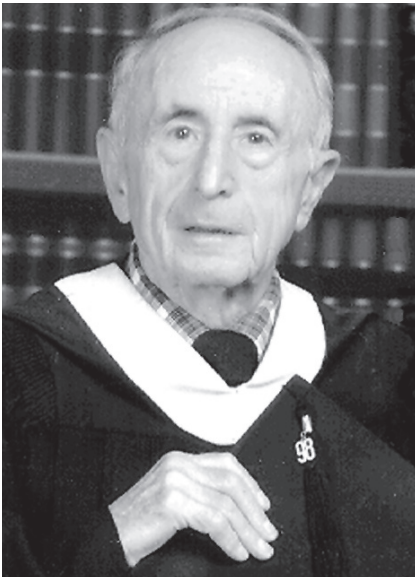


# Jan Sinnreich

## AWARD FOR WRITING EXCELLENCE

### CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES, QUEENS COLLEGE

The Center for Jewish Studies at Queens College sponsors the Jan Sinnreich Award for Writing Excellence in Jewish Studies. This annual award is presented to the student who has written the best undergraduate paper in a Jewish Studies course at Queens College during the academic year. A QC faculty committee will evaluate all submissions and select the winner.



This award memorializes Jan Sinnreich, a distinguished Queens College alumnus who returned to school in later life to earn his BA degree in Jewish Studies (1998), and who never stopped studying and writing.

A retired metallurgist with a remarkable personal history, Jan was born in Vienna in 1919 and attended Prague's Charles University from 1937 to 1939. Thanks to the foresight of his father, he left Czechoslovakia in the nick of time prior to the onset of World War II and went to live in the land of Israel. Tragically, Jan's father, younger sister, and grandmother did not survive the Holocaust. His mother was able to escape to the United States, and six of her brothers and sisters found refuge all over the world. Three other of his mother's siblings and their families also perished.

Jan studied at the Technion in Haifa through 1939, became a member of the Haganah, and volunteered for the British Army. He saw action in Africa and Italy, and participated in the landing and invasion of Salerno (1943). After his discharge in 1946, Jan married his wife Leonore. He joined the Israeli army and served in the War of Independence in 1948. Discharged in 1951, he and his wife came to the United States and rejoined his mother, whom he had not seen for over thirteen years.

The Sinnreich's daughter, Deborah Sinnreich-Levi, an alumna of Queens College with a PhD from the CUNY Graduate Center, has continued her father's writing and academic interests, serving today as Director of Writing Programs and the Lee Humanities Resource Center at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Queens College students are invited to apply for the award, which carries a prize of \$300 and a certificate that will be presented at the annual Jewish Studies graduation and awards ceremony in May.

#### TO BE ELIGIBLE, QC STUDENTS MUST:

- Be matriculated students working toward the BA degree.
- Have taken at least 6 credits in Jewish Studies courses at the time of application.
- Provide a biography or resume with name, phone number, and address.
- Submit two copies of a paper or essay written for a Jewish Studies course during the current academic year at Queens College in any of the following disciplines: Anthropology, Classical Languages, English, Hispanic Languages, History, Media Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Religious Studies, Sociology, or Urban Studies. Papers must be typed and double-spaced and between eight and twenty text pages in length (not including footnote pages).

Applications will be reviewed by the Jan Sinnreich Faculty Committee.  
Deadline for submission is Friday, April 11, 2014.

All materials may be brought to the Jewish Studies Office (Jefferson Hall, Room 307); mailed to the Jewish Studies Office, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Queens, NY 11367-1597; or emailed to [diane.spielmann@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:diane.spielmann@qc.cuny.edu) (as a Word document). Entries also may be emailed to the [JewishStudiesJournal@gmail.com](mailto:JewishStudiesJournal@gmail.com) as submissions for Vol. XVI, 2013-2014.

For further information, please call 718-997-4530.