CENTER FOR SMALL TOWN JEWISH LIFE

Center for Small Town Jewish Life Art Contest
Official Contest Rules

These Official Rules (the "Rules") govern the Center for Small Town Jewish Life Art Contest (the "Contest"), a Jewish-themed art contest for Maine artists presented by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life at Colby College. Colby College, acting through its Center for Small Town Jewish Life, is the sponsor of the Contest ("Colby," the "Center," "we," "us," or the "Sponsor"). By submitting an entry, each entrant (and, for an entrant under 18, the entrant's parent or legal guardian) agrees to these Rules, which form a binding agreement between the entrant and Colby.

1. No Entry Fee; No Purchase Necessary

There is no entry fee and no purchase or payment of any kind is necessary to enter or to win. A purchase or donation will not improve any entrant's chance of winning. Winners are selected on the basis of the artistic merit of the submitted artwork as judged under these Rules, and not by chance.

2. Eligibility

- The Contest is open only to individuals who are legal residents of the State of Maine at the time of entry.
- There are three age categories, determined by the entrant's age as of the submission deadline (January 15, 2027): (a) Youth, 12 and under; (b) Youth, 13 through 17; and (c) Adult, 18 and over.
- Entrants under 18 may enter only with the consent of a parent or legal guardian, who must complete the parent/guardian consent portion of the entry form as described in Section 9.
- Employees of Colby College and the Center, and the immediate family members of such employees, are not eligible to enter.
- Each artist may submit one entry.

Any entry that does not meet these eligibility requirements, or that does not comply with these Rules, may be disqualified.

3. Contest Timeline

Milestone	Date
Submissions open	Friday, November 6, 2026
Submission deadline	Friday, January 15, 2027
Finalist voting opens	Monday, March 1, 2027
Finalist voting closes	Friday, May 7, 2027
Winners notified	Mid-May 2027
Winners announced publicly	Maine Conference for Jewish Life, June 18–20, 2027

All dates and times are Eastern Time. We may change these dates for operational reasons and will post any change in the Rules.

4. How to Enter

To enter, complete and submit the official online entry form for your age group, available at jewishlife.colby.edu/artcontest, by the submission deadline. Entries submitted by any other method will not be accepted. You must provide all required information and upload your artwork as described below. By submitting the form, you (and, for an entrant under 18, your parent or legal guardian) accept these Rules and grant the license and permissions described in Sections 7 and 8.

5. Artwork Requirements

- Eligible artwork may be in any visual-art medium, including painting, drawing, photography, collage, digital art, sculpture, and other visual arts.
- Each entry must be submitted as a photograph or scan of the artwork in JPG/JPEG format, of sufficient quality to print, generally at least 300 dpi and at least 2,000 pixels on the longer edge, and no larger than 10 MB.
- Artwork must reflect a Jewish theme.
- Artwork must be the entrant's own original work. Artwork generated or assisted by artificial intelligence is not permitted.
- Artwork, and the entry as a whole, must not contain any overt partisan political message or endorsement, and must comply with the content standards in Section 6.

6. Content Standards and Originality

Each entrant represents and warrants that the submitted artwork and all accompanying materials:

- are the entrant's own original creation and were not generated or assisted by artificial intelligence;
- do not infringe or violate the copyright, trademark, privacy, publicity, or other rights of any third party, including the rights of any person whose name, likeness, image, or other personal attributes appear in the artwork;
- do not contain unlawful, defamatory, obscene, hateful, harassing, or otherwise objectionable content, and do not depict or promote any illegal activity; and
- do not contain any overt partisan political message, campaign content, or endorsement of or opposition to any candidate, party, or ballot measure.

Where a recognizable person other than the entrant appears in the artwork, the entrant represents that the entrant has obtained that person's permission (or, for a minor, that person's parent or legal guardian's permission) to submit the artwork and to allow the uses described in these Rules. We may disqualify any entry that does not meet these standards, and we may request documentation of permissions.

7. Copyright and License to Colby

7.1 Ownership. Each entrant retains ownership of the copyright in the entrant's submitted artwork. Nothing in these Rules transfers ownership of any artwork to Colby.

7.2 License in winning artwork. If an entrant's artwork is selected as a winning entry under Section 10, then in consideration of the prize and the opportunity to participate, that entrant (and, for an entrant under 18, the entrant's parent or legal guardian on the entrant's behalf) grants to Colby College and its Center for Small Town Jewish Life a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, fully paid-up, perpetual, irrevocable, transferable, and sublicensable license to use, reproduce, distribute, publicly display, publicly perform, adapt, modify, create derivative works from, and otherwise exploit the winning artwork, in whole or in part, in any and all media now known or later developed. Permitted uses include, without limitation, producing and distributing note cards and other items as promotional "swag," selling such items in the Center's online store and elsewhere, and using the artwork in the Center's reports (including any impact report), presentations, website, social media, newsletters, exhibitions, fundraising, and other educational, promotional, and operational activities.

7.3 Non-winning submissions; future contact. Colby acquires no license in any artwork that is not selected as a winning entry, and Colby will not use a non-winning entrant's artwork beyond administering and judging the Contest without that entrant's separate written permission. By entering, each entrant agrees that Colby may contact the entrant after the Contest to discuss the possible future use of the entrant's artwork. Any such future use is subject to the entrant's separate written agreement, which may be given or withheld in the entrant's discretion.

7.4 Credit; moral rights. Whenever reasonably practicable in connection with the permitted uses of winning artwork, Colby will credit the artwork to the artist by name (and, for a minor, by first name and age group or as otherwise agreed). With respect to those permitted uses, each winner waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any so-called moral rights, including rights of attribution and integrity, and agrees not to assert any such rights against Colby or those acting with its authority. Colby is not obligated to use any artwork.

8. Use of Name, Likeness, and Statements

Each entrant (and, for an entrant under 18, the entrant's parent or legal guardian) agrees that, in connection with the Contest, Colby may publish and use the entrant's name, artwork title, artist statement, age group, and town of residence.

In addition, each winner (and, for a winner under 18, the winner's parent or legal guardian) agrees that Colby may record, use, and publish the winner's photograph, likeness, voice, biographical information, and interview comments in connection with announcing, promoting, and reporting on the Contest and the Center's activities, in any media described in Section 7, without additional notice, approval, or compensation, except where prohibited by law.

9. Entrants Under 18 — Parent or Legal Guardian Consent

An entrant who is under 18 as of the submission deadline may enter only if a parent or legal guardian provides consent as part of the entry. The parent or legal guardian must, on the entrant's behalf, accept these Rules, grant the license in Section 7, give the permissions in Section 8, and confirm the representations in Section 6. Colby may rely on the parent or legal guardian's electronic acceptance and may refuse or disqualify any minor's entry that lacks valid consent.

Special handling for the Youth 12 and under category

Colby will obtain verifiable parental consent before collecting, using, or publicly disclosing any personal information of a child under 13, consistent with the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection framework. For these entrants, the online entry form is designed so that the child does not submit personal information directly; instead, the form routes the entry to a parent or

legal guardian, who provides the required information, reviews the privacy notice, and gives verifiable consent before the entry is completed. A parent or legal guardian may decline to permit the child's participation and may ask Colby to delete the child's personal information.

10. Judging and Selection of Winners

Entries will be judged on artistic merit, creativity, and responsiveness to the Jewish theme, as determined in the reasonable judgment of the Sponsor. Judging will occur in two stages:

- First, a panel of Center staff, Colby students, and local community members will review eligible entries and select a group of finalists in each age category.
- Second, the Center's audiences will vote on the finalists through email and social-media polls during the finalist-voting period.

One winner will be selected in each of the three age categories, for three winners in total. Because winners are selected on the basis of artistic merit and audience voting rather than by chance, the Contest is a skill-based contest and not a lottery or game of chance. The Sponsor may break any tie, and may re-review or disqualify entries, to preserve the fairness and integrity of the Contest. All decisions of the Sponsor regarding eligibility, judging, and administration are final and binding.

11. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as follows in each age category:

- Youth, 12 and under: Tote bag filled with art supplies from a Maine art store. Valued at approximately $300.
- Youth, 13 through 17: Tote bag filled with art supplies from a Maine art store. Valued at approximately $300.
- Adult, 18 and over: Fine Judaica crafted by a Maine artisan and a tote bag of Center for Small Town Jewish Life merchandise. Valued at approximately $300.

Winners (and, for those under 18, their parent or legal guardian) will be invited to attend the Maine Conference for Jewish Life (June 18–20, 2027) and will be provided with conference registration, including accommodations. Winners under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Prizes are non-transferable and may not be exchanged for cash, except that the Sponsor may substitute a prize of comparable or greater value. Each winner is responsible for any taxes associated with a prize.

12. Winner Notification and Conditions

Winners will be notified in mid-May 2027 using the contact information provided in the entry. A potential winner (or, for a minor, the parent or legal guardian) may be required to confirm eligibility and to sign and return any confirmation, release, or consent that the Sponsor reasonably requests before a prize is awarded. If a potential winner cannot be reached within a reasonable time, declines the prize, is found ineligible, or fails to return a required document, the Sponsor may disqualify that entry and select an alternate.

13. Privacy

Colby will collect the information provided in the entry form to administer the Contest, contact entrants and winners, and carry out the uses described in these Rules. Colby will handle personal information in accordance with its applicable privacy practices and, for children under 13, the

verifiable-parental-consent and notice protections described in Section 9. Entrants may contact the Sponsor at the email address in Section 17 with questions about personal information.

14. Electronic Acceptance

The Contest is entered through an online form. Each entrant (and, where required, a parent or legal guardian) accepts these Rules and grants the license and permissions in these Rules electronically by completing and submitting the form. The parties agree that an electronic record and electronic signature have the same legal effect as a signature on paper, and no handwritten signature is required to make the agreement binding.

15. Release and Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each entrant (and, for an entrant under 18, the entrant's parent or legal guardian) releases Colby College, the Center for Small Town Jewish Life, and their trustees, officers, employees, students, volunteers, and agents (the "Released Parties") from any claim, loss, or liability arising out of or relating to the entrant's participation in the Contest, the submission or use of the artwork as permitted by these Rules, the award or use of any prize, or attendance at any Contest-related event, except to the extent caused by the Released Parties' gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Released Parties are not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, corrupted, or misdirected entries, or for technical failures of the entry form or voting mechanisms.

16. Indemnification by Entrant

Each entrant (and, for an entrant under 18, the entrant's parent or legal guardian) agrees to indemnify and hold the Released Parties harmless from any third-party claim arising out of the entrant's breach of these Rules or of the representations in Section 6, including any claim that the artwork infringes or violates a third party's intellectual-property, privacy, or publicity rights.

17. General

- Governing law. These Rules and the Contest are governed by the laws of the State of Maine, without regard to its conflict-of-laws principles. The Contest is void where prohibited.
- Entire agreement and changes. These Rules are the entire agreement between the entrant and Colby regarding the Contest and supersede prior discussions. The Sponsor may update these Rules for operational or legal reasons and will post the updated Rules.
- Severability. If any provision of these Rules is held unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in effect.
- No waiver. The Sponsor's failure to enforce any provision is not a waiver of that provision.
- Questions. Questions about the Contest or these Rules may be sent to **jewishlife@colby.edu**.

Find entry forms at:

jewishlife.colby.edu/artcontest