

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM WOMEN



WHO ACHIEVED THE EXTRAORDINARY?



2012 YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

Write about the lessons of Jewish women in the partisans and help people today make a positive difference. Contest is open to all 8th-12th grade students.

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Deadline Extended to May 10, 2012



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BACKGROUND

During World War II, thousands of Jewish women demonstrated extraordinary strength and determination to fight back as partisans (guerilla soldiers) against the Nazis and their collaborators. Faced with the constant threat of death, these women, many of them teens, overcame near-impossible odds.

Like many of these women, most of us are ordinary people, yet we want to make a difference and may strive to do the extraordinary.

YOUR MISSION

1. Watch the short film *Everyday the Impossible* and explore some of the other resources at www.jewishpartisans.org/women
2. Write a 300-600 word essay addressing the following:

What can be learned from Jewish women partisans to inspire people today to make the world a better place?

GUIDELINES

- There will be two competitions: one for 8th and 9th grades, and one for 10th to 12th grades.
- All entrants must be currently enrolled 8th-12th grade students.
- The entrant must be the sole author of the essay.
- Essays will be judged on: relevance to topic, quality of writing, personal voice, demonstrated knowledge of the Jewish partisans, and inspirational qualities.
- Entries must be submitted via the JPEF website by May 10, 2012. Winners will be announced May 21st.
- The contest is limited to the first 700 entries.

Essay contest entries will be judged by a panel that includes Jewish partisans.

Sign up and learn more about the contest, including guidelines for best practices at www.jewishpartisans.org/contest



WIN A KINDLE FIRE! The most inspiring essays in the 8th to 9th grade level and the 10th to 12th grade level will win the writer a Kindle Fire. Second and third place winners will receive JPEF t-shirts, posters, and DVDs. The educator whose student wins first place will also receive a Kindle Fire.

EDUCATORS: Learn how to teach Women in the Partisans on JPEF's free E-Learning Platform, www.jewishpartisans.org/elearning

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Photograph on the back: Jewish women resistance fighters near Pinsk, Belarus (USHMM).
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