



Elie Wiesel: Awards, Degrees, and Distinctive Honors

NOTABLE Awards

Nobel Peace Prize, 1986

United States Congressional Gold Medal, April 19, 1985

Awarded unanimously by the Senate and the House of Representatives, presented by President Ronald Reagan at the White House on

Medal of Liberty Award, 1986

Given by President Reagan to only 11 foreign-born U.S. citizens at the Statue of Liberty

Ellis Island Medal of Honor, 1992

Presidential Medal of Freedom, December 11, 1992

Awarded by President Bush

Grand-Croix de la Légion d'Honneur, France, 2001

First presented *Commandeur*, 1984; Then *Grand Officier*, 1990

Grã-Cruz da Ordem Nacional do Cruzeiro do Sul, 1987

Brazil's highest distinction

Grand Cross of the order of Rio Branco, 2001

Presented by President Cardozo of Brazil

Grand Officier, the National Order, "The Star of Romania," 2002

Presented by President Iliescu of Romania

Commander's Cross, Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, 2004

King Hussein Award of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 2005

Presented by King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein,

Honorary Knight Commander, Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, 2006

National Humanities Medal, February 25, 2010

Presented by President Barack Obama at the White House

Minor planet officially named "Eliewiesel," May 2010

Presented by the International Astronomical Union, Solar System object 2004PC27

LITERARY AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Prix de l'Université de la langue Française, 1963

Prix Rivarol, 1963

Two National Jewish Book Awards, 1965 and 1973

Prix Médicis, France, 1968

Prix Bordin de l'Académie Française, 1972

Literary Avodah Award, Jewish Teachers' Association, 1972

Inaugural Award for Literature, Israel Bonds Prime Minister's Committee, 1979

Prix Livre-Inter, France, 1980 (for *Le Testament d'un poète juif assassiné*)

Bourse Goncourt, France, 1980 (for *Le Testament d'un poète juif assassiné*)

Prix des Bibliothécaires, France, 1981 (for *Le Testament d'un poète juif assassiné*)

International Literary Prize for Peace, Royal Academy of Belgium, 1983
Le Grand Prix de la Littérature de la ville de Paris, 1983 (for *Le cinquième fils*)
Le Grand Prix Littéraire du Festival International de Deauville, 1983
Distinguished Writers Award, Lincolnwood Library, 1984
Literary Arts Award, National Foundation for Jewish Culture, 1992
Aesop Prize, Children's Folklore Section, American Folklore Society (for *King Solomon and His Magic Ring*), 1999
Lifetime Achievement Award, Jewish Book Council, 2001
"One Book, One Chicago," Chicago Public Library's choice of *Night* for citywide reading program, 2002
Oprah's Book Club selection of *Night*, 2006
Literary Lions Award, New York Public Library, 1983 and 2006
Dayton Literary Peace Prize Lifetime Achievement Award, 2007
Chicago Tribune Literary Prize, Chicago Tribune, 2012
Kenyon Review Award for Literary Achievement, 2012

AWARDS

First David Ben-Gurion Award, National UJA
Governor's Award, Shaarei Tzedek
International Kaplun Foundation Award, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
American-Israeli Friendship Award, America-Israel Friendship League
Lily Edelman Award for Excellence in Continuing Jewish Education, B'nai B'rith International, Commission on Continuing Jewish Education

Ingram Merrill Award, Ingram Merrill Foundation, 1964
First International Remembrance Award, World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations, 1965
Prix du Souvenir, Bergen Belsen Society, 1965
First Jewish Heritage Award, B'nai B'rith, 1966
Eleanor Roosevelt Award, New York UJA, 1972
American Liberties Medallion, American Jewish Committee, 1972
Distinguished Service to American Jewry, National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, 1973
Martin Luther King Medallion, City College of New York, 1973
Faculty Distinguished Scholar Award, Hofstra University, 1974
Scopus Award, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1974
Rambam Award, American Mizrahi Women, 1974
Phi Beta Kappa membership, The Phi Beta Kappa Society, 1975
Jewish Heritage Award, Haifa University, 1975
Holocaust Memorial Award, New York Society of Clinical Psychologists, 1975
First Spertus International Award, Spertus 1976
Myrtle Wreath Award, Hadassah, 1977
King Solomon Award, American-Israel Cultural Foundation, 1977
Liberty Award, HIAS, 1977
Humanitarian Award, B'rith Sholom, 1978
Joseph Prize for Human Rights, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 1978
Presidential Citation, New York University, 1979
Zalman Shazar Award of the State of Israel, Government of Israel, 1979
Citation, Religious Education Administration, 1980

S.Y. Agnon Medal, Society of the Founders of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, 1980
Jabotinsky Medal, State of Israel, 1980
Rabbanit Sarah Herzog Award, Emunah Women of America, 1981
First Jordan Davidson Humanitarian Award, Florida International University, 1983
Anatoly Shcharansky Humanitarian Award, The Simon Wiesenthal Center, 1983
First Chancellor Joseph H. Lookstein Award, Bar-Ilan University, 1984
Sam Levenson Memorial Award, Jewish Community Relations Council, 1985
Henrietta Szold Award, Hadassah, 1985
Comenius Award, Moravian College, 1985
First International Holocaust Remembrance Award, State of Israel Bonds, 1985
First Annual Anne Frank Award, Anne Frank Center, 1985
Voice of Conscience Award, American Jewish Congress, 1985
Distinguished Community Service Award, Mutual of America, 1985
Covenant of Peace Award, Synagogue Council of America, 1985
Four Freedoms Award, Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Foundation, 1985
Jacob Pat Award, World Congress of Jewish Culture, 1985
Humanitarian Award, International League of Human Rights, 1985
Medal of Jerusalem, 1986
Distinguished Foreign-Born American Award, International Center, 1986
Boston City Council Commendation, City of Boston, 1986
Freedom Cup Award, Women's League for Israel, 1986
First Jacob Javits Humanitarian Award, UJA Young Leadership, 1986
Metcalf Cup and Prize, Boston University, 1987
Freedom Award, International Rescue Committee, 1987
Golda Meir Senior Humanitarian Award, Kent Jewish Center, 1987
Achievement Award, Artists and Writers for Peace in the Middle East, 1987
La Grande Médaille de Vermeil de la Ville de Paris, City of Paris, 1987
La Médaille de la Chancellerie de l'Université de Paris, University of Paris, 1987
La Médaille de l'Université de Paris, 1987
First Eitinger Prize, University of Oslo, 1987
Lifetime Achievement Award, Present Tense Magazine, 1987
Special Christopher Award, The Christophers, 1987
Profiles in Courage Award, B'nai B'rith, 1987
Israel Achievement Award, World Zionist Organization (American Section), 1987
The Seminary Medal, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 1987
Special Award, National Committee on American Foreign Policy, 1987
Centennial Medal, University of Scranton, 1987
Presidential Medal, Hofstra University, 1988
Human Rights Law Award, International Human Rights Law Group, 1988
Bicentennial Medal, Georgetown University, 1988
Beth Hatefutsoth Honorary Fellow, Museum of Jewish Diaspora, 1988
The Count Sforza Award in Philanthropy, American Hungarian Foundation, 1989
Janus Korczak Humanitarian Award, INTERPHIL, 1989
Humanitarian Award, Human Rights Campaign Fund, 1989
George Washington Award NAHE, Kent State University, 1989
Bicentennial Medal, New York University, 1989
International Brotherhood Award, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), 1990
The Frank L. Weil Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Advancement of North American Jewish Culture,

Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, 1990
First Raoul Wallenberg Medal, University of Michigan, 1990
Soka University Award of Highest Honor, Soka University, Japan, 1991
Humanity Award, Facing History and Ourselves, 1991
La Médaille de la Ville de Toulouse, City of Toulouse, 1991
Fifth Centennial Christopher Columbus Medal, City of Genoa, 1992
First International Primo Levi Award, Board of SCI Giovani, 1992
Humanitarian of the Century, Council of Jewish Organizations, 1992
Guardian of the Children Awards, AKIM USA, 1992
Bishop Francis J. Mugavero Award for Religious and Racial Harmony, Newman Center at Queens College, 1994
Golden Slipper Humanitarian Award, Jewish Community Foundation, Inc, 1994
Interfaith Council on the Holocaust Humanitarian Award, Interfaith Council on the Holocaust, 1994
Richard J.H. Gottheil Award, Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, 1994
Phi Beta Kappa Associates Award, Phi Beta Kappa, 1994
Remembrance Award, American and International Societies for Yad Vashem, 1994
Who's Who in America 1995, Special 50th edition: Chosen for inclusion as one of 50 Great Americans
Crystal Award, Davos World Economic Forum, 1995
First Niebuhr Award, Elmhurst College, 1995
Distinguished Liberty Award, New York City Refugee Employment Project, 1995
Freedom Award, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN, 1995
Humanitarian Award, Queensborough Community College/Holocaust Resource Center & Archives, 1995
Socio Honorario de la Sociedad Hebraica Argentina, Hebrew Society of Argentina, 1995
President's Award, Quinnipiac College, 1996
Golden Plate Award, American Academy of Achievement, 1996
Lotos Medal of Merit, The Lotos Club, 1996
Guardian of Zion Award, Ingeborg Rennert Center for Jerusalem Studies, Bar-Ilan University, 1997
Eisenhower Leadership Prize, Eisenhower World Affairs Institute of Gettysburg College, 1997
Canterbury Medalist, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, 1998
American Bar Association Annual Award, American Bar Association, 1998
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum Award for the Advancement of Interreligious Understanding, Tanenbaum, 1998
Yitzhak Rabin Peacemaker Award, Merrimack College, 1998
Raoul Wallenberg International Humanitarian Award, The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 1999
Mathilde Schechter Award, Women's League for Conservative Judaism, 2000
Manhattan Award, The National Arts Club, 2000
Benediction Medal, The Delbarton School, 2001
Humanitarian of the Year Award, New York Society of Association Executives, 2002
Dean's Medal, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 2002
Emma Lazarus Statue of Liberty Award, American Jewish Historical Society, 2002
Lifetime Visionary Award, Israeli Film Festival, New York, 2002
Humanitarian Award, Israel Cancer Research Fund, 2004
Commander's Cross, Republic of Hungary, 2004 (Returned it 2012)
Inaugural Award, Louise T. Blouin Foundation, 2005

Man of the Year Award, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, 2005
Honorary Citizen of the City of Santa Margherita, Italy, City of Santa Margherita 2005
Grifo d'Oro Award, presented by the Mayor of Genoa, Italy, City of Genoa, 2005
Light of Truth Award, International Campaign for Tibet, 2005
Cosmos Club Award, Cosmos Club, 2006
Honorary Citizen of the City of Aix-en-Provence, France, City of Aix-en-Provence, 2006
La Grande Médaille de la Ville de Paris, échelon vermeil, 2006
Pope John XXIII Award, Viterbo University, 2006
Chubb Fellowship Award, Timothy Dwight House, Yale University, 2006
Koret Prize, The Koret Foundation, San Francisco, May 9, 2007
Homeland Security Award, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2008
Jan Karski Eagle Award, Gdansk University, 2008
L'Olivier d'or Pax Medicalis, Association Pax Medicalis, 2009
Hallal V'Zimrah Award, North American Jewish Choral Festival, 2009
Ambassador of Humanity and Hope Award, Chapman University, 2010
Guardian of Jerusalem Award, World Jewish Congress, 2010
Tom Lantos Human Rights Award, Lantos Foundation, 2010
Honoree, The National Yiddish Theatre, 2010
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Inaugural Award, USHMM, 2011
Lifetime Achievement Award, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 2011
Mailer Prize, The Norman Mailer Center, 2011
Loebenberg Humanitarian Award, Florida Holocaust Museum, 2012
Miracle Corners of the World Lifetime Achievement Award, MCW Global, 2012
William O. Douglas Award, Public Counsel, April 2012
Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award, Holocaust Museum Houston, May 2012
Lincoln Medal, Ford's Theater Society, June 2012
NADAV Peoplehood Award, NADAV Foundation October 2012
Medal of Distinction, Lenox Hill Hospital, November 2012
Pursuit of Excellence Award, Adelson Educational Campus, November 2012
Jefferson Award, Multiplying Good, June 2013
Lifetime Achievement Award, Russian Jewish Community Foundation, 2013
Presidential Medal of Honor Israel, Government of Israel, 2013
Herzl Award, World Jewish Congress, 2013
Medal of Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice City University of New York, 2014
Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit, Federal Republic of Germany, 2014

HONORARY DEGREES

Jewish Theological Seminary, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1967
Hebrew Union College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1968
Manhattanville College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1972
Bar-Ilan University, Doctor of Philosophy, *honoris causa*, 1973
Yeshiva University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1973
Spertus College of Judaica, Doctor of Hebrew Letters, *honoris causa*, 1973
Boston University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1974
Hofstra University, Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, 1975
Marquette University, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1975
Simmons College, Doctor of Literature, *honoris causa*, 1976
College of St. Scholastica, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1978

Talmudic University of Florida, Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, 1979
Wesleyan University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1979
Anna Maria College, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1980
Brandeis University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1980
University of Notre Dame, Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, 1980
Yale University, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1981
Kenyon College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1982
Hobart/William Smith College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1982
Emory University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1983
Florida International University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1983
Siena Heights College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1983
Fairfield University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1983
Dropsie College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1983
Moravian College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1983
Colgate University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1984
Wake Forest University, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1985
Haverford College, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1985
State University of New York at Binghamton, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1985
Lehigh University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1985
University of Hartford, Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*, 1985
College of New Rochelle, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1986
Georgetown University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1986
Capital University, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1986
Hamilton College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1986
Tufts University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1986
University of Haifa, Doctor of Philosophy, *honoris causa*, 1986
Long Island University, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1986
Rockford College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1986
Université de Paris, Sorbonne, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1987
Villanova University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1987
The College of St. Thomas, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1987
Lycoming College, Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*, 1987
University of Denver, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1987
Walsh College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1987
Loyola College, Baltimore, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1987
University of Miami (Florida), Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*, 1988
Ohio University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1988
LaSalle University, Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, 1988
University of Connecticut, Storrs, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1988
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Doctor of Philosophy, *honoris causa*, 1988
University of Central Florida, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1988
Wittenberg University, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1989
Wheeling Jesuit College, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1989
University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical School, Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, 1989
Brigham Young University, Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*, 1989
Concordia College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1990
University of Abo Akademi, Doctor of Theology, *honoris causa*, 1990
New York University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1990

Fordham University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1990
Connecticut College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1990
Upsala College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1991
Duquesne University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1991
Roosevelt University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1991
Hunter College, CUNY, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1992
Susquehanna University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1992
American University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1992
Millersville University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1993
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1993
Université Michel de Montaigne-Bordeaux III, *Docteur honoris causa*, 1993
University of Dayton, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1993
University of Michigan, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1993
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1994
Gustavus Adolphus College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1994
McGill University, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1994
Université Catholique de Louvain, Doctorat, *honoris causa*, 1995
Bates College, Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, 1995
Spelman College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1995
Sacred Heart University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1995
University of Buenos Aires, Doctor, *honoris causa*, 1995
Université de Picardie Jules Verne (Amiens, France), *Docteur honoris causa*, 1996
Briar Cliff College (Iowa), Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1996
Clark University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1996
Philadelphia College of Textiles, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1996
University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1996
University of South Florida, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1997
Florida Atlantic University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1997
University of Rhode Island, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1997
University of Massachusetts/Lowell, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1997
University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, 1997
DePaul University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1997
Seton Hall University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1998
St. John's University (Queens, NY), Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, 1998
Eckerd College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1998
Appalachian State University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1998
Merrimack College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1998
Cedar Crest College, Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa*, 1998
Gettysburg College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1998
Loyola University Chicago, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1999
Michigan State University, Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*, 1999
Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, *Doutor honoris causa*, 1999
University of Buenos Aires, *honoris causa*, 1999
University of Montreal, *Docteur honoris causa*, 1999
St. Norbert College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 1999
St. Joseph's University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2000
Hebrew University, Doctor Philosophiae, *honoris causa*, 2000
University of Bologna, Doctor of Philosophy, *honoris causa*, 2000
University of Florida/Gainesville, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2001
Regis University (Denver, Colorado), Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*, 2001

Université de Paris-Sorbonne, *Docteur honoris causa*, 2001
Hebrew College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2001
Stockton College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2003
Meredith College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2003
Old Dominion University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2003
Elon University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2004
Case Western Reserve University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2004
Chapman University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2005
McDaniel College, Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*, 2005
Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, *Doctor honoris causa*, 2005
Snow College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2006
Dartmouth College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2006
Cabrini College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2006
Oakland University, Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa* 2007
University of Vermont, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2007
City College of New York, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, April 2008
Tel Aviv University, Doctor of Philosophy, *honoris causa*, May 2008
St. Xavier, Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*, September 2008
Weizmann Institute of Science, Doctor of Philosophy, *honoris causa*, 2008
Gdansk University, Doctorat honoris causa, 2008
Bucknell University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2009,
University of Geneva, Doctorat honoris causa, October 2010
Lehigh University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2010
Washington University, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2011
College of Charleston, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2011
Wagner College, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, 2012
University of Warsaw, Doctor *honoris causa*, 2012
The University of British Columbia, Doctor of Law, *honoris causa*, 2012
Pontifical University of John Paul II, Doctor of Philosophy, *honoris causa*, 2014

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