



Title: My Jewish Ritual: A Creative Arts & Writing Contest

Deadline: October 20, 2019

Notification by November 4, 2019

Eligibility:

- Atlanta area Jewish youth
- Age Groups:
 - 6th-8th grade
 - 9th-12 graders

Prompt: Which Jewish ritual means a lot to you? Why? How? Where? When?

Explore one Jewish ritual that you have practiced that holds meaning for you. Consider the following questions:

- What is the structure (kevah)of the ritual? *Does it have a beginning, middle, and end? An assigned date, hour, place? I.E. Preparing for Shabbat: locating candles, lighting them, saying the blessing.)*
- What is your goal or intention (kavannah) in practicing this ritual? *(What do you hope to feel or learn during or as a result of the ritual?)*
- How has the ritual influenced your life? Why is it important to you? *Does it change the way you feel or act? What would you miss if you never experienced the ritual.*

Format:

- Fiction (Short story, presented in written and/or graphic form)
- Non-fiction (autobiographical, essay, guide, presented in written and/or graphic form)
- Creative Expression (Painting, drawing, video, song, multi-media, dramatic scene)

A winner from each age group will be selected for each category (3 awards per age group)

Length:

- Written submissions should be between 500-1500 words
- Video or other electronic forms should be no more than 3-5 minutes

Criteria:

- **Focus**—The submission should be clearly connected to the prompt.
- **Originality**—The submission should be engaging, interesting, and express a unique perspective.
- **Reflection**—The submission should demonstrate a depth of understanding of the ritual and of what it means to the contestant.

Submission: Online

Awards: Winners will receive a plaque, \$100 and an immersion gift certificate.

Submissions will be featured at a festive celebration on November 11, 2019, to be held at 7:00 pm at Congregation B’Nai Torah.

