



2019-2020 ATT Pogrud Family Essay Contest Rules

1. Essay Content: Select one of the topics listed below:

- a. Research a question about a Judaic topic that interests you. Essay should include the answer as well as its rationale.
 - e.g.: Does *Hashem* expect us to work for success or to rely on him alone?
- b. Research a historical/current Jewish personality or event. From that research, explain how it applies to your Jewish values and/or contemporary Jewish life. (Essay should include two parts, a brief summary of what has been researched and its relationship to you or modern life in general.)
 - e.g.: Write a brief summary (1 - 2 paragraphs) of the Spanish Expulsion and then explain its impact on our lives today.
- c. Create a poem, play or other type of creative writing on a Jewish theme, idea, personality, event, or holiday.
 - e.g.: Write a poem about *Rosh Hashana* from one of its related objects' perspective (e.g. *shofar*, apple, *machzor*).
- d. Explain a *tefilah* (prayer) from the *Siddur* and its special meaning to you and the role it plays in your life.
 - e.g.: *Sh'ma Koleinu* and what I think about when I recite it
- e. Explain a difficult passage from *Tanach*. Present a minimum of two resolutions to the problem.
 - e.g.: How did the Jews make an *Eigel* (Golden Calf) just 40 days after *Har Sinai*?
- f. Describe a modern problem and show how our sacred texts deal with the problem.
 - e.g.: The Sanctity of Human Life; Anti-Semitism; The Sanctity of Marriage; Environment; Social Justice

2. Length of essay: 500 word maximum

3. All essay submissions must include an **essay title, first name, last name, home address (include city, state, zip, & apartment # when applicable), email address (if student has one), grade, and school in order to be eligible.**

4. **If submissions are hand-written, essays must be legible, done in ink, and written on one side of the paper.**

5. **Deadline: Thursday, January 30, 2020, by 5:00 p.m.**

6. Prizes: \$50.00 per winner

7. Essays may be **submitted** by:

- **Mail:** 3531 Madison Street, Skokie, IL 60076
- **Email:** pogrundessayart@att.org
- **Online:** Go to <https://www.att.org/Pogrud-Family-Essay-Contest-Rules-1>

8. **FOR TEACHERS Only: If done as a class assignment, please be sure to:**

- Include the Pogrud Family Essay **CLASS COVER SHEET** with class submissions. To download sheet visit: <https://bit.ly/2rJslsd>
- Have each student include an essay title, his/her first and last name, home address (include city, state, zip and apartment # when applicable), email address (if student has one), grade, and school on all pages of his/her submission.
- If submissions are hand-written, essays must be legible, done in ink, and written on only one side of the paper.

9. Pogrud Family Essays will be judged on these criteria:

- Following directions – Be sure to include your heading and an essay title.
- Content/research/originality and creativity
- Mechanics (grammar, spelling, etc.)

10. All submitted essays are the property of the ATT and may be published in an ATT publication. Please retain a copy of your submission for your records. Winners may be requested to resubmit their essays electronically.