

**Mens Club
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael
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Annual David Appel-Joseph Gruenberg Memorial Holocaust Essay Contest

The Men's Club of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael is sponsoring an essay contest for students to apply their knowledge gained in studying the Holocaust. There will be \$500 cash awards for up to two essays judged to be the best by our club's committee. The guidelines are as follows:

- Essays will be guided by the topic given below
- The essays will be 2-3 typed pages in length
- Essays will be judged on the following: historical content, spelling and grammar, and personal opinions that reveal how the topic affected your thoughts
- The due date as established by the The Men's Club of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael
- The winner may have the opportunity to present their essay for Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael's Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) commemoration in April 2026.

Essay Topic:

“The Other” is a sociological concept in which individuals or groups are perceived as fundamentally different or inferior from the “in group” or the group in power. The result is the “others” lose dignity, rights, status and freedoms.

This concept was prominent in many eras of history, including the Holocaust and the present day.

For your essay, you must address each of the following three parts. In each, cite an example of where “the other” can be seen and its impact on individuals and society.

The three parts are: (1) the Holocaust; (2) our contemporary society; (3) what suggestion do you have to mitigate this problem.

Essays will be judged based on content and writing style.

Your essay should:

- Provide a definition of “the other”.
- Use multiple, reputable sources to gain a balanced and fuller understanding of the subject.
- Demonstrate how “the other.” Has been viewed in the societies they live/lived in.
- If you recognize an example of “the other” in your society and life, describe them and how they are being treated. Suggest how could this be minimized?
- Personalize it through examples using yourself or real people in your life who were in a situation of being looked at or judged as “the other”.

Good luck and thank you for your study of this very important event in mankind's history.

DUE DATES:

FINAL DRAFT FOR CONTEST SUBMISSION: March 27, 2026