

TOBY NUSSBAUM JHNY2016 WRITING CONTEST AWARD CEREMONY



NYC Schools Deputy Mayor Richard Buery presented awards to the winners of the Toby Nussbaum JHNY2016 Writing Contest at City Hall on June 6, 2016.

Left to right, the students are: Solana Drayton, Anisa Palevic, Anjali Luckhoo, Hanna Aly, Soumia Chakour, Sasha Pezenik, Hijab Zaidi, and Sandhya Sewnauth. Not pictured: Ross Bonete
Joining Deputy Mayor Buery (center) in the back row are (left to right): Michael Nussbaum, JHNY Contest Co-Chairperson; Bernard W. Nussbaum, widower of Toby Nussbaum; Dale Nussbaum, JHNY Contest Co-Chairperson; Michael S. Miller, JCRC-NY Executive Vice President and CEO; and Marcia Eisenberg, JCRC-NY General Counsel. Not pictured: Judith Shapiro, JHNY Chairperson, and Marcy A. Fishman, JCRC-NY Director of Special Projects

The Toby Nussbaum Jewish Heritage-NY2016 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 *Ahavat Ger: Welcoming the Stranger*. As always, the nine winners represented the diversity of our city. The students received their awards at a ceremony hosted by New York City Deputy Mayor Richard Buery at City Hall on June 6, 2016.

As host of the ceremony for the third consecutive year, Deputy Mayor Buery graciously welcomed the students, their parents and educators to City Hall. Judith Shapiro, Chairperson of JHNY, Michael Nussbaum and Dale Nussbaum, Co-Chairpersons of the Toby Nussbaum JHNY Contest, and Toby's widower Bernard W. Nussbaum, offered remarks; Deputy Mayor Buery presented the awards to each student; and Michael S. Miller, JCRC-NY Executive Vice President and CEO, closed the program. All of the speakers eloquently addressed the significance of this year's theme and how the concept of *ahavat ger* is the ideal tribute to Toby, who cherished family and community. Also in attendance were teacher Barbra Klein from Cardozo High School as well as JCRC-NY Director of Special Projects Marcy A. Fishman, JCRC-NY General Counsel Marcia R. Eisenberg and JCRC-NY Director of Russian-Speaking Outreach Michael Nemirovsky (also serving as our photographer.)

After the ceremony, Deputy Mayor Buery led the students and their guests on a private tour of City Hall, the perfect ending to a special afternoon.