



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Honorable Scott Bessent  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Mister Secretary:

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) held a public meeting on September 16, 2025, during which we reviewed the candidate designs for the Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust Congressional Gold Medal. This medal honors those diplomats who aided the Jewish community in their attempts to flee Nazi Germany.

As written in the authorizing Act, this Congressional Gold Medal will help remind humanity that, while the armies of countries were fighting each other, a handful of diplomats from around the world stepped forward and took heroic actions to save Jews fleeing Europe. These diplomats risked their careers and livelihoods in assisting Jewish families escape the Nazi regime, and in some cases personally put themselves in grave danger by confronting the Nazis directly on behalf of the Jews.

At our public meeting, the CCAC reviewed the portfolio and following discussion scored the obverse and reverse candidate designs with the obverse **FHH-O-09** receiving the highest score (25 out of 33 possible points), and the reverse **FHH-R-09** receiving the highest score (19 out of 33 possible points). By a motion that passed unanimously by voice vote, the CCAC recommends these obverse and reverse candidate designs for the coins and the medal, which align with the preferences of the liaison to the program. The CCAC also recommends that the passport on the reverse **FHH-R-09** be altered as necessary to make it appear more like a passport and less like a book.

It is an honor to serve as the Chair of the CCAC and I am proud of the CCAC's role in the production of United States coins and medals.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter van Alfen  
Chairperson  
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee