

TOBY NUSSBAUM JHNY2018 WRITING CONTEST AWARD CEREMONY



NYC Commissioner Marcos Carrión presented awards to the winners of the Toby Nussbaum JHNY2018 Writing Contest at City Hall on June 6, 2018. Left to right, the students are Madison Melendez, Matthew Driscoll, Solana Drayton, Alek Gozman, Lilliana uritsky and Kent Dong: Not pictured: Maeve Brennan. Also pictured, left to right: Marcy Fishman, Marcia Eisenberg, Michael Nussbaum, Judith Shapiro, Dale Nussbaum, Commissioner Carrión, Bernard Nussbaum and Michael Miller.

The Toby Nussbaum Jewish Heritage-NY2018 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 *Bayit: Home, Family and Community*. As always, the seven winners represented the diversity of our city. The students received their awards at a ceremony hosted by Hon. Marco Carrión, Commissioner, NYC Mayor's Community Affairs Unit, at City Hall on June 6, 2018.

As host of the ceremony for the first time, Commissioner Carrión 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; Commissioner Carrión 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 Ashley Sapan, Guidance Counselor at Brooklyn Technical High School, JCRC-NY Director of Special Projects Marcy A. Fishman, who coordinates the contest, and JCRC-NY General Counsel Marcia R. Eisenberg.

After the ceremony, the students and their guests were treated to a private tour of City Hall, the perfect ending to a special afternoon.