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Gary A. Tobin Awards: Excellence in Student Reporting on Anti-Semitism

Institute for Jewish & Community Research is partnering with the Student Free Press Association to offer \$1,000 awards for excellent student reporting on anti-Semitism.

Congratulations to the 2011 winners,
Alex Katz and Jake Binstein

The First Annual Gary A. Tobin Awards

The first annual Gary A. Tobin Awards were announced on May 5, 2011, honoring excellence in student reporting on anti-Semitism in print journalism and new media. The Institute for Jewish & Community Research and Student Free Press Association partnered to establish the competition recognizing excellence in student reporting about the campus environment for Jews.

The award commemorates the late Dr. Gary A. Tobin, founder of the Institute for Jewish & Community Research, and one of the first to understand the threat of rising anti-Semitism in American education. The contest drew entries from throughout the U.S. and Canada and the winners each receive a \$1,000 prize.

Judges

The judges for the award included Kenneth L. Marcus, director of the Anti-Semitism Initiative, Student Free Press Association President John J. Miller, founding president of the Canadian Institute for the Study of Antisemitism Catherine Chatterley, and former director of the European Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism Winston Pickett.



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PRINT

Alex Katz
Anti-Semitism Thrives in Academia
The Stanford Review, Jan.18, 2011



Katz focuses on the atmosphere on several campuses in California and features responses from activists working to improve conditions for Jews.

The activists discuss how to identify anti-Semitic discourse and the role national organizations can play on campus.

Katz is a junior studying economics at Stanford University and is currently studying abroad in Chile. He has served as editor-in-chief and has been an active writer of *The Stanford Review*. He enjoys being a member of the Jewish community at Stanford, and his array of interests include finance, baseball, and barbecuing. [Click here to view the winning entry.](#)

NEW MEDIA

Jake Binstein
BAKA Lies

Using video clips, the blog chronicled a Rutgers event sponsored by the pro-Palestinian group BAKA. The event was advertised as free and open to the public. When "400 ardent Zionists

showed up," Binstein argued that the organizers decided to make a \$5 voluntary donation mandatory for Jewish students.

Binstein is finishing his freshman year at Rutgers University majoring in Computer Science and is an active Hillel member. His creative outlet is technology and he loves exploring computer programming, web design, photography and filming. He uses his blog as a social media outlet and as place to organize his personal projects. [Click here to view the winning entry.](#)



In memory of **Dr. Gary A. Tobin z"l**.

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