



**keren or**

**A creative arts forum for Jewish teens**

## **KEREN OR 8: CONTEST DESCRIPTION AND RULES**

Jewish Minnesota students in grades 7–12 are invited to submit original poems, prose, and photographs on any topic or content. Creative work submitted for school projects is acceptable. Fiction, memoir, or creative-nonfiction are welcome, but not research papers or book reports. We discourage the submission of highly personal family vignettes because they seldom succeed as creative writing. All work is evaluated by a panel of judges.

Prizes in each category (poetry, prose, photography) are \$100 for first place and \$50 for second and third places. Winning entries will be published in a special supplement to the [American Jewish World](#) and posted on our website: [www.kerenorcontest.org](http://www.kerenorcontest.org). The prizes will be distributed at an Awards Reception on February 12, 2012.

Entries are due no later than midnight, December 5, 2011. All entries will be acknowledged via e-mail by December 9th. Please check if you've not heard from us.

A student may contribute to more than one category, but no more than three entries in each.

Prose entries must be 12-point, Times Roman font, double spaced, and no more than 1500 words.  
**Careful attention should be paid to spelling, grammar, and typos.**

We *strongly urge* that students who are submitting poetry submit three (but no more than three) poems to give the judges a better sample of your work.

Prose and poetry should be sent via the **Keren Or submission form**. Any problems with the form should be reported to [Siegel@umn.edu](mailto:Siegel@umn.edu).

Photographs must be submitted as **8 x 10 quality prints**, mailed to: Jerry Siegel, 5501 Village Drive #105, Edina, MN 55439. The prints must be mailed by December 5. **At the same time that the photographs are mailed, and no later than December 5, please fill out the Keren Or submission form so that we will have crucial information about you.** If your photograph is selected as a winner, we will ask you for a digital version that we can include on the website and reproduce in the American Jewish World. We *strongly urge* that you send in three (but no more than 3) photographs so that the judges have a corpus of your work to evaluate.

A student who earned first place in prose, poetry, or photography in Keren Or must allow one year to elapse before submitting again to that category, *but is free to contribute to the other categories.*

Please fill out all of the requested information on the submission form. For further information see [www.kerenorcontest.org](http://www.kerenorcontest.org) or contact Jerry Siegel: [Siegel@umn.edu](mailto:Siegel@umn.edu).