

FOURTH ANNUAL GEORGES LIEBER ESSAY CONTEST ON RESISTANCE

AWARDS:

First Prize – \$1,000; Second Prize – \$500; Third Prize – \$300
Two Honorable Mentions – \$200 Each

ELIGIBILITY:

Registered High school students—first-year through senior—during the Spring 2023 Semester.



Georges Lieber, at the age of 16, prided himself on being part of the French resistance. Perhaps because of that involvement, he and his family were identified and taken by the Nazis, and on July 3, 1944, Georges was deported to Auschwitz, where he was murdered. To make a blessing of Georges Lieber's memory, please articulate an issue on or of resistance that you have encountered and analyze what it has taught you about resistance and yourself. Note that the most engaging essays often reflect deeply on a particularly meaningful experience or episode in one's life. That approach could focus on resistance pertaining to:

- A personal issue*
- A family matter*
- An academic inquiry*
- A dilemma in literature or film*
- A recent article or editorial in a major newspaper*
- A current conflict in American life*
- An international crisis*

Format: In 3,000 words, you are encouraged to raise questions, single out issues, and identify dilemmas involving resistance. Essays may be written in the formal or informal tone, but most importantly, an individual voice should be evident. The essay should be developed from your point of view and may be biographical, historical, literary, philosophical, psychological, sociological or theological. It must be the original, unpublished work of one student. Only one essay per student per year may be submitted. It must have a title, and must be written in English. Essay should be titled, typed in 12-point font easily readable font (such as Times New Roman), double-spaced with 1" margins and numbered pages. Submissions will be judged anonymously, by the Gettysburg College Jewish Studies Committee. (We have heavily relied on the language from the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics essay contest.)

Deadline: 8:00pm EST April 19, 2023

**Submission: email your essay, with "Georges Lieber" as the subject,
to the Jewish Studies Committee at Gettysburg College:
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Dear College Adviser,

The Gettysburg College Jewish Studies committee would like to let you know of our fourth annual essay contest for high school students on Resistance. Please see the accompanying flyer/poster. The JS committee will evaluate the essays (names will remain anonymous to committee members) and pick the winners.

We have no doubt you have students thinking about this issue from a variety of perspectives. We hope to be reading their essays soon.

If you have any questions, you can send an email to the Jewish Studies administrative assistant, Triada Chavis, at tchavis@gettysburg.edu.

Sincerely,

Stephen Stern PhD
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Director Center for Jewish Studies

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