

THE CENTER FOR SPORT AND JEWISH LIFE

המרפז לספורט וזהות יהודית

2008 SPORT AND JEWISH LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

CONTEST RULES

1. The essay theme is “What does it take to succeed in sports?”
2. There is no length requirement, however the objective is for you to make interesting points and back them up. You may draw on your own observations as a participant in – or fan of – sports at any level, as they relate to you personally, to society and its values, and to Jewish tradition. We will look for you to make connections in your essay to Jewish values and practices, to the Bible or any other Jewish literature, and to modern Jewish life.
3. Among the criteria that judges will look for: your ability to express yourself clearly, your ability to reflect on your own experiences in an interesting and insightful manner, your ability to connect your own personal experiences or observations to larger themes or issues, and how your observations relate to Jewish life and values.
4. Essays should be typed and double-spaced.
5. Essays must be postmarked by June 23, 2008.
6. You should submit six (6) copies of your essay – one original which should be single-sided, and five (5) copies which should be double-sided. These should be mailed to: Essay Contest, Center for Sport and Jewish Life, 255 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite 408, Delray Beach, FL 33444.
7. You should also fill out and send in the Personal Information Form found below. DO NOT put your name on the essay itself, ONLY on the Personal Information Form.
8. All essays will become the property of The Center for Sport and Jewish Life and may be used in future publications at the Center’s discretion.
9. Based on receipt of a minimum number of entries, winning essays will be awarded in each of the following categories: a) grades 6-9, b) grades 10-12, c) college students and others under age 25 as of the contest deadline date.
10. Those whose essays are selected by the judging panel will be notified by email and/or regular mail.
11. Some essay rules may be subject to change, based on the decision of the judges or the Center for Sport and Jewish Life.

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2008 SPORT AND JEWISH LIFE ESSAY CONTEST PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM

Please note that your answers to the following questions will have no bearing on how your essay is judged. The information is for contest administrative purposes only and will not be shared with the contest judges. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at JewishSports@gmail.com

Name:

Telephone Number:

Address:

Email Address:

School you attend, and grade in 2007/08:

Date of Birth:

How did you hear about this contest?

What made you decide to enter?

Please list any sports you are involved in, the framework of your sport participation (school, club, JCC, etc.) the number of years you have been involved and any sports accomplishments you care to share:

Please describe your affiliation with any synagogues, Jewish schools or youth groups, other Jewish organizations in your community, Jewish summer camps, or any other Jewish experiences of note:

Please describe any community service within the Jewish or general community that you are at present or have recently been involved with:

What did you get out of participating in this contest?

Signature _____ Parent's Signature (if under 18) _____