

TOBY NUSSBAUM JHNY2012 WRITING CONTEST AWARD CEREMONY



Gregg Betheil, Executive Director, School Programs & Partnerships at the New York City Department of Education, presented awards to the winners of the Toby Nussbaum JHNY2012 Writing Contest at City Hall on June 12, 2012.

Left to right, the students are: Fatoumata Diallo from PS 63 in the Bronx; Jack Ye from Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan; Lariya Garba from CIS 303 in the Bronx; Caleb Sooknanan from PS 232 in Queens; Katherine Wei from Stuyvesant High School; Elia Portnoy from Stuyvesant High School; Manuela DeMonte from PS 204 in Brooklyn; Masiel Diplan from PS 63 in the Bronx; and Ashley Pung from Mark Twain IS 239 for the Gifted and Talented in Brooklyn.

Joining Mr. Betheil, (right) are (left to right): Marcy A. Fishman, JHNY Director, Michael S. Miller, JCRC-NY Executive Vice President and CEO; Alan S. Jaffe, JCRC-NY President; Bernard W. Nussbaum, widower of Toby Nussbaum; Dale Nussbaum, Toby Nussbaum JHNY2012 Contest Co-Chairperson; and Judith Shapiro, JHNY Chairperson.

The Toby Nussbaum Jewish Heritage-NY2012 Writing Contest, sponsored in cooperation with the New York City Department of Education, was named in honor of the late JCRC-NY Vice President in 2008. Students from throughout New York City's Public Schools entered the contest on the theme *Hakarot Tovah: Gratitude and Appreciation*. As always, the nine winners represented the diversity of our city. The students received their awards at a ceremony hosted by Gregg Betheil, Executive Director, School Programs & Partnerships at the New York City Department of Education, at City Hall on June 12, 2012.

An terrific stand-in for Chancellor Dennis Walcott, who was summoned by the Mayor at the last minute, Mr. Betheil graciously welcomed the students, their parents and educators to the Blue Room; JCRC-NY President Alan S. Jaffe and JHNY2012 Co-Chairman Judith Shapiro greeted the guests; Dale Nussbaum, Co-Chairperson of the Toby Nussbaum JHNY2012 Contest, and Toby's widower Bernard W. Nussbaum offered remarks; Mr. Betheil presented the awards to each student; and JCRC-NY Executive Vice President and CEO Michael S. Miller closed the program.