

# JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL

## 61<sup>st</sup> Annual National Jewish Book Awards 2011



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### **GUIDELINES FOR ENTRIES**

#### **Annual Awards**

Everett Family Foundation  
Jewish Book of the Year Award

American Jewish Studies  
*Celebrate 350 Award*

Biography, Autobiography,  
and Memoir  
*The Krauss Family Award In Memory  
of Simon & Shulamith (Sofi) Goldberg*

Children's and Young  
Adult Literature

Contemporary Jewish  
Life and Practice

Education and Jewish Identity  
*In Memory of Dorothy Kripke*

Fiction  
*JJ Greenberg Memorial Award*

History  
*Gerrard and Ella Berman Memorial Award*

Holocaust

Illustrated Children's Book  
*Louis Posner Memorial Award*

Modern Jewish Thought  
and Experience  
*Dorot Foundation Award In Memory  
of Joy Ungerleider Mayerson*

Outstanding Debut Fiction  
*Foundation for Jewish Culture's  
Goldberg Prize*

Scholarship  
*Nahum M. Sarna Memorial Award*

Sephardic Culture  
*Mimi S. Frank Award  
in Memory of Becky Levy*

Women's Studies  
*Barbara Dobkin Award*

Writing Based  
on Archival Material  
*The JDC-Herbert Katzki Award*

Occasional Awards  
*American Jewish History (Saul Viener  
Academic Book Prize), Anthologies and  
Collections, Poetry, Visual Arts*

## ***The mission of the Jewish Book Council***



To promote the reading, writing, publishing, and distribution of quality books of Jewish content in English.



To serve as the national resource center for information about the American Jewish literary scene.



To serve as the coordinating body of Jewish literary activity in North America in both general and Jewish venues.



To serve as the North American representative of Jewish literature on the international scene.

The National Jewish Book Awards have been presented annually since 1948 to authors of books of exceptional merit in a variety of Judaic subjects. The awards are designed to heighten awareness of outstanding books of Jewish interest published in the last year and

- *to encourage the reading of worthwhile books*
- *to recognize authors of outstanding Jewish literature*
- *to stimulate others to further literary creativity*
- *to acknowledge original contributions to scholarship*

These awards acknowledge the seminal importance of a particular work. In addition, there is a monetary award for each winning author, a public presentation to recognize the superior efforts made by the author and publisher in preparing the winning piece of literature, and publicity for the event and the individual awardees. Presentations will be made at a public ceremony on March 14, 2012 at the Center for Jewish History in New York City.

## **GUIDELINES FOR ENTRIES**

### **ELIGIBILITY RULES**

1. Books, either hardcover or original paperback, published between **January 1, 2011–December 31, 2011** are eligible. They may be submitted as finished copies, galleys or bound manuscripts, but, in the case of galleys or bound manuscripts, must be replaced by finished copies at time of release.
2. If a book is published in November or December of the prior year, and only if no galleys are available at that time, the book may be submitted the following year.
3. Complete series will not be accepted. Each title in the series must be submitted as an individual entry in the year of publication.
4. A previously submitted title, new translations, and reissues may not be resubmitted, unless it has been substantially reworked and has a new copyright date.
5. The book must be available in English and distributed in North America.
6. For the purposes of the National Jewish Book Awards, a Jewish book is one that deals with aspects of Judaism and Jewishness in the categories delineated. A book can not be considered for an awards category merely because its author is Jewish. A book written by a non-Jewish author is eligible if it has Jewish content.
7. Collections of previously published short stories, essays, or articles by a single author that are gathered into one compendium are eligible.
8. Translations are eligible and must be submitted in the copyright year of the English translation.
9. In the event the judges cannot come to a decision, an independent judge, designated by the President of the Jewish Book Council, will determine the winner.
10. Only works by authors who are living at the commencement of the eligibility year (Jan. 1) may be submitted to the National Jewish Book Award competition.

**2011**  
**NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARDS**  
**ENTRY RULES**

1. **ENTRY FORMS.** Entry forms, five copies (per category) of each book nominated, and a CD with a high resolution photo of each author and book cover must be sent to:

Jewish Book Council  
520 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10018  
att: AWARDS

Submitted books will not be returned.

2. **ENTRIES.** All books (or galleys) must be received by **October 5, 2011** with a completed entry form. **No submission will be accepted without an entry form.** There is an \$90 handling fee for each title submitted, and payment must accompany the entry form. If, for some reason, the fee is not available at the time of submission, the application must indicate "Payment to follow" on the entry form. **Payment must be received by October 31, 2011 or the title will become ineligible.** If a selection wins, an additional 5 copies, signed by the author, will be requested by the Jewish Book Council.
3. **CATEGORIES.** Attention to category definition is essential. Please see accompanying definitions to identify the appropriate category. On the entry form, the editor of the book should specify one category as most appropriate. A book may be submitted in more than one category, in which case five additional copies of a title must be sent in for each category in which that title is entered. If the judges feel the submission is more appropriate in another category, they will use their discretion to forward information about the work to the correct panel. Should this be the case, an additional five books will be requested for the new panel.
4. **OCCASIONAL AWARDS.** Books in these categories will be judged over a span of up to three years. Books must be submitted in their year of publication and will be retained by the designated panel for future evaluation.

- 5. EVERETT FAMILY FOUNDATION JEWISH BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD.** All submitted non-fiction books are automatically eligible for the Everett Family Foundation Jewish Book of the Year Award.
- 6. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD.** This category has been created to provide the Jewish Book Council with the flexibility to recognize selection(s) of outstanding merit. A select panel, headed by the Chair of the National Jewish Book Awards, will make this determination. In this case, additional copies of a book may be requested (with no additional fee required) by the panel.
- 7. AUTHORS.** Authors must be made aware of, and consent to, the entry of his/her book for the National Jewish Book Awards.
- 8. WINNERS.** For winning books, the individual whose name appears on the submission form will be advised of the judges' decision in January, 2012. It is the responsibility of that person to contact the author. The publisher is encouraged to promote the finalists and winning titles through all appropriate media. If the author of the work is not living, the award is given to the estate of the author.
- 9. PUBLISHERS/AUTHORS.** The submitting party (or a designated representative) of a winning book is responsible for arranging attendance at the Awards ceremony to be held on March 14, 2012 at the Center for Jewish History in New York City. Each winning publisher (or the author if the submission was made by the author) must agree to contribute \$350 to defray the cost of the ceremony. This payment entitles the publisher to one order (1,000) of National Jewish Book Award seals to be affixed to the winning book and two tickets, for the author and guest, to the private pre-ceremony dinner.

# **NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARDS**

## ***Definition of Categories***

**AMERICAN JEWISH STUDIES** A non-fiction book about the Jewish experience in North America.

**\*AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY** The Saul Viener Prize of the AJHS is a biennial award for a scholarly monograph on the history of the Jews in America. Works in fields other than history (such as literature, sociology, political science, etc.) do not qualify. Only books that promise to provide significant insight and make a substantial contribution to the history of Jews in America are eligible. In order to be considered, books have to be original work in English and not anthologies or other edited works. Books that were supported by or are projects of the AJHS are not eligible for consideration.

**\*ANTHOLOGIES and COLLECTIONS** A book of essays, biographies, short stories, or other collected works by more than one author.

**BIOGRAPHY, AUTOBIOGRAPHY, and MEMOIR** A biography, autobiography, personal memoir or family history. The subject need not be a Jewish person or family but must have significant relevance to the Jewish experience.

**CHILDREN'S and YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE** A book on a Jewish theme for ages 7–16.

**CONTEMPORARY JEWISH LIFE and PRACTICE** A non-fiction book about current tools and resources for Jewish living. These include but are not limited to, cookbooks, holiday how-to books, and life-cycle books.

**EDUCATION AND JEWISH IDENTITY** A non-fiction work that focuses on theory, history and/or practice of Jewish education. Textbooks are not eligible.

**FICTION** A novel or short-story collection with Jewish content.

**HISTORY** A non-fiction work about the Jewish historical experience. Books focusing primarily on the Holocaust and the American Jewish experience do not belong in this category.

**HOLOCAUST** A non-fiction book concerning the Holocaust including autobiographies, memoirs, and academic studies.

**ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S BOOK** A picture or illustrated book with a Jewish theme for children from infancy to age 10. The award is shared by the author and the illustrator.

**MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT and EXPERIENCE** A non-fiction work addressing Jewish thought and experience.

**OUTSTANDING DEBUT FICTION** Debut novel or short-story collection with Jewish content. This prize is supported through a generous grant of the Samuel Goldberg & Sons Foundation.

**\*POETRY** A book of verse consisting primarily of poems of Jewish concern.

**SEPHARDIC CULTURE** A book that explores the traditions and practices unique to Sephardic Jews.

**SCHOLARSHIP** A non-fiction selection that makes an original contribution to Jewish learning. This includes, but is not limited to, works on Bible, Rabbinics, and Jewish Law.

**\*VISUAL ARTS** A work of one or more visual artists (painters, weavers, sculptors, photographers, etc.) which includes illustrations and images of Jewish content as a dominant component.

**WOMEN'S STUDIES** A non-fiction book about women's role in the Jewish experience.

**WRITING BASED ON ARCHIVAL MATERIAL** A book of modern historical writing published in English based on archival material, including footnotes and bibliography.

*\* indicates occasional award not presented annually*

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## Submission Form (Page 1 of 2)

To: **Jewish Book Council**  
520 8th Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10018  
**att: AWARDS**

\_\_\_\_\_ (enter the name of author, editor, or publisher) is submitting the following title(s), published between January 1, 2011–December 31, 2011 for the 2011 NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARDS:

### CATEGORIES

American Jewish Studies • \*American Jewish History • \*Anthologies and Collections • Biography, Autobiography & Memoir • Children's and Young Adult Literature • Contemporary Jewish Life and Practice • Education and Jewish Identity • Fiction • History • Holocaust • Illustrated Children's Book • Modern Jewish Thought and Experience • Outstanding Debut Fiction • \*Poetry • Sephardic Culture • Scholarship • \*Visual Arts • Women's Studies • Writing Based on Archival Material (*\*indicates occasional award*)

*I agree to abide by the rules and stipulations set forth in the 2011 National Jewish Book Awards entry guidelines.*

JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL will notify the person listed on this form if the book is chosen as a finalist or winner. It is the responsibility of the person named below to notify the author. Please be certain to list the publisher below as it is to be written in press materials, and please include any co-publishers.

Signature of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Respondent (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLISHER: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRIES **MUST** BE RECEIVED BY October 5, 2011.

Five copies of each work listed are to accompany this application

**PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM.**

If the payment is delayed, submit the books with this form with a note explaining that payment will follow. Forward payment with a copy of this form by October 31, 2011 for the book to be eligible.



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**PAYMENT FORM**

**First Entry:**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication Year: \_\_\_\_\_

First Category (\$90): \_\_\_\_\_

Second Category (\$20): \_\_\_\_\_

Third Category (\$20): \_\_\_\_\_

**Total for book: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Entry:**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication Year: \_\_\_\_\_

First Category (\$90): \_\_\_\_\_

Second Category (\$20): \_\_\_\_\_

Third Category (\$20): \_\_\_\_\_

**Total for book: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Third Entry:**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Publication Year: \_\_\_\_\_

First Category (\$90): \_\_\_\_\_

Second Category (\$20): \_\_\_\_\_

Third Category (\$20): \_\_\_\_\_

**Total for book: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of Entries:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_



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**CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as listed on card: \_\_\_\_\_

- Visa
- Mastercard
- Amex

CC number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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This document will be used for Jewish Book Council billing purposes only and will remain confidential and secure.



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**Submission Checklist**

Please review the following checklist in order to ensure your entry is complete.

- Pages 1 and 2 of the Submission Form have been completed and signed, including any co-publishers for any nominated title, and signed
- Payment has been included with the entry or will follow by October 31, 2011
- CD with JPGs of nominated titles and authors has been included with submission
- 5 copies of the nominated book have been sent for each submitted category (e.g., if a title is submitted into two categories, ten copies must be sent to the Jewish Book Council)
- If galleys have been submitted in lieu of finished copies, finished copies will follow when available
- I have read the guidelines for entries in order to ensure that all nominated titles meet the submission guidelines
- I have reviewed the requirements for the publisher/author if the nominated title wins a National Jewish Book Award