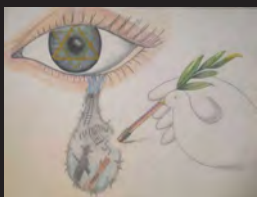


CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!

We challenged you to dispel the darkness & illuminate a better way forward!

The Shine A Light Youth Art Contest was developed to raise awareness of antisemitism, share educational resources and empower individuals to stand against the hatred of Jewish people through the power of art. Thank you to all those who entered and congratulations to the winners.

1ST PLACE

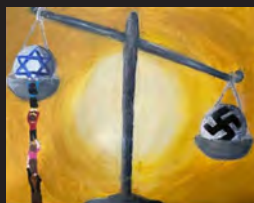


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2ND PLACE



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Senior Division^Δ
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Eli J.

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Charlie W.



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Silenced
Gabriella E.

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Benny N., *The Face of Tomorrow*
Bryn P., *Even in the Dark of Night, One Person Can Shine A Light That Everyone Can See*
Cooper S., *The Balloon of Hope*
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Marialetizia P., *Liberty*
Noah S., *Encourage*
Varsha K., *Celebrate the Diversity*
Zaina D., *Children of Holocaust*
Zoe K., *The Heat of Hate*

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SENIOR DIVISION (9-12th grades) ^Δ

Aaralyn S., Josephine Bähr
Aubrey P., *Deaf Ears*
Daniel S., *Standing Together Against Antisemitism*
Kaitlyn B., *Mezuzah*
Kaleigh B., *You Don't Look Jewish*
Kelly B., *Caging the Dragon*
Kiran S., *Lend a Hand to Shine a Light on Antisemitism*
Natalie S., *Then and Now: We Still Fight*
Rachel G., *Together We Stand*
Yaraida S., *The Protector*

JUDGES

The Honorable Mayor Jane Castor, City of Tampa
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Renee Buono, Tampa Museum of Art
Sara Golding Scher, Artist and Community Volunteer
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**Senior Division
First Place**

Standing Together

I wanted to showcase that the Jewish community is more than a stereotype. I showed a number of different people from different backgrounds, with a floral background to symbolize growth and perseverance.

Artist: Cora B.



**Senior Division
Second Place**

The American Jew

It brings awareness to the feeling of being singled out with a target on your chest in the U.S. In the U.S. flag are lines from articles that promote antisemitism from the U.S., bringing light to the history of antisemitism in the U.S.

Artist: Eli J.

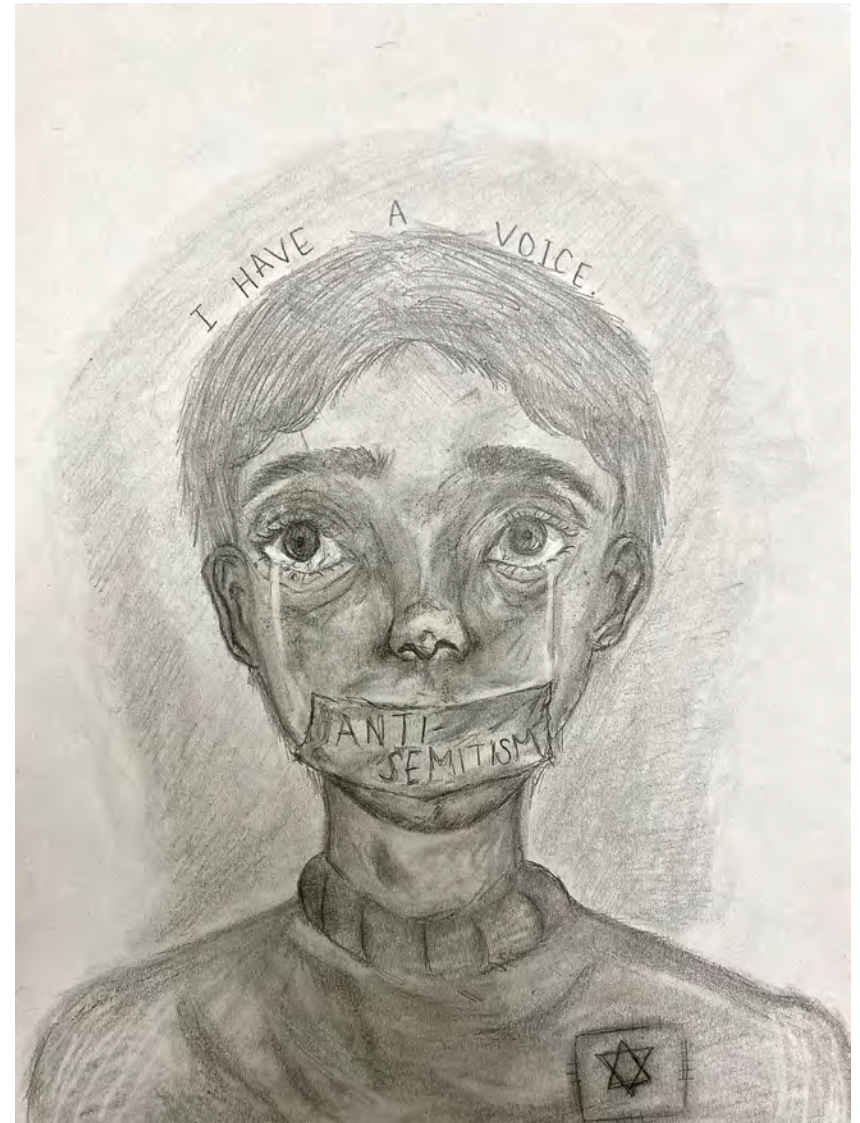


**Senior Division
Third Place**

Silenced

It shows how heartbreaking it is to be silenced and how it hurts the Jewish community. You can tell the person in the photo is crying because of the pain.

Artist: Gabriella E.



Senior Division Honorable Mention

Then and Now: We Still Fight

In my art piece, I aimed to bring to light that antisemitic acts are not just a problem of our past, but also of the modern world. I created a collage of both historical and current news headlines to illustrate the ongoing issue. Antisemitism is NOT limited to the Holocaust, it is, sadly, still affecting our communities today. The hands in the foreground promote unity and emphasize the importance of people coming together to continue the fight, hoping one day we combat the hatred against the Jewish community.

Artist: Natalie S.



**Senior Division
Honorable Mention**

You Don't Look Jewish

My piece depicts diversity within a Jewish community celebrating Sukkot, my favorite Jewish holiday. There is a common stereotype surrounding Jewish people that assumes that all people within a Jewish community share the same nationality and race. While Judaism is an ethnicity, it is not a race. My piece attempts to illustrate that people of any color and any race can practice Judaism. Your race does not define your ethnicity.

My title of the artwork comes from the generalized statement within this stereotype, "Well, you don't look Jewish."

With this piece I hope to enlighten people that Judaism cannot be defined by the color of your skin or your physical appearance. It is a part of your soul.

Artist: Kaleigh B.



**Senior Division
Honorable Mention**

Deaf Ears

I aim to awaken how many protests are silenced or how antisemitism is glossed over in media. We need to speak out and make sure we are heard.

Artist: Aubrey P.



**Senior Division
Honorable Mention**

Caging the Dragon

Trying to fight antisemitism without unity is like trying to fight a dragon with only your two hands. Our only hope to tame this "beast" is through unity and awareness.

Artist: Kelly B.

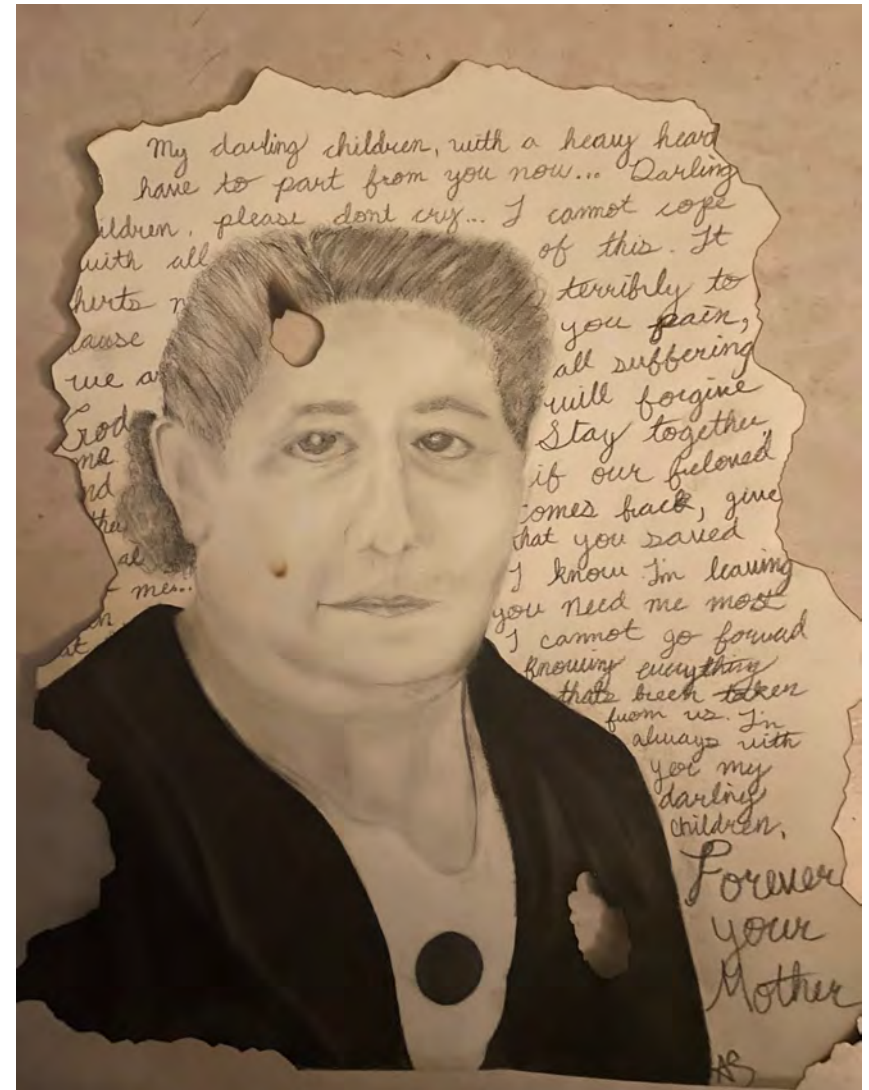


**Senior Division
Honorable Mention**

Josephine Bähr

It depicts the effects of antisemitism onto others as Josephine Bähr committed suicide due to the hatred of this world. Surrounding her portrait is her suicide letter to her two young children.

Artist: Aaralyn S.



**Senior Division
Honorable Mention**

Mezuzah

This artwork depicts a hand touching a Mezuzah, a scroll of paper inscribed with important verses from the Torah. It is customary a Mezuzah to be hung on the doorframes within a household and to be touched every time one enters a room, to serve as a beautiful reminder of one's faith. The mezuzah in this piece has been decorated with the Hebrew word for "love". I chose to include this word as I think it is representative of the only universal answer to hate. Love is the antithesis to hate and through love, we will be able to overcome the antisemitism that is present in the world.

Artist: Kaitlyn B.



**Senior Division
Honorable Mention
*Lend a Hand to Shine a
Light on Antisemitism***

My artwork illuminates the cause and inspires people to get involved in helping fight antisemitism.

Artist: Kiran S.



**Senior Division
Honorable Mention**

Together We Stand

This piece depicts how the fight against antisemitism is a fight that can not be done alone. It will take a community working together peacefully to create change.

Artist: Rachel G.



**Senior Division
Honorable Mention**

The Protector

My piece has a melancholy mood with the expression and dark background. However, the Star of David, a symbol of protection, provides a contrast showing the beauty and vividness of Jewish culture persisting through the dark.

Artist: Yaraida S.



Standing Together Against Antisemitism

My art piece brings attention to antisemitism with a message that a change needs to happen to stop hatred towards the Jewish community around the globe.

Additionally, it portrays people joining the fight and spreading positivity, unity, and love rather than violence and discrimination.

Artist: Daniel S.

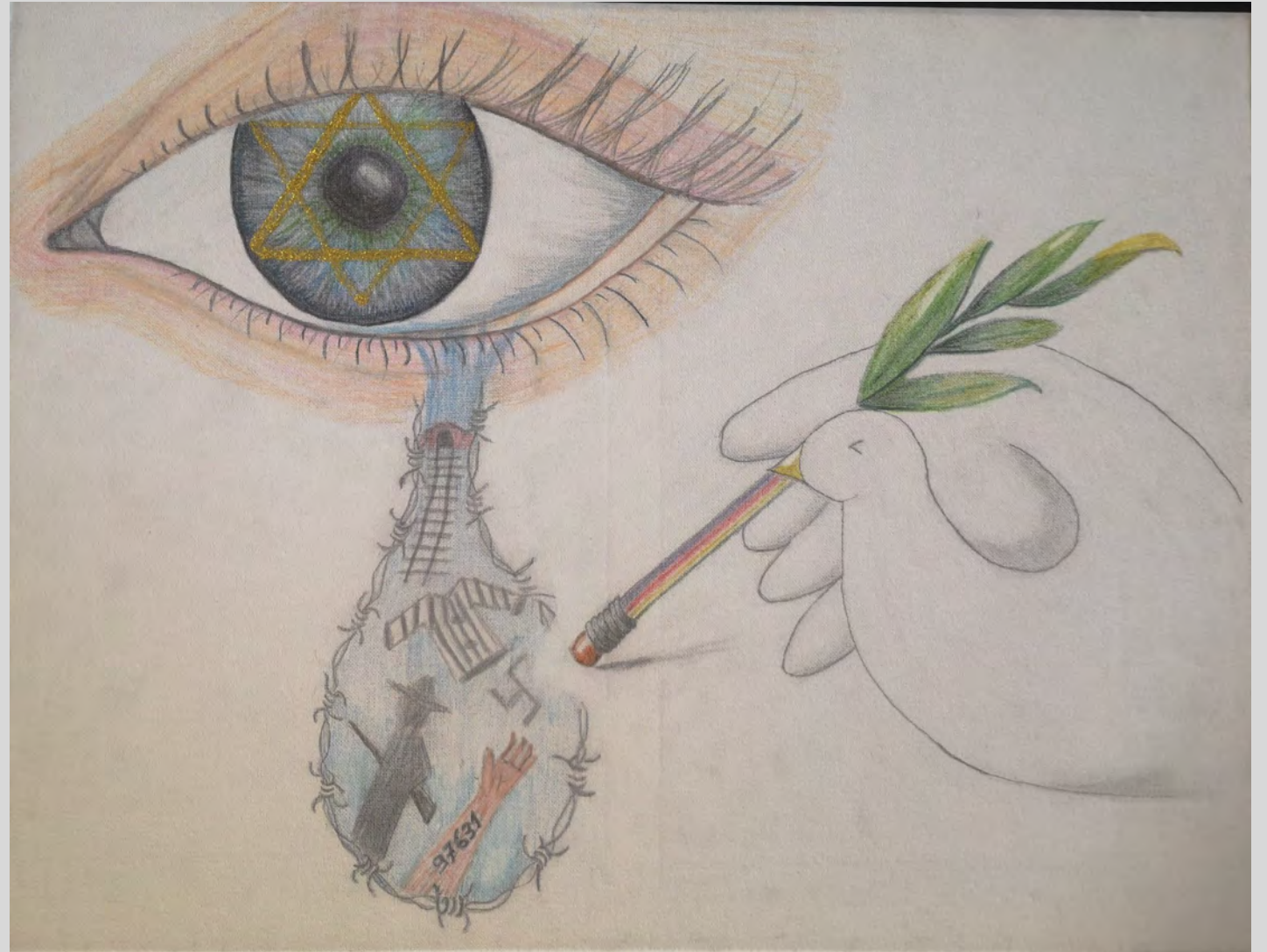


**Junior Division
First Place**

Never Again

There are moments that we cannot forget but we must remember so that they never happen again. There is no eraser to erase the past, but we can use a pencil to draw a future without tears.

Artist: Edoardo P.



**Junior Division
Second Place**

The Weight of Hate

My painting reflects the inequality between the Jewish people and the antisemitic people, as it is viewed by the later as they considered themselves as "worth more". The Nazis represent pure hate against the Jewish people, so I chose to use the swastika, which is a symbol adopted by Hitler and the Nazi party, to represent racially pure state. The children in my painting are trying to fight the inequality.

Artist: Danielle N.



**Junior Division
Third Place**

Yad B'Yad-Hand in Hand

I created this artwork to show that by uniting "Hand in Hand" we can work together to stop the spread of antisemitism and create a world without hate.

Artist: Charlie W.



**Junior Division
Honorable Mention**

Children of Holocaust

My art piece shows a little girl grasping at her parent's memory, while they are unable to reach back. To overcome the hatred that tore apart millions of families, we must unite as one and heal together.

Artist: Zaina D.



"Our immortality comes through our children and their children.
Through our roots and branches. The family is immortality.
And Hitler has destroyed not just branches and roots,
but entire family trees, forests. All of them, gone."
- Amy Harmon

**Junior Division
Honorable Mention**

The Face of Tomorrow

The silhouette isn't any person, it's Mary Punjer. She was a lesbian Jew who was killed in a concentration camp because of the Nazis.

This silhouette indicates strength but also things out of reach. The little kids on the sides show that their freedom and indiscrimination are out of reach. So in Mary's head, 2 hands come together in peace just wondering when will us Jews live equally as all?

Artist: Benny N.



**Junior Division
Honorable Mention**

Liberty

Walking together
following the same ideals
we can break borders, for
a future where the only
passport will be the heart.

Artist: Marialetizia P.



**Junior Division
Honorable Mention**

Fire Doesn't Forget

My painting depicts an image of a 'memory.' They can burn a body, but not a memory. No matter how much fire surrounds it, if we don't forget it, it's there.

Hate has followed us through the centuries, but we are still here, amidst the fire and hardship, we are still here, but even stronger. If the Holocaust taught the world one thing it is to speak up when the world is on fire.

Artist: Adira F.



**Junior Division
Honorable Mention**

The Heat of Hate

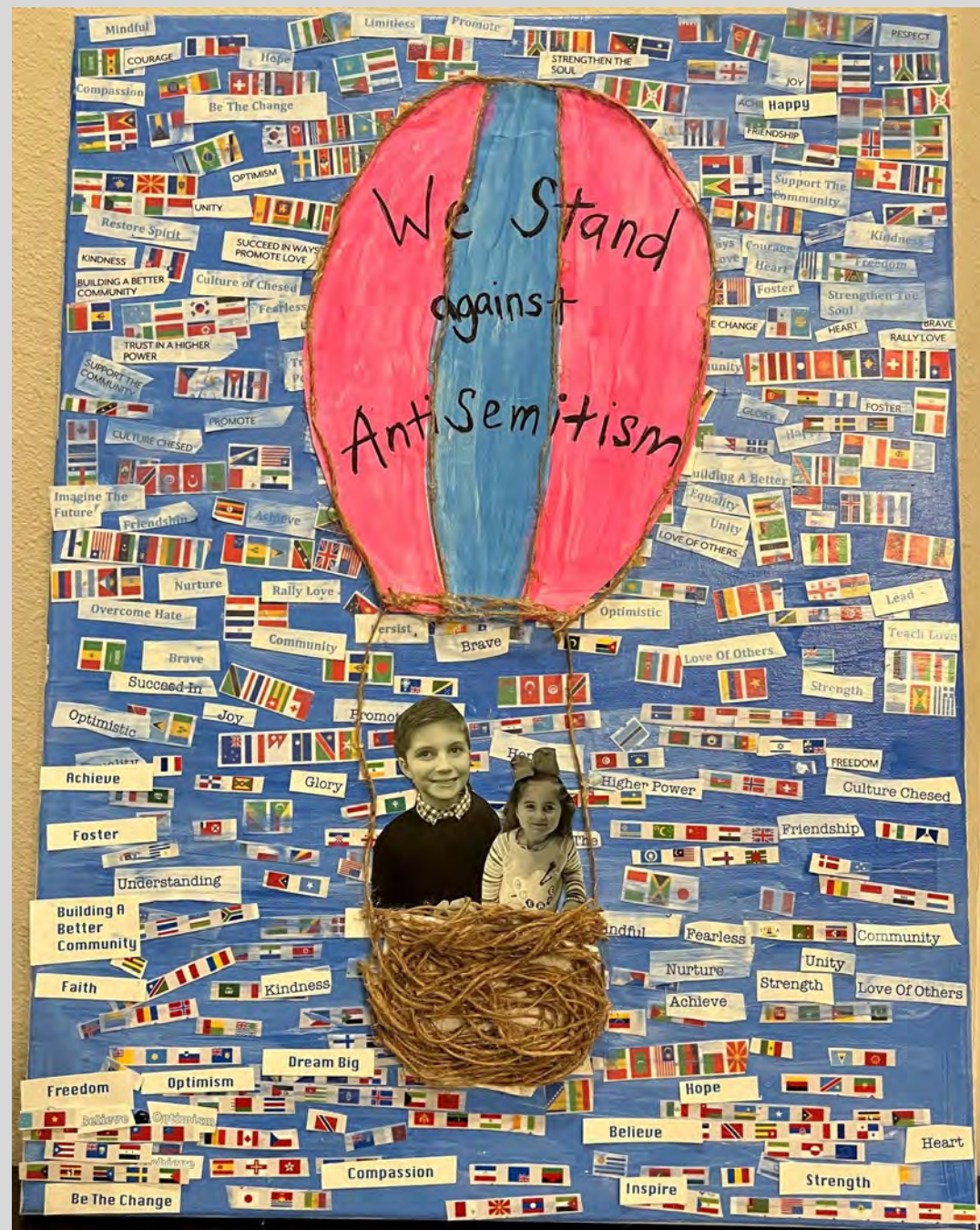
The fire represents the heat and frustration of antisemitism but the Stars of David and inspirational quotes show that nothing should change who you are.

Artist: Zoe K.



The Balloon of Hope

Artist: Cooper S.



**Junior Division
Honorable Mention**

Encourage

My piece portrays one world that provides faith, strength and courage to all ending antisemitism. I am dedicating my piece in loving memory of Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman because she provided and taught faith, strength and courage to ALL.

Artist: Noah S.



**Junior Division
Honorable Mention**

Untitled

Even in the dark of night, one person can shine a light that everyone can see

This piece shows that Judaism as a whole is made up of individuals who care from the heart about our culture. One individual can touch many different lives through good actions.

Artist: Bryn P.



**Junior Division
Honorable Mention**

Celebrate the Diversity

Diversity makes us stronger as a
community and this collective
strength makes our planet more
peaceful!

Artist: Varsha K.



**Junior Division
Honorable Mention**

Bring Peace Back

This is a model of how we, as Jews, can fight back. I'm shining a light on antisemitism and how we can fight back. A peaceful protest is a way to kindly, and even non-violently fight back.

Artist: Isla B.

