



**JHSSC** | JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
of SOUTH CAROLINA

## My South Carolina Jewish History

### An Essay/Media Contest for Jewish Youth Ages 12-16

*My South Carolina Jewish History* is the first youth activity sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina ([JHSSC](#)). This essay/media contest is an opportunity for youth ages 12-16 to express a connection to Judaism and to South Carolina in a historical context and within a creative format – and win cash prizes.

#### **Contest Entry Guidelines**

The contest is open to Jewish youth ages 12 to 16 currently living in South Carolina. Those who have a family history in the state may wish to include historical family stories in their entries. Youth who have recently moved to S.C. should feel comfortable telling stories that show how they are building a Jewish history here with their families.

#### ***Submissions should convey:***

- An emotional connection to family history
- An emotional connection to Judaism
- An understanding of and connection to your South Carolina Jewish story

#### ***Format***

Your contest entry may be produced on any of the following media platforms. Choose which one best showcases your creativity. (Only one entry per person)

- YouTube video
- Podcast or videocast
- Written essay
- Photo essay
- Visual arts story (e.g., comic book/graphic novel or other artistic representation)

#### ***Contest entries must:***

- Be original (References to other works in your entry must be cited.)
- Tell a good story within a 3-10 minute framework (no less than 3 minutes and no more than 10 to read, watch, or listen to your entry; 5 pages max for essays)
- Connect with readers/viewers/listeners
- Be portable (We must be able to either post your entry on the JHSSC website or link to your entry from the website.)

All submission components **must** be original including music, photos, and artwork. Please be aware that music clips, photos, and images found online might be copyright or trademark protected and therefore not legally available to appear on the JHSSC website.

## **2020 Cash Prizes will total \$1000**

Submissions will be judged on content, creativity, how well the spirit of the contest is conveyed to the reader/viewer, and adherence to entry guidelines.

*Cash prizes may be awarded as 1st, 2nd, and/or 3rd prizes among all entries or as equal prizes to different age categories, depending on the entries received. In this first contest year, the number of prizes awarded will be based on the number of entries received that meet the contest criteria.*

## **Timeline**

Contest opens for submissions	January 13, 2020
<b>Final deadline for submissions:</b>	<b>Friday, April 3</b>
Contest winners contacted:	April 24
Contest winners announced:	The first weekend in May during the JHSSC spring meeting

Winning entries will be posted on our contest page at <http://jhssc.org/contest>

## **How to Submit Your Entry**

Fill out the entry form on the final page of these guidelines. Send the form along with your entry (or with a link to your entry) by mail or email to:

Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina  
Youth Essay/Media Contest  
Sylvia Vlosky Yaschik Jewish Studies Center  
96 Wentworth Street  
Charleston, SC 29424

Email: [JHSSC@cofc.edu](mailto:JHSSC@cofc.edu) (For information only, contact: [jhssc.contest@gmail.com](mailto:jhssc.contest@gmail.com) )

## **Background and Resources**

Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina: <http://jhssc.org/>  
Our Stories: <http://jhssc.org/our-stories/>  
Jewish Federation of Charleston Creative Arts & Literature Competition: <https://www.jewishcharleston.org/remember>  
Fresh Ink for Teens Writing Contest: <https://freshinkforteens.com/writing-contests/>  
Jewish Heritage Collection Oral Histories: <https://jhc.cofc.edu/oral-history-archives/>  
Other: <http://jhssc.org/resources/>

# CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM

## My South Carolina Jewish History An Essay/Media Contest for Jewish Youth Ages 12-16

Fill out this entry form and send it with your entry, or online link to entry, by mail *OR* email. *Entries must be accompanied by a Contest Submission Form*

Mail: Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina  
Youth Essay/Media Contest  
Sylvia Vlosky Yaschik Jewish Studies Center  
96 Wentworth Street  
Charleston, SC 29424

Email: [JHSSC@cofc.edu](mailto:JHSSC@cofc.edu)

Name of your contest entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Format/medium of entry (essay, video, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Is your entry: \_\_\_ included with this form \_\_\_ available to view online (check one)

URL for viewing entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Your full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street number and name; City, State, zip code

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about the contest? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you and your family affiliated with any temple, synagogue, JCC, or other Jewish organization? yes no (check one)

If so, please provide the name and address of the organization so that we can let them know if you are a contest winner: \_\_\_\_\_

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*By signing below, you agree to your work appearing on the JHSSC website and to it being promoted to JHSSC members, affiliates, and members of the press. You also acknowledge by signing that to the best of your knowledge, all components of your entry are original works and produced by you alone.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Name (print)

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Contestant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature