

## RESOURCES

- › Dayton Holocaust Resource Center (DHRC) General information and programs [daytonholocaust.org](http://daytonholocaust.org)
- › Dayton Holocaust Resource Center (DHRC) located at Wright State University Dunbar Library. Contact Beth Anderson at [beth.anderson@wright.edu](mailto:beth.anderson@wright.edu) for more information
- › Faces of the Holocaust Dayton (YouTube)
- › Prejudice & Memory: A Holocaust Exhibit at the National Museum of the USAF, Dayton [nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://nationalmuseum.af.mil)
- › United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C. [ushmm.org](http://ushmm.org)
- › Yad Vashem: The World Holocaust Remembrance Center, Israel [righteousamongthenations.org](http://righteousamongthenations.org)



### RENATE FRYDMAN, Ph.D.

Renate is renowned for her active role in providing Holocaust education in the Miami Valley and beyond for more than 50 years.



### MELINDA DONER

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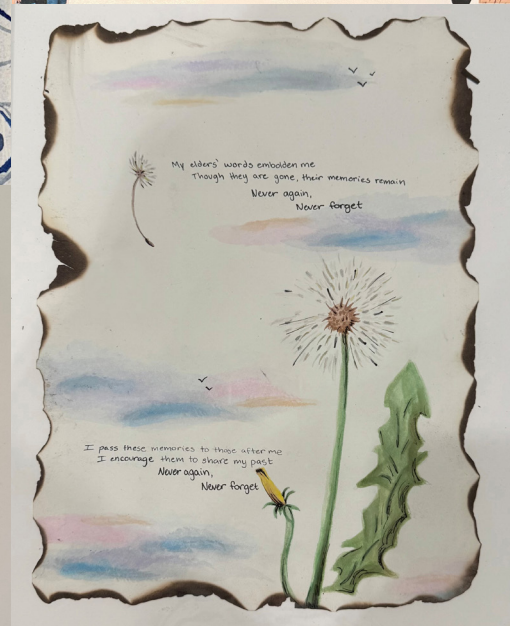
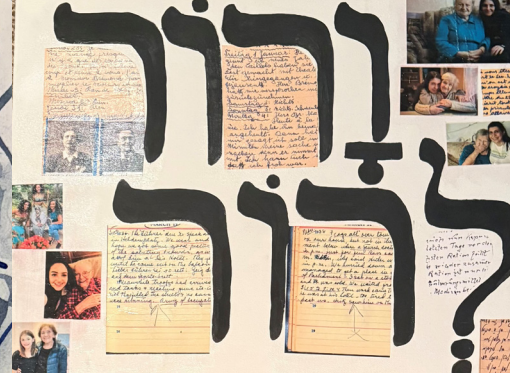
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**Questions? Contact Lidia Zambilovici at [lzambilovici@jfgd.net](mailto:lzambilovici@jfgd.net) or call Samantha Daniel at 937-610-1555.**

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2026



**Max & Lydia May**

Memorial Holocaust Art & Writing Contest

**Heroes of the Holocaust**

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*2026 theme:*

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The Max & Lydia May Holocaust Art and Writing Contest is named after the grandparents of Renate Frydman, Director of the Dayton Holocaust Resource Center. Each year, students in grades 5-8 (Division I) and 9-12 (Division II), attending public school, parochial school, or are home schooled within the Miami Valley are invited to learn more about the Holocaust and share their reflections through artistic expression and creative writing.

### WHAT CAN STUDENTS SUBMIT?

In order to qualify, all submissions must incorporate the current year's theme. Students are encouraged to not just explore the history and aftermath of the Holocaust, but to also engage artistically with this year's specific focus. Student art and writing submissions must be the independent effort of the student. All submissions will be judged on originality and relevance to the theme. For both art and writing, each entry must represent the independent effort of the artist/writer. It will be judged on originality, content and appearance. The submission remains the property of the Holocaust Education Committee, which reserves the right to show or publish the entry in its entirety or use it for educational purposes.

### Art

Examples of art accepted are drawings, painting, photography, print making, three-dimensional sculpture, and mixed media. Three-dimensional art submissions should be no larger than 3ft x 3ft and weigh no more than 5-10 lbs. Two-dimensional or digitally created art may be larger, however, it must be securely matted to heavy weight matte board or foam core. Please note we discourage the use of AI.

### Writing

Types of writing accepted are fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Each entry should not exceed 2,000 words and must be typed.

## HOW TO SUBMIT MAX & LYDIA MAY ART AND WRITING CONTEST

### Art Submissions

Download form at [daytonholocaust.org](http://daytonholocaust.org) or [jewishdayton.org](http://jewishdayton.org). All art submissions must be dropped off at Temple Israel between March 2 - 6, 2026. Contact Temple Israel at 937-496-0050 to arrange your drop off. Art submission must be original image. Include the following information with your work: Student name, school, grade, teacher, teacher email, the title of the piece, and materials used. Please include a brief artist statement describing your work. Securely attach the entry form to the back or on the bottom of the piece. If any additional writing is submitted, it must be in a plastic sleeve or protective framing and clearly labeled. For safety and ease of transport, do not use any sharp objects or pointed edges on the art piece. Please note at this time we do not accept artwork sent in digitally.

### Writing Submissions

Download form at [daytonholocaust.org](http://daytonholocaust.org) or [jewishdayton.org](http://jewishdayton.org). Writing must be formatted in either Word or PDF and emailed to Lidia Zambilovici ([lzambilovici@jfgd.net](mailto:lzambilovici@jfgd.net)) with the following information included in the body of the email: Student name, school, grade, teacher, teacher email, and the title of the piece.

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND WINNER NOTIFICATION

March 6, 2026 is the deadline for all submissions. **Original artwork must be dropped off at Temple Israel (130 Riverside Dr., Dayton, 45405).**

The teacher will be notified of contest winners and event details by email. Upon notification, we ask that each teacher relay this information to both the student and their families. Teachers, please provide a master list and/or a copy of each entry form with the student name and title of the piece.

All students, teachers and family members are invited to attend the Yom Hashoah program on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Temple Israel. Awards and certificates will be presented during this event.

**Max & Lydia May**

Memorial Holocaust Art & Writing Contest

*Sponsored by the Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton, Renate Frydman, PhD, Chair*

