

TOBY NUSSBAUM JHNY2009 WRITING CONTEST



Hon. Dennis M. Walcott, NYC Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development, presented awards to the winners of the Toby Nussbaum JHNY2009 Writing Contest at City Hall on June 11, 2009.

Left to right, the students are: Savannah Santiago, Catherine Villani, Shajoti Rahman, Georgiana Yang, Keren Alshanetsky, Alexander Christian Vanegas, Sarah Wertz, Bilal Anwar, and Manuel Antonio "Tony" Pazos.

Joining Deputy Mayor Walcott (center) and the students are (left to right): Judith Shapiro, JHNY Co-Chairperson; Marcy A. Fishman, JHNY Director; Michael S. Miller, JCRC Executive Vice President and CEO; Marcia R. Eisenberg, JCRC Jewish Communal Affairs Director; Dale Nussbaum, Toby Nussbaum JHNY2008 Contest Co-Chairperson; and Ross Wallenstein, Assistant to the Governor for Community Affairs.

The Toby Nussbaum Jewish Heritage-NY2009 Writing Contest, sponsored in cooperation with the New York City Department of Education, was named in honor of the late JCRC Vice President in 2008. Students from throughout New York City's Public Schools entered the contest on the theme *Gemilut Hasadim: Acts of Loving Kindness*. As always, the winners represented the diversity of our city. The students received their awards at a ceremony hosted by Hon. Dennis M. Walcott, NYC Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development, at City Hall on June 11, 2009.

Deputy Mayor Walcott graciously welcomed the students, their parents and educators to the Blue Room; JHNY2009 Co-Chairman Judith Shapiro greeted the guests; Dale Nussbaum, Co-Chairperson of the Toby Nussbaum JHNY2009 Contest, offered remarks; and Ross Wallenstein, Assistant to the Governor for Community Affairs, read a letter of congratulations from Governor David A. Paterson. The Deputy Mayor presented the JCRC awards, Ross presented certificates from the Governor to each student, and JCRC Executive Vice President and CEO Michael S. Miller closed the program. Finally, the students were escorted on an exclusive tour of City Hall, including the Mayor's famous "bullpen" and City Council Chambers.