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(Washington, DC)—On Wednesday, July 18, 2007, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) congratulated Teaneck resident Jeremy Feigenbaum on being named one of the top ten national finalists in the 2007 Holocaust Remembrance Project essay contest. Feigenbaum's award-winning essay, "Majdanek: When Humanity Looked Away," was a powerful essay about the mindset of those who committed and those who permitted the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust.

Rep. Rothman told Jeremy that, "your essay serves as a reminder that the world must never cease its efforts to ensure that such atrocities are not repeated. I am also very proud of your efforts to promote tolerance and acceptance, and the steps you are taking to move, in your words, "our world a step farther from the Holocaust."

Jeremy is a graduate of the Bergen County Academies and interned in Rothman's congressional office in Hackensack during the 2006-07 school year. He plans to attend Brown University in the fall where he will study political science. As part of his visit to the nation's capital, Jeremy met with Holocaust survivors and high school teachers dedicated to teaching about the shoah, visited the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and heard from New York Times best selling author Ishmael Beah, author of *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*.

This year marks the thirteenth consecutive year that the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation has sponsored the Holocaust Remembrance Project Essay Contest, created to encourage and promote the study of the Holocaust. Holland & Knight awards the top ten essayists with scholarships up to \$10,000 and a six-day, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

You can read Jeremy's essay online at: <http://holocaust.hklaw.com/essays/2007/20071D.htm> .

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