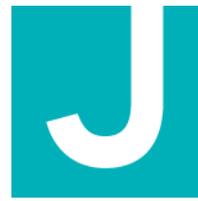




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## 2021 Holocaust Remembrance Writing & Art Contest

2nd Place:

### **“Poems of Remembrance”**

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The Jewish people have gone through several instances related to anti-semitism throughout history, however, nothing can even remotely compare to the emotional, mental, and most of all physical pain placed upon these them by the ruthless and racist Nazi party.

**Acts of courage and heroism-** Throughout the holocaust, many stayed silent in the face of violence against the Jewish people. Many however broke that silence and acted in ways beyond heroism, one of those people being Carl Lutz. Lutz was a diplomat who bravely used paper and pencil as a defensive weapon.

### Defense

Bullets are weapons of destruction, inching closer and closer to their target

How does one defend themselves from a bullet?

Armor? Speed? More bullets?

Pen and Paper, more defensive than spoken word itself.

Protecting even the least defensible

Importantly, the most targeted.

**Resistance and rescue-** It's difficult to wait for saving, especially when death lingers just below your feet. This prompts the resistance of many Jewish people against the nazi regime. These people are lead into darkness, forced into silence, and must look for any ounce of hope they can.

### Hope

Darkness is the fear within.

Inside our minds, we twist it in.

Into our worlds, we darken our lives

And in that darkness, we introduce silence

Silence lives within our hearts.

It floats within our skin.

Moving about through the air,

It whips, it twists, like a flyaway hair

It's deep within one's waiting soul.

It's collected in the corner of the eye, where water holds.

When silence is done and has run its course,

Hope evolves.

**Persecution, intolerance, and injustice-** Far too many times in the brief history of human life there's been horrific instances of injustice, intolerance, and persecution. One of the most atrocious being the devastating Holocaust. Instances such as this make you wonder how does one bring themselves to such horrific devastation.

#### How Do You?

How do you sleep?

How do you eat?

How do you simply breathe?

How do you live with it?

The separation of families

The endless work of innocent humans

The murdering of children and adults

How do you simply breathe?

How do you eat?

How do sleep?

**The consequences of indifference-** Many may ask the question of how the German Civilians and nazi soldiers can be so incredibly indifferent to the actions they were taking during the holocaust, no one can truly understand...

I.N.D.I.F.F.E.R.E.N.C.E.

Innocent lives taken away

No concern or regard for the pain caused to innocent people

Determined to sweep every last breath

In no way empathetic to the lives of the people who are hanging on to life by your whips

Fabricating the reputation of Jewish people to justify atrocious actions

Ferociously destroying families

Erasing evidence of tactics used against Jewish people.

Rewriting the course of history, changing the belief that “nothing like this could ever happen”

Endlessly starving enslaved Jewish workers

Notably murdering over 6 million helpless people

Creating false narratives of minorities

Empathetic to none

Truly nothing can describe the holocaust, nothing can account for the multitude of lives taken, no one can feel what any victim or survivor of the holocaust felt or feels. What we can do is continue to use methods like writing and art to remember what was faced due to blatant racism and hatred and honor the lives of those who fell to it.