



## SHORT BIOGRAPHY CONTEST Jewish Heritage Month

“Ontario is home to approximately 200,000 Jewish Canadians. Since the 1800s, the Jewish Canadian community has made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario, while overcoming tremendous obstacles... By proclaiming the month of May as Jewish Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Jewish Canadians have made to Ontario’s social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Jewish Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the inspirational role that Jewish Canadians have played, and continue to play, in communities across Ontario.” (Jewish Heritage Month Act, 2012)

One way the TDSB will be commemorating Jewish Heritage Month is with a Short Biography contest. Students are encouraged to write about a significant Jewish person who they feel has contributed to Ontario or has inspired them to contribute to others in some way.

### Contest Rules

- Short biographical stories must be 450 words or less, Times New Roman size 12, double-spaced
- There will be one winner and one runner-up in each of the 4 age divisions: (Grades 1-3; Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8; and Grades 9-12)
- Prizes are TBA and winners will be notified once judging has occurred.
- Students may submit one entry only. Please see attached Rubric.
- Peer editing is allowed (in the same grade or younger).
- Parents/teachers/older siblings are welcome to type out the work of younger writers, but should not make corrections other than spelling necessary for comprehension as they do so.
- All entries should be accompanied by an entry form, or reasonable facsimile with the required information.
- Please retain a copy of all work submitted as we are not able to return anything.

# SHORT BIOGRAPHY CONTEST - Jewish Heritage Month ENTRY FORM



Please complete the following information. Please do not use ALL CAPS or all lowercase.

## **Student Information**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title of Short Biography: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Words (450 Max): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional notes to judges (ESL, Special Needs, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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About the Author (30-60 words written in third person): \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Submission Instructions**

Email your electronic submission to : [diane.deiamoah@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:diane.deiamoah@tdsb.on.ca) **by May 22, 2015.**

Submission can also be sent via interoffice mail to:

Equity & Inclusive Schools  
140 Borough Drive  
2nd Floor  
Attention: Diane Dei-Amoah, CCP  
Route SE

Please keep a copy of your student's work as original entries will remain the property of the TDSB.



# SHORT BIOGRAPHY RUBRIC – Writing Evaluation

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

Criteria	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
<b>Knowledge and Understanding</b>	•Demonstrates limited knowledge and understanding of a biography	•Demonstrates some knowledge and understanding of a biography	•Demonstrates considerable knowledge and understanding of a biography	•Demonstrates thorough knowledge and understanding of a biography
<b>Thinking</b>	•Generates ideas that are connected and includes details and descriptions about the person with limited effectiveness	•Generates ideas that are connected and includes details and descriptions about the person with some effectiveness	•Generates ideas that are connected and includes details and descriptions about the person with considerable effectiveness	•Generates ideas that are connected and includes details and descriptions about the person with thorough effectiveness
<b>Communication</b>	<p>•Expresses and organizes ideas in logical and chronological order with limited effectiveness</p> <p>•Organizational pattern and layout are excellent for the topic, purpose and audience with limited effectiveness</p>	<p>•Expresses and organizes ideas in logical and chronological order with some effectiveness</p> <p>•Organizational pattern and layout are excellent for the topic, purpose and audience with some effectiveness</p>	<p>•Expresses and organizes ideas in logical and chronological order with considerable effectiveness</p> <p>•Organizational pattern and layout are excellent for the topic, purpose and audience with considerable effectiveness</p>	<p>•Expresses and organizes ideas in logical and chronological order with thorough effectiveness</p> <p>•Organizational pattern and layout are excellent for the topic, purpose and audience with thorough effectiveness</p>
<b>Application</b>	•Demonstrates an ability to make connections among topic, personal experiences and life situations with limited effectiveness	•Demonstrates an ability to make connections among topic, personal experiences and life situations with some effectiveness	•Demonstrates an ability to make connections among topic, personal experiences and life situations with considerable effectiveness	•Demonstrates an ability to make connections among topic, personal experiences and life situations with thorough effectiveness