

THE MAX MAY MEMORIAL

Holocaust Art Contest



Dayton Area Student Artwork
About the Holocaust

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INTRODUCTION

The Max May Memorial Holocaust Art Contest has been conducted by the Dayton Holocaust Resource Center for the past fifteen years. It is held in tandem with the Holocaust Writing Contest. Both yearly contests are designed to encourage students to express their deep feelings on this subject after studying it in the classroom.

The art contest is named after my grandfather, Max May, who was an artist. His foresight in leaving Europe saved his family from persecution in the Holocaust. It enabled my family to start a new life in this great country. In sponsoring this contest, I honor his memory. The Holocaust Art Contest has become an amazing exhibition of talent, creativity, and sensitivity for the subject. Each year, art teachers, and some individual students, send us art that is astonishing in its scope and depth.

The art work comes from around the greater Dayton/Miami Valley area and encompasses diverse students who live in many different neighborhoods. The unifying force seems to be their understanding that learning about the prejudice and hatred that led up to the Holocaust is the first step to preventing it in the future.

We are extremely grateful to Culture Works and the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District for the grant given this year which enabled us to frame the art to be exhibited and to professionally produce this catalogue which also includes student writing from the Holocaust Writing Contest.

It is a great honor to exhibit pieces from the Max May Memorial Holocaust Art Contest in The Dayton Art Institute and in other venues around town. Sharing the students' work with the community, we hope, increases education and understanding.

We congratulate those students who are featured in this catalogue and whose work is on display. We recognize that there are many others we would like to exhibit, but space does not allow.

This catalogue is also dedicated to all the wonderful teachers in the greater Dayton area who each day in the classroom give their students lessons in humanity and making the world a better place.

THEY WILL REMEMBER

Renate Frydman

Renate Frydman, *Director, Dayton Holocaust Resource Center,
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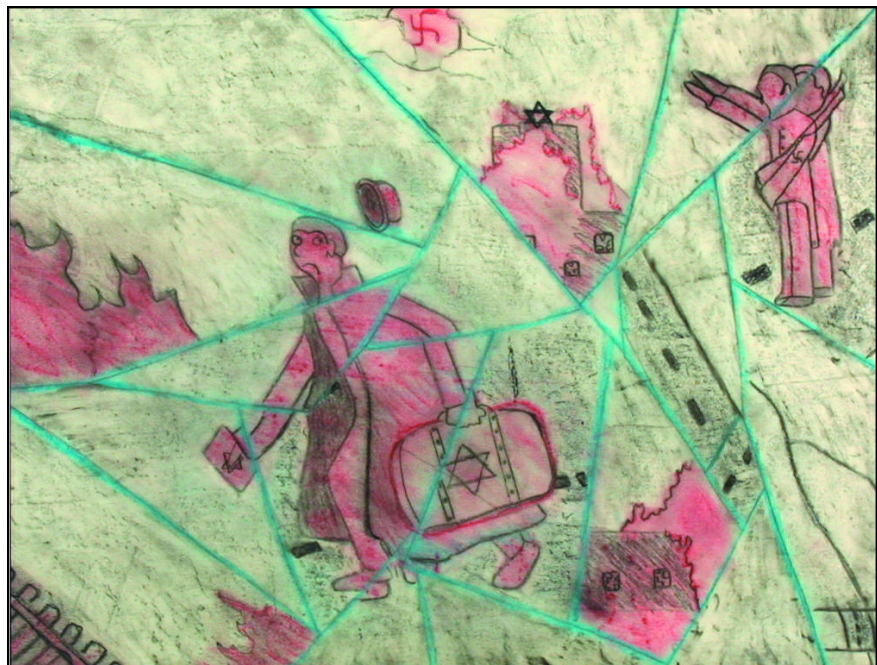
ONLY GUARD YOURSELF AND GUARD
YOUR SOUL CAREFULLY, LEST YOU
FORGET THE THINGS YOUR EYES
SAW, AND LEST THESE THINGS
DEPART YOUR HEART ALL THE
DAYS OF YOUR LIFE

1.

02

1. Kathy Will
REMEMBER
Marker and colored pencil
Ninth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher

2. Marquise Burns
KRISTALLNACHT
Pastel and charcoal
Ninth grade
Colonel White High School
Susan Tyner, teacher



2.



"HEAR ME CRY OUT

All my hair is shaved,
my arm is stamped,

but they cannot stamp out

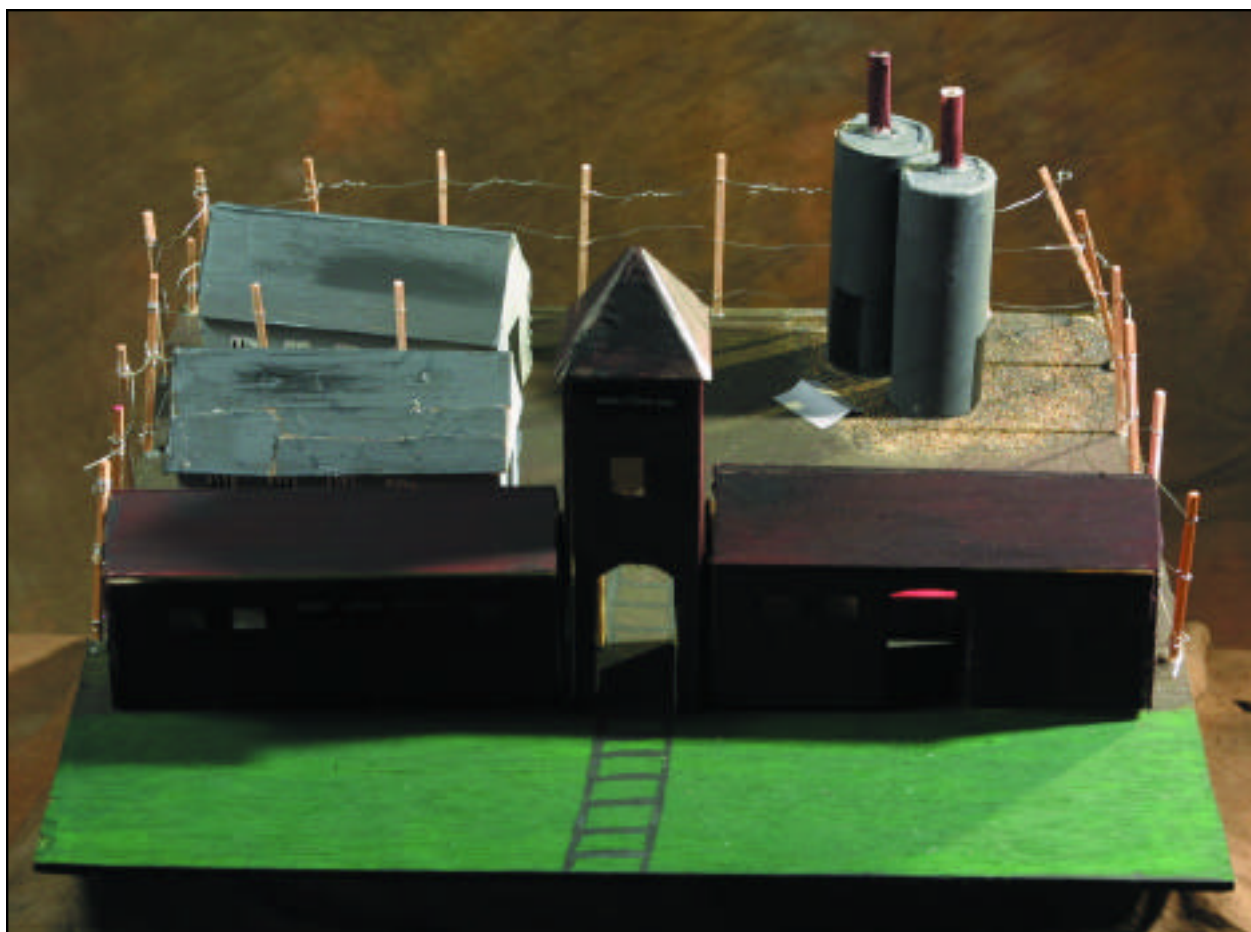
THE FIRE OF
my soul."

-Amy Ciaravolo,
THE FIRE OF MY SOUL

03

3. Aneta Bodlakova
UNTITLED
Mixed media
Exchange student from
Czech Republic
Northmont High School
Patricia Gerhardstein, teacher

3.



4.

04

4. Hannah Walden
AUSCHWITZ CAMP
 Wood
 Eighth grade
 Indian Valley Middle School
 Barbara Arnold, teacher

" THE ASHES BLOW

Across centuries
 Past burning crosses

Over bloody battlefields

Above the Promised Land
 Through Hell

Still crying

STILL ECHOING

Still teaching

Still teaching."

-Emily Maddox, THE POWER OF ASHES

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"When people die,
When peace is no longer,

WHEN
SMILES
FADE,

One thing survives.

HOPE."

-John Sylva,
HOLOCAUST



05

5. Jessica Elizabeth Ann Crosley
FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH
Glass
Eighth grade
Home Schooled
Lisa Crosley, teacher

5.

" I'm drowning
in a sea of forgotten souls.

WE NEED
to remember those
who died and
those that live.

WE WILL NEVER
let the insanity begin
again."

-Sarah Stevens,
SEA OF SOULS



6.

06

6. Teresa Pierce
WE ALL HAVE RED BLOOD
Mixed media on window screen
Twelfth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher



7.



8.

07

7. Claire Ferdening
TOO MUCH PAIN
 Watercolor and newspaper
 Ninth grade
 Chaminade-Julienne High School
 Diana Barr, teacher

8. Diana Schrimpf
HOPE IS FOUND IN THE INNOCENT
 Pastel and charcoal
 Ninth grade
 Ankeney Middle School
 Marie Dunn, teacher



9.

08

9. Theresa Lashway
STARVED
Acrylic
Eleventh grade
Northmont High School
Douglas Cozad, teacher



10.

"I cannot suppress my boredom any longer
Its cold icy hands come to grip me
My weapons of books and games have

RUN OUT.

Boredom's hands grab my ankles and
Are joined by silence, fear, and tension.

They squeeze my soul
And leave me void
of happiness.

When all seems lost a friendly hand
Reaches down to help me up,

Free me from the icy hands
And replenishes

MY HOPE."

-Matt Daniel, ANNE FRANK POEM

09

10. Neil Whittberg

GONE

Paint

Ninth grade

Chaminade-Julienne High School

Diana Barr, teacher



11.

10

11. Genna Duberstein
OUT OF THE ASHES
 Plaster
 Eleventh grade
 Northmont High School
 Patricia Gerhardtstein, teacher

" WHY DOES NOBODY SEE
 what I can see?"

Is the world so blind
 TO PAIN and
grief?

Many children of the Holocaust still survive today,

Remember them in your prayers,
 and never turn the other way."

-Roohi Abdulla,
 WHY DOES NOBODY SEE WHAT I CAN SEE?



12.



13.

11

12. Thomas Coffey
STAR OF DAVID'S MEMORIES
 Mixed media
 Eighth grade
 Indian Valley Middle School
 Barbara Arnold, teacher

13. Kristen Schafer
NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS
 Mixed media
 Tenth grade
 Chaminade-Julienne High School
 Diana Barr, teacher

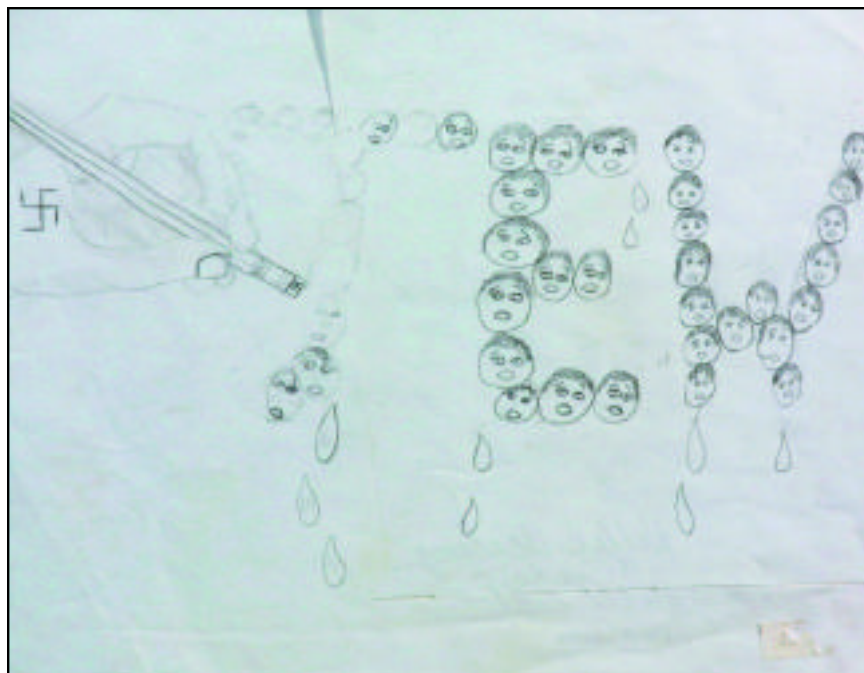


13.

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13. Teresa Perrella
**FROM HER WINDOW TERROR AND
 CONFUSION DRAW NEAR**
 Mixed media, window
 Tenth grade
 Chaminade-Julienne High School
 Diana Barr, teacher

14. Max Green
UNTITLED
 Graphite
 Seventh grade
 Hillel Academy
 Rabbi Samuel Feld, teacher



14.



15.

"It started with a small spark,

a whisper of wind,

A little glowing ember, but threatening and defined.

But there were no firefighters ready,
no sirens were heard,

And the silence fed the small fire,

it was not doused by words.

The fire starters saw their spark grow stronger,

HATRED

was the fuel

The silent bystanders watching, were used as their main tool.

And the fire got hotter as the silence got louder."

-Christine Stier,
SCORCHING FIRE AND DEAFENING SILENCE

15. Bethany McCoy-Ramsey
SEPARATION
Mixed media
Eleventh grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher

13



16.

14

16. Jennifer Hubbard
NEVER FORGET
 Mixed media
 Eleventh grade
 Chaminade-Julienne High School
 Diana Barr, teacher

“TEARS
 Flow in golden rivers
 THE SEA OF STARS
 Calls my name
 Their pain is ours.”

-Tabatha Wharton,
 SEA OF STARS



17. Sam Weprin
WE REMEMBER
Oil pastel
Eighth grade
Hillel Academy
Jennifer Ater, teacher

18. Megan Staley
EVENT OF REIGN OF TERROR
Mixed media
Eleventh grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher



18.

"Every pair
of shoes

a reminder

Of a father,
a son,
a daughter,
a mother

KILLED

during Hitler's reign

OF TERROR

Killed in the camps,
the ovens, the showers." -Katie Zink,
THE SHOES



19.



20.

17

19. Jaime Ferguson
HOPE
Graphite
Tenth grade
Beavercreek High School
Carolyn Newhouse, teacher

20. Michael Arnovitz
NUMBERS OF LIFE
Pastel
Eighth grade
Hillel Academy
Jennifer Ater, teacher



21.

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21. Fanessa Lorriane Davis

THE PARTICIPANTS

Paper and cloth

Eighth grade

Indian Valley Middle School

Barbara Arnold, teacher

22. Jordan Carper

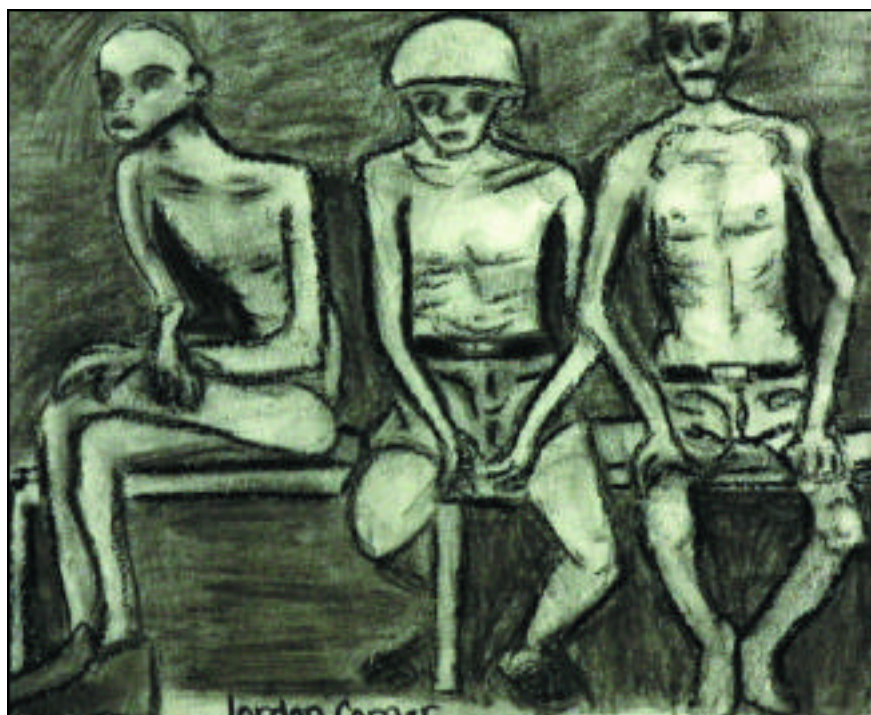
THREE MEN

Charcoal

Ninth grade

Chaminade-Julienne High School

Diana Barr, teacher



22.



22.

“There are lessons in life,
that are taught and are learned,
THE LESSONS
are many,
as were the
bodies that burned.”

-Amy Young, LESSONS

19

22. Matt Pavy
TIME
Mixed media
Eleventh grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher

" The young, old,
prosperous, poor,
depressed, joyous

All reduced to fragments of beings

Slaughtered methodically
**with no
emotion**

BEHIND closed doors

Neglected by neighbors
and brothers who refuse to

Acknowledge evil and
bring its downfall, this

EVIL

with a handlebar mustache
and a blonde army..."

-Camryn Berk

ELEMENTS OF THE HOLOCAUST

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23. Clara Coleman

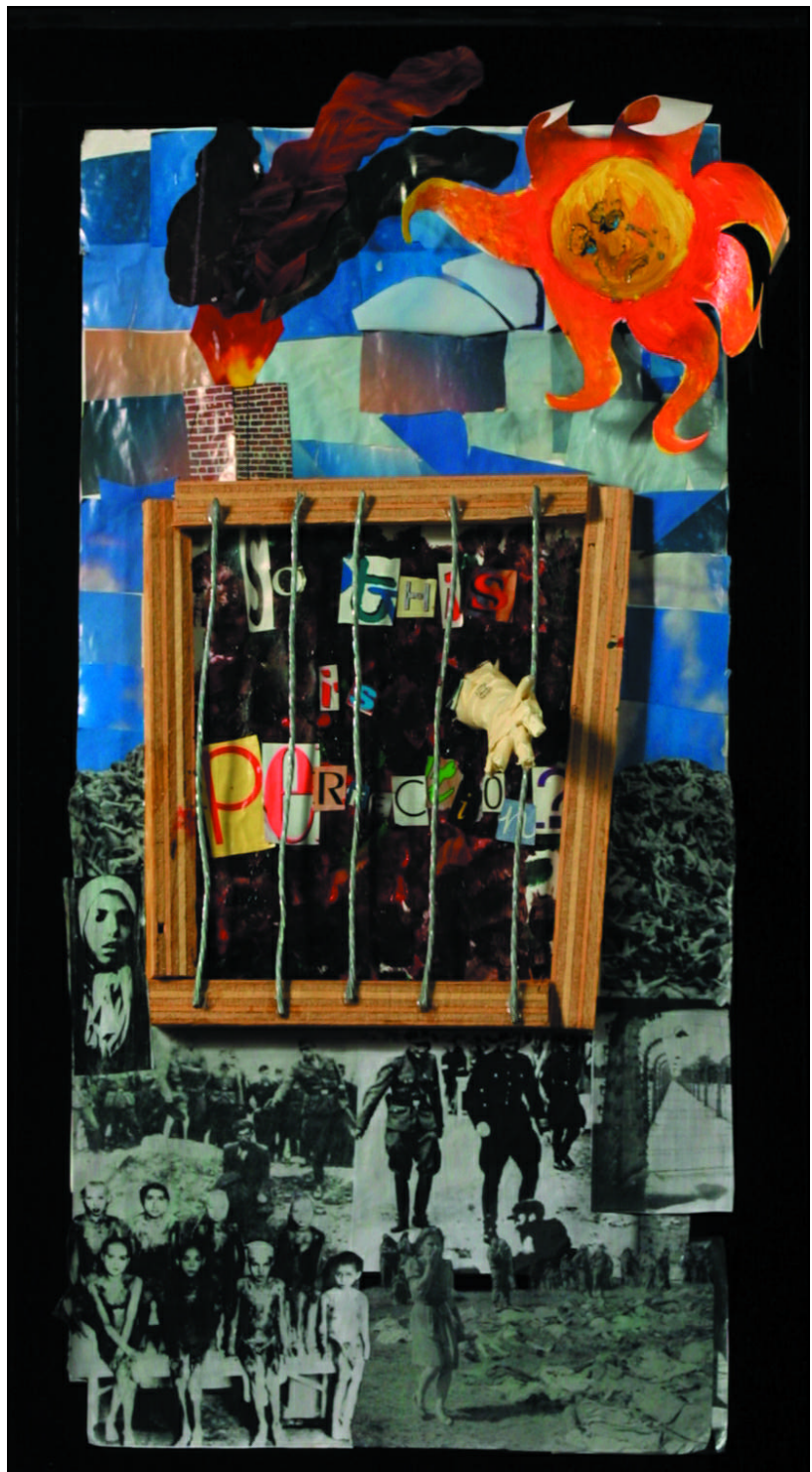
PERFECTION

Mixed media

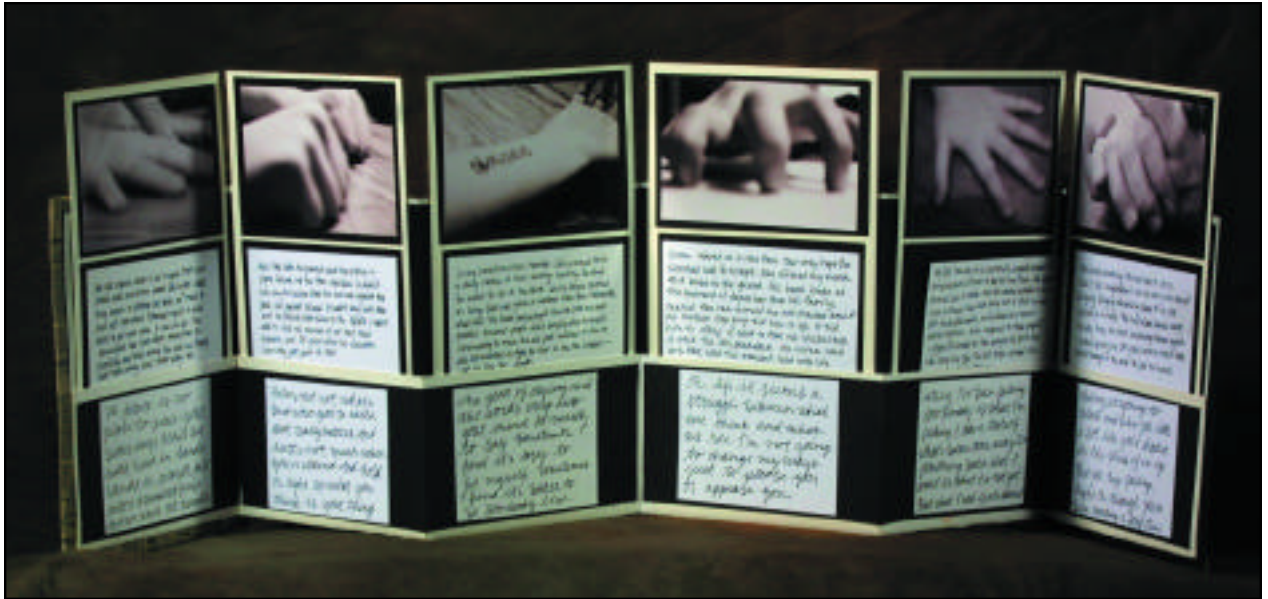
Eleventh grade

Chaminade-Julienne High School

Diana Barr, teacher



23.



24.

“ BUT ALL WE HAVE ARE WORDS.

WORDS are weak,
but they are our only tools.

21

If this is how we are to honor our lost brothers and sisters,

We must choose
the strongest words,

We must find a way to give
the tortured, PEACE.

But how can we turn feelings into words?”

-Megan Beck, WORDS

24. Caitlin Newman
STORY BASED ON ABE'S STORY
Mixed media and photography
Eleventh grade
Oakwood High School
Kaye Carlisle, teacher

"THE DAYS
PASS BY;

I'm an old man now,

A tattoo remains,
and memories
somehow.

I try to forget,
but life won't allow,

and I SHALL
ALWAYS
remember."

-Chad M. Cramer,
AND THE MOON
WILL REMEMBER

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25. Genna Duberstein
WAITING
Charcoal
Twelfth grade
Northmont High School
Independent work



25.



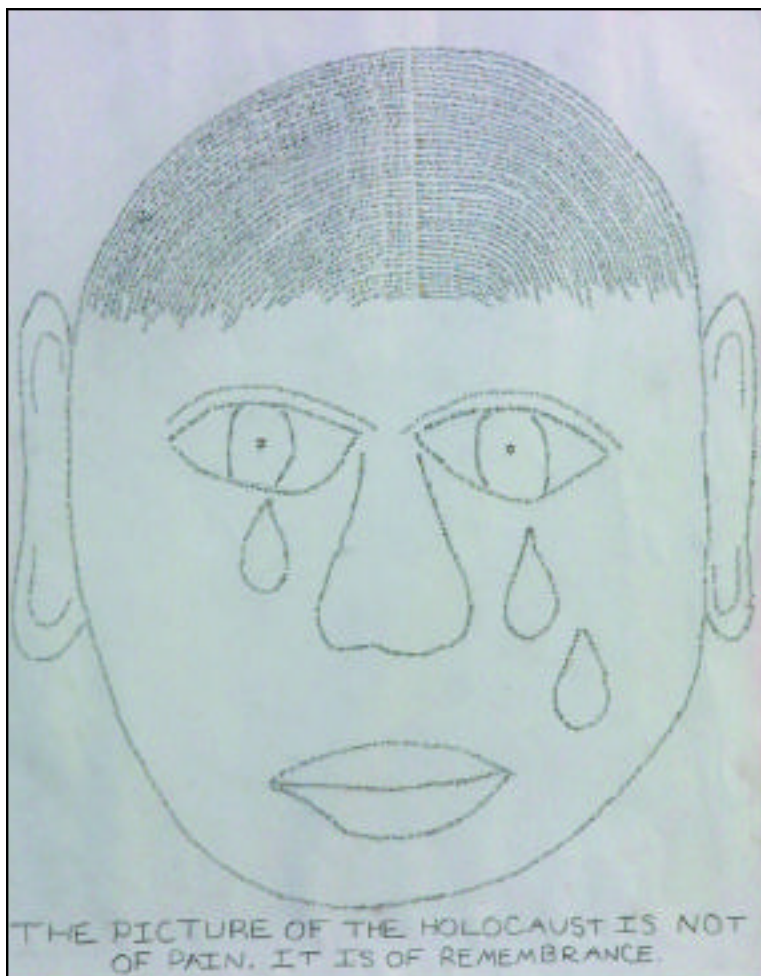
26.



27.

26. Jennifer Hubbard
END OF INNOCENCE
Graphite
Twelfth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher

27. Claire Stanislawski
SHARED GRAVE
Mixed media
Tenth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher



28.

" THE RAIN FELL,

FACES in the clouds
loomed over me.

The drops fell about me;

landing on
my face,

taking the same path a tear
had taken so long ago.

I didn't cry anymore.

The rain was just the rain,
not the tears of thousands."

-Sarah Davies,
JUST LIKE THE RAIN

24

28. Alex Katz
UNTITLED
Graphite
Seventh grade
Hillel Academy
Rabbi Samuel Feld

29. Jon Riccuito
REMEMBERING ANNE FRANK
Mixed media
Tenth grade
Chaminade-Julienne High School
Diana Barr, teacher



29.



30.

" The ashes of the victims may blow away,
the barbed wire may turn to rust,

The witnesses will some day pass away,
And even I will turn to dust.

If the Holocaust is forgotten
AND THE MEMORY DIES

Then who's to say
it won't happen again."

-Kendall Wright,
THE GROUND

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30. Maria Getty

CONFUSION

Mixed media

Tenth grade

Chaminade-Julienne High School

Diana Barr, teacher