



# Brandeis University

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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to seek your assistance and that of your faculty in identifying candidates for the **Joseph B. and Toby Gittler Prize** to recognize scholarly contributions to racial, ethnic, and/or religious relations. The \$25,000 Prize, which includes a medal and a lecture at Brandeis University by the recipient, will be conferred during the 2010-2011 academic year.

The recipient of the Joseph B. and Toby Gittler Prize will have produced a body of published work that reflects scholarly excellence and a lasting contribution to racial, ethnic and/or religious relations anywhere in the world. Recipients do not need to be American citizens or reside in the United States. The deadline for the submission of nominations is April 15, 2010.

Nominations must be submitted in writing by letter or email and should not exceed 1,000 words in length. The nomination should include both the nominator's and the candidate's names, current affiliation and contact information; an *explanation of the rationale for the candidate's selection*, and a list of the candidate's most important scholarly works relevant to consideration for the prize. A biographical statement or the candidate's curriculum vitae may be included, but is not required. I have enclosed a program description and guidelines. Application forms are available online at [www.brandeis.edu/gittlerprize](http://www.brandeis.edu/gittlerprize).

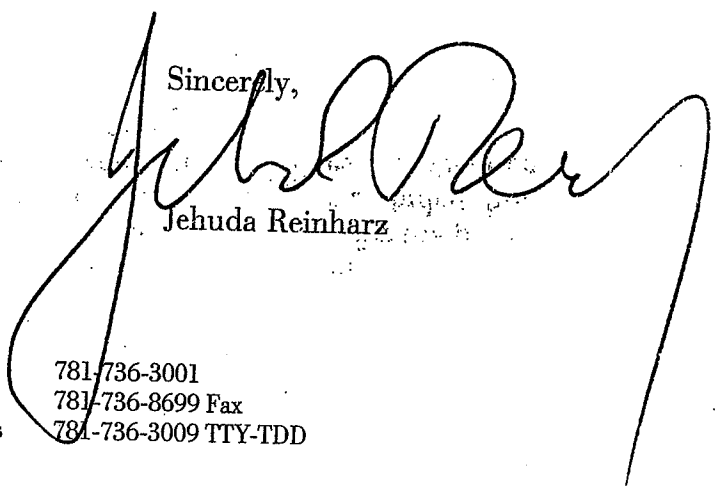
Nominations may be sent by email to [gittlerprize@brandeis.edu](mailto:gittlerprize@brandeis.edu) or mailed to:

Gittler Prize Committee  
Brandeis University  
415 South Street, MS 100  
Waltham, MA 02453.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. John R. Hose, Associate Vice President for University Affairs, at (781) 736-3005 or by email at [hose@brandeis.edu](mailto:hose@brandeis.edu).

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

  
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Brandeis University is a private, coeducational and nonsectarian institution of higher learning and research located in Waltham, Massachusetts. Its thirty-two hundred undergraduates and two thousand graduate students are drawn from fifty states and one hundred countries. Its faculty of 360 includes nationally and internationally recognized teachers, scholars, and researchers.

The academic focus at Brandeis is on the liberal arts and sciences. The research interests of the faculty span a wide range of disciplines in the sciences, social sciences, humanities, and creative arts.

Brandeis is a member of the Association of American Universities, which represents the leading research institutions in North America.

Recognizing individuals who have made outstanding and lasting scholarly contributions to racial, ethnic, and/or religious relations

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# The Joseph B. & Toby Gittler Prize at Brandeis University

The Joseph B. and Toby Gittler Prize was created by the late Professor Joseph B. Gittler to recognize outstanding and lasting scholarly contributions to racial, ethnic, and/or religious relations. The Joseph B. and Toby Gittler Endowed Fund at Brandeis University supports this annual award.

The award includes a cash prize of \$25,000 and a medal. The prize and medal are presented at a ceremony that includes a reception and a public lecture by the recipient on the Brandeis University campus in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Founded in 1948 to embody the highest ethical and cultural values, Brandeis is the youngest private research university in the United States and the only nonsectarian university in the nation founded by members of the American Jewish community. Named for the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis, the university is dedicated to academic excellence, nonsectarianism, service to the Jewish community, and social justice.

In the spirit of the Joseph B. and Toby Gittler Prize, Brandeis University celebrates a commitment to social justice and strives to reflect the heterogeneity of the United States and of the world community, welcoming students and faculty of every nationality, religion, and political orientation.

## Criteria & Guidelines

Recipients of the Joseph B. and Toby Gittler Prize will have produced a body of published work that reflects scholarly excellence and a lasting contribution to racial, ethnic, and/or religious relations anywhere in the world. Recipients need not be American citizens or reside in the United States.

To be considered for the Joseph B. and Toby Gittler Prize, candidates must be formally nominated. Nominations must be submitted in writing by letter or online and should not exceed one thousand words.

The nomination should include the nominator's name, current affiliation, and contact information; the candidate's name, current affiliation, and contact information; an explanation of the rationale for the candidate's selection; and a list of the candidate's most important scholarly works relevant to consideration for the prize. A biographical statement or curriculum vitae may be included but is not required.

Nominations must be received by April 15 for candidates to be considered for an award to be conferred in the academic year immediately following. Nominations may be mailed to:

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415 South Street, MS 100  
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A program description, guidelines, and application form are available online at [www.brandeis.edu/gittlerprize](http://www.brandeis.edu/gittlerprize).

## Joseph B. Gittler

Joseph B. Gittler was a sociologist by training who received a PhD from the University of Chicago in 1941. For more than sixty years, he was a member of the faculty at many leading universities in this country and abroad, including Duke University, George Mason University, the University of Rochester, Iowa State University, the University of Georgia, Yeshiva University, Cardozo Law School, Hiroshima University in Japan, and Ben-Gurion University in Israel.

A member of the American Sociological Association and a Fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences, he was the author of numerous scholarly articles and books, including *Ideas of Concord and Discord in Selected World Religions*; *Racial and Ethnic Conflicts: Perspectives from the Social Disciplines*; and *Understanding Minority Groups*, among many others.

The Joseph B. and Toby Gittler Prize, made possible through Professor Gittler's generosity, also honors his mother, Toby Gittler.