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### Sam and Martin Bloch Voices for Truth and Humanity – Essay Contest Awards Program

#### Program Description

The Sam and Martin Bloch Voices for Truth and Humanity Essay Contest Awards Program was established to provide high school students with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of the Holocaust, and their understanding of society's role in fighting hate and preventing future genocides.

#### Program Format

The Program is open specifically to High School Rising Seniors (currently Juniors). Essay submissions will be judged by a panel comprised of educators, historians, and volunteers. Winners and their parents will be invited to attend the annual **Voices for Truth and Humanity Remembrance Awards Dinner** this Fall where they will be recognized for their accomplishments.

#### Essay Topic to be Answered

What do you believe are the lessons societies should learn from the Holocaust, and how do you think those lessons are still relevant and applicable today? What might be some examples from history and today that can help us better understand these events? What inspired you to participate in this essay contest? Please use personal observations in your response. (*Essays should be up approximately 1,000 words double spaced.*)

Please include the following with your entry:

Name; Home Address; Email Address; High School Name; High School Address; High School Graduation Year; High School Principal; Brief Personal Bio (*no more than 100 words*)

#### Winners

Up to 6 winners will be selected. Each winner's High School Principal will be notified of their award.

#### Awards

Each winner will receive a \$1,000 award and a certificate recognizing their accomplishment.

#### Schedule

- Essays must be submitted via email in both Word and PDF format to [neveragain@v4th.org](mailto:neveragain@v4th.org) no later than **11:59pm, July 19, 2024**.
- Winners will be announced **August 23, 2024**.
- Winners will be recognized at the annual Voices for Truth and Humanity Remembrance Awards Dinner on Wednesday, **September 18th, 2024**.
- For questions, please contact us at [neveragain@v4th.org](mailto:neveragain@v4th.org).

#### About Sam and Martin Bloch

Sam Bloch, who passed away in 2018, and his brother Martin Bloch, founder and former CEO of Frequency Electronics, both Holocaust Survivors, were members of the Bielski Partisans who rescued Jews and fought the Nazis in German-occupied Poland during World War II. Martin was the youngest Bielski Partisan at just 3 years old during the Holocaust. Voices for Truth and Humanity is tremendously grateful for the Bloch's support.