

2019 WINNING
WRITING SUBMISSIONS

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Jodi Phares

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First Place
Div. 1 Poetry

Please accept the attached entry on behalf of Charlotte Ward, a student in my 7th grade English class.
Information:

Student's Name: Charlotte Ward
Student's Grade: 7th Grade (Division I)
Teacher's Name: Mr. Tyler Benedict
Student's School: The Miami Valley School, Dayton, OH
Title of Entry: "Zwillinge"

Best,

Tyler Benedict
English Department
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“Zwillinge”

Dedicated to Iudit Barnea and Lia Huber

I looked at my mother as we got out of the cars,
My twin sister Lia held my hand
I saw people running, with bruises and scars,
And some who could barely stand.
My 6-year-old brain could barely comprehend
That I might not get out alive,
Nobody would be come to be my friend
Into a pool of tears, I would dive.
Then someone called out *Zwillinge*, “Twins”
And my mother called it back,
We were escorted past the boxes and bins
To what looked like a large shack.
I discovered that it was the twins’ block
I had never seen so many pairs
The soldier put us in wristlock
And led us up a few stairs.
Our new home at Auschwitz would bring anguish
And many tears would be shed,
Mother’s eyes held a light unextinguished
But words of love could not be said.
Josef Mengele did experiments on twins,
Like Lia and myself,
He didn’t have many wins
Experimenting on twins like ourselves.
My mother ran in trying to stop him one time,
Which did none of us any good
He gave her a shot that made her blind
But she did things none of us could.

Second Place
Div. 1 Poetry

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A Lesson from My Great Grandmother

Her inspiration has changed my future.

She kept her faith even when it was grave.

She inspired me to honor my culture.

Teaching me to be strong and also brave.

Rivka Gittle Klein, my great grandmother.

Yoel Franzo married Rivka Gittle.

Four girls and two boys made her a mother.

Everything she did was never little!

She was in a dreadful situation.

She and her husband suffered a harsh camp.

Rivka Gittle was in the Auschwitz "nation."

Helping others to see Hashem's bright lamp.

Though it was dangerous, not popular

She stayed faithful to Him with valor.

I too follow Hashem and honor her,

Leading a life, simple, loving and pure.

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Third Place
Div. 1 Poetry

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Branded

Based on the Life of Eva Umlauf

Incision-etched skin

Marked: A two six nine five nine

Screamed, "Falsely accused!"

Hated for her Jewish birth

Inspiration for us all

Honorable Mention
Div. 1 Poetry

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Robert Kahn, Survived to Inspire

Robert Kahn survived the terrible days of the Holocaust

Obligated to make a difference in the world

Best known as a writer

Exquisite writing and storytelling skills

Relating real Holocaust memories

Taking time to do mitzvot by giving speeches about the tough times

Bravery describes him as he was forced to play his violin during Kristallnacht

Outstanding memory of the dark days of the Holocaust

Believing in a peaceful world while bearing hatred and pain for the Nazis

Kindness he spreads with each interaction

Affectionate in spite of the afflictions he bears from his life

He wrote a book about life named: *The Hard Road of Dreams, Remembering Not to Forget*

Nothing can stop him from inspiring others to make a difference in the world