

Taking a Stand in History

The 2017 National History Day Contest

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Attention, all students in grades six-12 in public schools, private schools, Jewish day schools, and Jewish congregational schools: The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County, in conjunction with Connecticut History Day, announces that it will again

sponsor two monetary awards for the 2017 National History Day Contest. Entries must fit the theme of the national contest, which is "Taking a Stand." In addition, to receive a JHSFC award, students must incorporate Jewish history or heritage and/or a Jewish personality into the 2017 National History Day theme. Connecticut History Day is a program for students in grades six-12 that encourages exploration of local, state, national and world history. More information is available at www.historydayct.org.

In addition to the Connecticut State Prize, which is judged separately and awarded at the state level, the Jewish Historical Society will award its own prizes to Fairfield County students whose entries meet the qualifications described above.



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JHSFC board members with judging experience will evaluate these entries and contact students individually.

More than 600,000 students from around the world competed in last year's national contest. Rebecca Ronai's documentary, "Miracle of the Holocaust: Exploration

of Survival," was among the less than one percent of the entries awarded the opportunity to compete in the national finals held at the University of Maryland at College Park. Ronai, a seventh-grader at Weston Middle School, was a recipient of the 2016 JHSFC Connecticut State Prize. She was honored at a Jewish Historical Society program on May 22 at the Stamford JCC.

For more information, contact the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County at 203-321-1373, ext. 150; e-mail info@jhsfc-ct.org; or visit JHSFC's website, <http://jhsfc-ct.org/programs.html>.

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