

TOBY NUSSBAUM JHNY2017 WRITING CONTEST AWARD CEREMONY



Photo by Maxine Dove

NYC Deputy Mayor Richard Buery presented awards to the winners of the Toby Nussbaum JHNY2017 Writing Contest at City Hall on June 7, 2017.

Left to right, the students are: Anisa Palevic, Faye Musarra, Bing Chen, Jackie Dong, Baird Johnson and Moriah Ramcharran. Not pictured: Adam Wickham.

Also pictured, left to right: Marcy Fishman, Michael Nussbaum, Bernard Nussbaum, Dale Nussbaum, Deputy Mayor Richard Buery, Judith Shapiro, Charles Temel and Michael Miller.

The Toby Nussbaum Jewish Heritage-NY2017 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 *Cultural Pluralism: Maintaining Cultures; Enriching America*. As always, the seven 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 7, 2017.

As host of the ceremony for the fourth consecutive year, Deputy Mayor Buery graciously welcomed the students, their parents and educators to City Hall. Charles S. Temel, JCRC-NY President, 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 paid tribute to Toby and noted how perfectly this contest honors the memory of a special person who cherished family, community, education and the arts. Also in attendance were teacher Jennifer Suri, Supervisor of Social Studies at Stuyvesant High School, Ashley Sapan, Counselor at Brooklyn Technical High School, and JCRC-NY Director of Special Projects Marcy A. Fishman.

After the ceremony, Deputy Mayor Buery led the students and their guests on a private tour of City Hall, including Mayor Bill de Blasio's office, the perfect ending to a special afternoon.