

TOBY NUSSBAUM JHNY2019 WRITING CONTEST AWARD CEREMONY



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NYC Commissioner Marcos Carrión presented awards to the winners of the Toby Nussbaum JHNY2019 Writing Contest at City Hall on June 5, 2019. Left to right, the students are Zachary Cytryn, Drilona Vata, Brendan Katz, George Dong, Clara Shapiro, Edwin Cheng, Qazi Ali, Gabriel Matatov, and Yasmin Kerikar. Also pictured, left to right: Marcy Fishman, Commissioner Carrión, Charles Temel, Dale Nussbaum, Bernard Nussbaum, Michael Miller and Michael Nussbaum.

The Toby Nussbaum Jewish Heritage-NY2019 Writing Contest is a featured event of Jewish Heritage-NY, chaired by Judith Shapiro. Sponsored in cooperation with the New York City Department of Education, the contest 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 *Machkoket L'shem Shamayim: Constructive Conflicts*. As always, the nine 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 5, 2019.

As host of the ceremony for the second consecutive year, Commissioner Carrión graciously welcomed the students, their parents and teachers to City Hall. Charles S. Temel, JCRC-NY President, 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 teachers Robin Kovat from James Madison High School in Brooklyn and Robert Sandler from Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan; Pinchas Ringel, Jewish Liaison to Mayor Bill de Blasio; Wanufi Teshome, Community Liaison at the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit; Marcy A. Fishman, JCRC-NY Director of Special Projects who coordinates the contest; and Marly Pierrellys, JCRC-NY Executive Associate, Finance and Administration.

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