**THE HELEN AND LEON SPERLING**

**HOLOCAUST EDUCATION**

**ESSAY CONTEST**

The lessons of history are many. Among the most important is the way that events of the past teach us how to better view the present and to react with understanding, foresight, and courage.

Choose ***one*** of these topics for your essay:

1. How do events of the Holocaust have meaning in our current time of increasing anti-Semitic events occurring in the United States?
2. How has your personal life been affected by the study of the Holocaust?
3. A book, movie, article or documentary that influenced your understanding of the Holocaust and encouraged you to learn more. Describe.

**Guidelines:**

* The essay contest is open to students in 2 categories.
  + Grades 6-8 and 9-12.
* **Submit a PDF approximately 3 pages**
  + **Using 12pt. Times New Roman font double-spaced.**
* Cite your references and sources since plagiarism will be disqualified.
* Grammar, punctuation and spelling will be taken into consideration.
* Entry forms are available on the following websites:

JCCUTICA.net    ♦    TBEUTICA.org    ♦    TEMPLEEMANUEL-UTICA.org

* Submit completed application and essay to: [**Beauboxer@gmail.com**](mailto:Beauboxer@gmail.com)
* **Deadline for submission is April 1, 2025**

**Awards:  
1st place: $360    ♦    2nd place: $180    ♦    3rd place: $144**

**Awards will be presented at the lecture, and the first-place essay will be published in the program.**

The Annual Helen and Leon Sperling Holocaust Memorial Lecture

**APRIL 23, 2025, 7:30PM**

Jewish Community Center

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