St. Justin Martyr Parish School

ANAHEIM HILLS

Trinity Lutheran Christian School

BANNING

Nicolet Middle School

BREA

Brea Junior High School
St. Angela Merici Parish School

CORONA DEL MAR

Harbor Day School

COSTA MESA

Mariners Christian School
St. Joachim Catholic School
St. John the Baptist Catholic School

CYPRESS

Lexington Junior High School
Oxford Academy
St. Irenaeus Parish School

FULLERTON

Ladera Vista Junior High School

GARDEN GROVE

James Irvine Intermediate School
John A. Murdy Elementary School
St. Columban School
Walton Intermediate School

HUNTINGTON BEACH

Mesa View Middle School
Spring View Middle School
St. Bonaventure School
Stacey Middle School
Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic School
Talbert Middle School

INDIO

Desert Ridge Academy

IRVINE

Lakeside Middle School
Plaza Vista Middle School
South Lake Middle School
Tarbut V'Torah Community
Day School

LA HABRA

Our Lady of Guadalupe School
Washington Middle School

LA MESA

Altus Charter School: San Diego

LAGUNA BEACH

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School
Thurston Middle School

LAGUNA NIGUEL

St. Anne School

LAKELWOOD

Hoover Middle School

LONG BEACH

Cubberley K-8 School
Hughes Middle School
John Muir Academy
St. Barnabas Parish School
Stanford Middle School

LOS ALAMITOS

St. Hedwig School

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles Academy Middle School
St. Agnes Parish School

LYNWOOD

Lynwood Middle School

MENIFEE

Ethan A. Chase Middle School

MERCED

Providence Christian School

MISSION VIEJO

Los Alisos Intermediate School

MORENO VALLEY

Vista Heights Middle School

ORANGE

Holy Family Cathedral School
La Purisima Catholic School
McPherson Magnet School
Portola Middle School
St. Norbert Catholic School
Yorba Middle School

PERRIS

Lakeside Middle School

PLACENTIA

Kraemer Middle School
St. Joseph Catholic School
Tuffree Middle School
Valadez Middle School Academy

RANCHO PALOS VERDES

St. John Fisher School

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

Serra Catholic School
St. John's Episcopal School

SAN CLEMENTE

Our Lady of Fatima Parish School

SAN DIEGO

Chabad Hebrew Academy
George Washington
Carver Elementary

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Mission Basilica School
St. Margaret's Episcopal School

SANTA ANA

Fitz Intermediate School
MacArthur Fundamental
Intermediate School
Orange County Educational
Arts Academy
Orange County School of the Arts
School of Our Lady
St. Anne Parish School

SOUTH GATE

Hollydale Elementary School
Southeast Middle School

STANTON

Robert M. Pyles Elementary School

TEMPLE HILLS

Thurgood Marshall Middle School

TUSTIN

Pioneer Middle School
Red Hill Lutheran School
St. Cecilia School

VICTORVILLE

Cobalt Institute of Math and Science

VISTA

St. Francis of Assisi School

WALNUT

South Pointe Middle School

WESTMINSTER

Blessed Sacrament School

YORBA LINDA

Bernardo Yorba Middle School
Calvary Chapel Academy
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Travis Ranch School
Yorba Linda Middle School

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

Luis Muñoz Marin School

HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

Hamden Middle School

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

St. John the Beloved School

COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

St. Hugh Catholic School

CUMMING, GEORGIA

Kelly Mill Elementary School

SWANSEA, ILLINOIS

Wolf Branch Middle School

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Lora Batchelor Middle School

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Christ the King Catholic School

NEWBURGH, INDIANA

Castle North Middle School

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Jefferson County Traditional
Middle School

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Roland Park Elementary/
Middle School

IJAMSVILLE, MARYLAND

Urbana Middle School

LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Jonas Clarke Middle School

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Alta Vista Charter Middle School

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

R.O. Gibson Middle School

ASTORIA, NEW YORK

The Young Women's Leadership
School Of Astoria

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

The Urban Assembly Academy of
Arts & Letters

NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

St. Paul Catholic School

ST. HELENS, OREGON

St. Helens Middle School

POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Pottsgrove Middle School

BURLESON, TEXAS

Nick Kerr Middle School

SHANGHAI, CHINA

Shanghai American School



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ANAHEIM

Acaciawood College
Preparatory Academy
Canyon High School
Esperanza High School
Loara High School
Western High School
Servite High School

BALDWIN PARK

Sierra Vista High School

BREA

Brea Olinda High School

BURBANK

Providence High School

CAMARILLO

Adolfo Camarillo High School

COSTA MESA

Early College High School

FREMONT

Mission San Jose High School

FRESNO

Central High School West

FULLERTON

Sunny Hills High School

GLENDALE

Glendale High School

HAWTHORNE

Hawthorne Math & Science Academy

HESPERIA

Shadow Ridge Learning Center

INDIO

Shadow Hills High School

IRVINE

Arnold O. Beckman High School
Tarbut V'Torah Community
Day School
University High School
Woodbridge High School

LAKELAND

Buena Vista High School

LONG BEACH

Millikan High School

LOS ANGELES

Esteban E. Torres High School
LAUSD/USC Cinematic Arts and
Engineering Magnet School
Yeshiva Ohr Elchonon Chabad
YULA Boys High School

MERCED

Providence Christian School

MISSION VIEJO

Trabuco Hills High School

MORENO VALLEY

Moreno Valley High School

ORANGE

Orange High School

PLACENTIA

El Dorado High School
Valencia High School

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

Santa Margarita Catholic High School

ROMOLAND

Heritage High School

ROWLAND HEIGHTS

Rowland High School

SAN DIEGO

Chabad Hebrew Academy
St. Augustine High School

SAN JACINTO

Mountain View High School

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

JSerra Catholic School

SANTA ANA

Mater Dei High School
Orange County School of the Arts
The Academy Charter High School

SELMA

Heartland High School

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

South Tahoe High School

THERMAL

La Familia High School

TUSTIN

Tustin High School

VICTORVILLE

Cobalt Institute of Math and Science

YORBA LINDA

La Entrada High School
Yorba Linda High School

DENVER, COLORADO

Denver Center for International
Studies at Montbello

BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Metropolitan Learning Center

ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Royal Palm Beach Community
High School

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Atlanta Jewish Academy

KAILUA, HAWAII

Le Jardin Academy

ANKENY, IOWA

Ankeny Centennial High School

BISMARCK, ILLINOIS

Bismarck-Henning High School

CUMBERLAND, MAINE

Greely High School

BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS

Shawsheen Valley Regional
Vocational Technical High School

IONIA, MICHIGAN

Ionia High School

SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN

Akiva Hebrew Day School

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

St. Pius X High School

PLEASANTVILLE, NEW JERSEY

Pleasantville High School

RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

Rahway High School

TEANECK, NEW JERSEY

Torah Academy of Bergen County

VINELAND, NEW JERSEY

Vineland High School South

ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

Alamogordo High School

ASTORIA, NEW YORK

The Young Women's Leadership
School of Astoria

BRONX, NEW YORK

Ethical Culture Fieldston School

GREAT NECK, NEW YORK

North Shore Hebrew Academy
High School

OSWEGO, NEW YORK

Oswego High School

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Myers Park High School
Vance High School

JAMESTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA

Middle College GTCC Jamestown

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh Charter High School

BELLBROOK, OHIO

Greene County Educational Center

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Classen School of Advanced Studies

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

Bethlehem Catholic High School

COLUMBIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Columbia High School

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Central High School

WEST GROVE, PENNSYLVANIA

Avon Grove Charter School
Technical College High School

DALLAS, TEXAS

Ursuline Academy

ELKHART, TEXAS

Elkhart High School

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

San Antonio School for
Inquiry & Creativity

KOSICE, SLOVAKIA

Gymnázium sv. Edity Steinovej Košice

We extend our appreciation to Sodexo for their generous contribution to the reception following the Awards Ceremony.

We are grateful to Chapman University Enrollment Services for the Chapman University t-shirts for the finalists in this year's contest.



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Contest Judges

- SHANNON ANNARELLA**, Screenwriting Major, Dodge College of Film and Media Arts and University Honors Minor, Chapman University; First Place Poetry, Middle School Division, 2009
- SHERRY BARD**, Training Specialist, *Echoes and Reflections*, Anti-Defamation League
- DEBORAH BATISTE**, Project Director, *Echoes and Reflections*, Anti-Defamation League
- JEFF BROUWER**, Director of Creative Services, Strategic Marketing & Communications, Chapman University
- PENNY BRYAN**, Professor, College of Educational Studies, Chapman University
- NANCY CHASE**, Community Volunteer; Co-Benefactor, "The Indestructible Spirit" photography and memoir project
- HEIDI COHEN**, Rabbi, Temple Beth Shalom
- GREGORY DHUYVETTER**, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Orange
- WILLIAM ELPERIN**, Los Angeles Attorney-at-Law; President, The 1939 Society
- KATRINA GAUDIER**, Operations Administrator, Samueli Foundation
- LISA GRAJWESKI**, Executive Editor, JLife Magazine
- NATALIE WEINSTEIN GOLD**, Psychotherapist; Child Survivor; Member of The 1939 Society; Benefactor
- PORTER HAHN**, Business Administration Major, Argyros School of Business & Economics, Chapman University; First Place Poetry, High School Division, 2010
- MARILYN HARRAN**, Stern Chair in Holocaust Education and Director, Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education; Professor of Religious Studies and History, Chapman University
- MARY ROBINSON HENDRA**, Associate Program Director for Los Angeles and Organizational Innovation, Facing History and Ourselves
- DANA HOLLANDER**, Benefactor; Community Volunteer; Sponsor of "Echoes and Reflections" Holocaust Education Program
- KANANI HOOPAI**, Art History Major, Chapman University, 2007
- FR. JERRY HORAN**, Vicar for Faith Formation, Diocese of Orange
- EILEEN JANKOWSKI**, Assistant Professor of English, Department of English, Wilkinson College of Humanities and Social Sciences; Director, Fellowships and Scholar Programs, Chapman University
- JEFF KOERBER**, Research Associate, Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education and History Department, Wilkinson College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Chapman University
- JENNA LEVENTHAL**, iWitness Manager, USC Shoah Foundation – The Institute for Visual History and Education
- JACK PARISER**, Founder and Activist for Precluding Genocide Project; Child Survivor; Member of The 1939 Society
- MARIANNE PETERSEN**, Retired Teacher, Orange High School
- KARIN POLACHECK**, Educational Consultant; former President, Board of Education, Long Beach Unified School District
- HEATHER SCHLOSSNAGLE**, Producer, Panther Productions, Chapman University
- ROB VICARIO**, History/Social Science Coordinator, Orange County Department of Education

National Honorary Judge

ELIE WIESEL, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate; Distinguished Presidential Fellow, Chapman University

Honorary Judges

- MARIE KAUFMAN**, Child Survivor; President, Child Survivors of the Holocaust, Los Angeles
- MILA PAGE**, Founding Member, The "1939" Club, now The 1939 Society; Member of Schindler's "List"
- SALLY ROISMAN**, Award-winning Artist; Member of The 1939 Society
- SALLY SCHWARTZ**, Benefactor, The Jerry and Sally Schwartz Holocaust and Tolerance Education Fund, managed by the Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Orange County



Jack Pariser

“After considerable discussion that night, I was selected to be the last with no one to push me out. I had the greatest probability to succeed. I was the smallest and most agile and therefore most likely to stand the cot against the wall like a lean-to ladder, run up the incline, extend my arm through the hole and have my dad pull me through.”

Thanks to his parents’ ingenuity, the help of righteous gentiles, and sheer luck, Jack Pariser survived the Holocaust without ever seeing the inside of a concentration camp.

Born on December 14, 1929, Jack and his older sister, Rose, lived in Jodlowa, Poland, a small town south of Krakow. His father Abraham sold wholesale lumber and his mother Sarah sold fabric.

Following Germany’s invasion of Poland in September 1939, life for Jodlowa’s Jews changed. At first, the SS were content with terrorizing the town’s Jews. On one occasion, Jack’s grandfather was beaten unconscious when he refused to walk on the sacred Torah. He died shortly after.

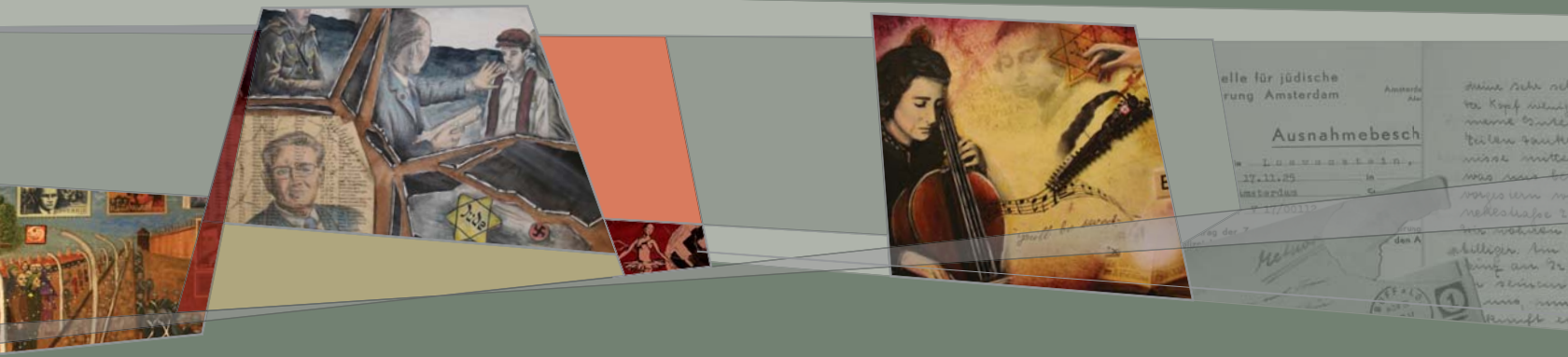
In early August 1942, Jack’s mother was tipped off by a Polish policeman that the Germans were planning to murder the town’s Jews the next morning. His parents spread the word and then fled. Their quick action saved them. The gunshots the family heard the next day attested that the slaughter was now a reality.

After months in the forest, as winter approached, Abraham appealed to one of his Christian workers, Andrej Porembski, for shelter. Knowing he risked death for hiding them, Porembski agreed. The Parisers spent months in a barn and in a bunker under the woodshed floor. The space was so small that they could only lie on their sides and when one person wanted to turn, everyone had to do so. To pass the long hours, Jack learned crafts, including re-knitting his sweater into intricate patterns.

In December 1942, Abraham moved the family to another hiding place where their host subsequently betrayed them. The Polish police arrested the family and threw them into a jail cell. Their jailers laughingly debated whether a table knife or a pen knife—given them to cut bread—would be of less use in helping them escape. They settled on the pen knife. But they underestimated Abe’s ingenuity and Sarah’s tenacity. Working during the night, Abe made a hole under the barred window high on the wall. But one of the four would have to go last—reaching the hole without aid. Agonizing over their decision, they agreed Jack had the best chance and that if he failed, three lives saved were better than none. Fortunately, Jack succeeded; all the family escaped. When they reached the forest and stopped to cut off a bit of bread, the knife broke, but it had saved their lives.

The Parisers again stayed with the Porembskis from January 1943 to December 1944 when they went to another family, the Swieczeks, righteous gentiles who had aided them throughout the war and who now hid them in the barn, under the very noses of the Germans. The family’s years in hiding ended on January 16, 1945.

The Parisers immigrated to the United States in 1949. Jack married, and he and his wife Leah moved to California. Jack retired as chief scientist at Hughes Aircraft in 1987—an extraordinary life of achievement made possible by his parents’ tenacious ingenuity, a small pen knife, and the courageous action of righteous gentiles.



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