

Competition Guidelines

1. Eligible students must be currently enrolled in grades 9-12
2. One entry per student
3. There is no minimum or maximum word count or length for submissions. Suggested length is between 500 and 2,000 words
4. Submissions must be the student's own original work
5. Submissions must be typed, double-spaced, and proofread thoroughly
6. All judge's decisions are final
7. **The competition deadline is March 1, 2022**
8. Please print out and mail a hard copy of your essay to:

Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies
2311 Faculty/Admin. Bldg.
656 W. Kirby
Detroit, MI 48202
9. **Mailed-in essays must be postmarked by March 1, 2022**
10. Please complete the entry form and attach it to your submission

Suggested Topics and Themes

- “Israelis and Jews: do we speak the same language?”
- “The challenge of being Jewish during a pandemic”
- “Tikkun Olam’: making the world a better place”
- “What does it mean to be Jewish in the 21st century?”
- “Does Judaism have a diversity requirement?”
- “What does ‘proud to be a Jew’ mean in 2021?”
- “There is more than one way to be Jewish”
- “Lessons from Jewish history that are relevant today”
- “The Jewish family is an essential feature of Jewish life”
- “Jews have survived as a people because . . .”