

Jewish Artists Initiative Arts Challenge 2020 Guidelines and Submission Information

JAI is hosting our first Arts Challenge, open to all JAI members.

Theme: **From a Narrow Place: Images of Resilience**

The Hebrew word for Egypt, *Mitzrayim*, literally means “narrow places.”

Our People used this name for Egypt because of the unique way the Nile enters the Mediterranean, not as one river but through multiple, smaller straits. However, the Rabbis saw this name not in geographic terms, but in spiritual ones. Egypt, the place of our enslavement, is understood to be our "narrow place."

When the Sea split for our ancestors, they walked from slavery to freedom through a narrow channel, surrounded by walls of water. Each year during the Seder we are asked to see ourselves as having personally been freed from oppression. We remember our Exodus and our passage through the Sea and to identify within ourselves our own narrow places and our sources of liberation.

Jewish history has taught us to be resilient, as we have navigated thousands of years of troubles. Today we find ourselves in similar straits, as a modern plague circles the globe.

We invite you to submit a new piece of artwork to be included in both an online virtual exhibition and a JAI exhibit at USC Hillel set for Fall 2020.

Important Dates:

Image Submission Deadline	Wednesday, June 4, 2020
Launch of Virtual Exhibition	Pending
Delivery of artwork to USC Hillel	Pending
Reception	Pending

Submission Guidelines: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. You may submit up to two images for consideration for the exhibition no later than **Thursday, June 4, 2020**.
NEW WORK On PAPER ONLY

2. Submit images to Georgia Freedman-Harvey at gfhtwo@me.com

3. **Subject line** must include the following: JAI Challenge Submission and your name

4. **SIZES** -- For this challenge works can be either **11 x 14"**, **16 x 20"** or **22 x 28"** only.

All works must be completed based on a horizontal format. All works will be hung by magnets at USC Hillel. All media that can be hung on a wall are eligible, but nothing protruding more than 3". USC Hillel has ongoing programs and work needs to conform to the above requirements.

5. Include with your photographic images: Your name, title of artwork, media, date, size and insurance value. (USC Hillel will insure the pieces while on exhibition.) Also, include your email and a phone number. The images will also be used for the online virtual exhibition. Please also include a brief description of the work.

6. Labels will be made from the information provided.

7. All works must be original work on paper created **ONLY** by JAI members. Any work considered to have been more than 50% created by a non-member will be disqualified. (Collage is accepted and collaboration between JAI members is allowed.)

8. All work submitted will be included as long as it meets the following guidelines from USC Hillel. **USC Hillel will not exhibit any works that are political in nature, include nudity or are disparaging of any group of people.**

Questions: send to Georgia Freedman-Harvey - gfhtwo@me.com