

# American Jewish World Hanuka Cover Contest Winner: Avi Herman

The 28th annual AJW Hanuka Cover Contest, for students in grades 1-8, called on young artists in the community to create a work relating to the Festival of Lights. As usual, it proved difficult to pick just one artwork to adorn the cover of this special edition.

We are proud to announce that Avi Herman is the winner of this year's Hanuka Cover Contest. Avi has vaulted from Young Lights Honoree in 2018 to the overall winner this year. And he's likely the youngest winner in AJW Hanuka Cover Contest history.

Avi, 9, is in the fourth grade at Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School in St. Louis Park. He is the son of Liba and Jeff Herman, of St. Louis Park. He has an older sister, Dahlia, and a younger brother, Saul.

During an interview at the Jewish World offices on Sunday, Avi explained, vis-à-vis his colorful artwork, which was done with color pencils, that "the whole world should be coming together." That idea of unity is represented by the planet Earth holding up a hanukia. And it takes a muscular arm to hold up such a gigantic hanukia.

Above the hanukia and the rainbow-colored stripe is the inscription "One



Avi Herman

light." Avi explains, "Basically, everything is one big light." As we know, bringing light into the darkness is a prime theme of the popular celebration of Hanuka. Other elements in the artwork include a hand holding a platter of steaming latkes; and a dreidel and gelt, in the lower left.

At Heilicher, Avi enjoys gym, art and Judaic studies. As far as hobbies,

he collects rocks, especially agates, picked up along the North Shore of Lake Superior or purchased in rock shops. He also takes piano classes and goes mountain biking.

As this year's winner, Avi received a gift card, a customized ball cap ("American Jewish World Hanuka Cover Contest Winner"), chocolate Hanuka gelt, Bamba peanut puffs from Israel and a certificate suitable for framing courtesy of the American Jewish World.

We congratulate all of the artists who entered our contest this year. We appreciate the time and effort you spent on creating Hanuka-themed pictures.

For those still eligible to enter, we hope to see your work again next year!

— Mordecai Spektor



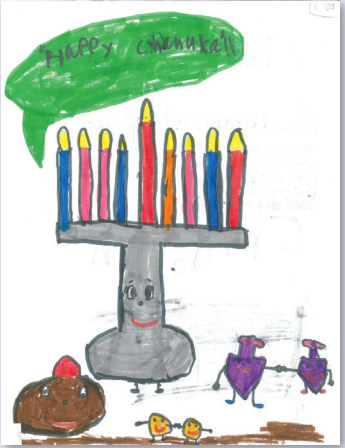
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Eliah Fink,  
8th Grade  
Heilicher Minneapolis  
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2nd RUNNER-UP  
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5th Grade  
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