

## 2027 Jewish Children's Poetry Competition

### Terms and Conditions

This competition is being promoted by the Jewish Literary Foundation, sometimes operating as Jewish Book Week.

### Eligibility

1. The competition is open to children who will be aged between 5 and 11 years old (inclusive) at the Closing Date and who live in or go to school in the United Kingdom at the Closing Date.
2. Children and close family members of Jewish Literary Foundation employees, or those of anyone connected with the competition or the prize cannot enter the competition. Proof of age, identity and eligibility may be required.
3. The competition will open on 1 September 2026 at 7:00. All entries will need to have been submitted by 12:00 noon on Friday 18 December 2026 (the 'Closing Date'). Entries outside of the entry window will not count so please do not wait until the last minute to send your entry.

### How to enter

4. Entrants must write a piece of poetry on the theme of 'Adventure' (maximum length 200 words). Entry is via through the online webform.
5. Entries must be submitted by the entrant's teacher, parent or guardian (the 'Responsible Adult'). They must enter the poem in the text box provided for submission. Teachers may make entries for form or year groups by attaching a Word document to the entry form with the name of each entrant clearly set out underneath each poem. References to the entrant in these Terms and Conditions shall include the Responsible Adult.
6. All poems should be submitted in English.
7. Permission from the Responsible Adult of the entrant and their agreement to these Terms and Conditions must be sought prior to submission. In submitting an entry to this competition, the Responsible Adult confirms their agreement to these Terms and Conditions.
8. Only one entry per child is permitted and the poem must be wholly written by the entrant only; poems cannot be written by more than one person. If more than one entry is submitted by the same writer, only the first submission will be considered.

9. All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. In addition, the use of generative AI tools to create or develop any part of an entry is not permitted and will lead to disqualification.
10. The shortlisted and winning poems will be performed live at Jewish Book Week 2027 and will be recorded on both audio and film by the Jewish Literary Foundation. Therefore, it is important that entrants do not include any personal details about themselves. The entrant must not include their name in the title or body of the poem; entries which do contain this information may be removed from the competition.
11. Entries cannot be returned so please remember to retain a copy. The Jewish Literary Foundation is not able to provide feedback to individual entries.
12. The Responsible Adult will be required to approve the entry and agree to these Terms and Conditions on behalf of the entrant, by way of a checkbox in the online form. The Responsible Adult must provide their own contact and personal details (not the child's).

#### Judging Criteria

13. All eligible entries will be judged using the following criteria:
  - Originality;
  - Creativity;
  - Relevance to the topic of 'Adventure'
14. The judging panel includes employees and trustees of the Jewish Literary Foundation and one external judge. The panel will use the criteria detailed above to select 12 finalists (two from each primary year group from Year 1 to Year 6). From these, one will be selected as the overall runner-up and one will be selected as the overall winner.
15. The 12 finalists will be contacted and their entries verified. The finalists' Responsible Adults will be contacted by midday on 18 January 2027. If the Jewish Literary Foundation is unable to contact an entrant after reasonable attempts (these may be by phone, text, or email), the Jewish Literary Foundation reserves the right to disregard that entry and select the next best entry as a finalist.
16. All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The Jewish Literary Foundation accepts no responsibility if entrants or the Responsible Adult ignore these Terms and Conditions and the Responsible Adult agrees to indemnify the Jewish Literary Foundation against any claim by any third party from any breach of these Terms and Conditions.
17. Entries must not contain defamatory, obscene, offensive, or any other unsuitable material. Entries must be suitable to be broadcast, published, or used online by the Jewish Literary Foundation for audiences of all ages.

## Prize

18. There will be one overall winner and one overall runner-up. The winner and runner-up will be invited to perform their poems on stage at Jewish Book Week 2027, and their poem will be published in a compilation pamphlet available to audiences at Jewish Book Week 2027. The winner and runner-up will each also receive a certificate issued by the Jewish Literary Foundation and a prize of Book Tokens. Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses for the overall winner and runner-up, and one accompanying adult each, will be covered by the Jewish Literary Foundation.
19. The other ten finalists will also be invited to perform their poems on stage at Jewish Book Week 2027, and their poems will be published in the commemorative pamphlet available to audiences at the festival. The finalists will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.
20. The prize is as stated above. There is no cash alternative, and the prize cannot be sold or transferred in any circumstances.
21. The Jewish Literary Foundation's decision as to entrants taking part, finalists, runner-up and winner is final. No correspondence pertaining to the competition will be entered into.
22. If the finalists, runner-up and winner and/or their family members (if applicable) have any health or accessibility requirements, these need to be disclosed to the Jewish Literary Foundation prior to prize fulfilment. The finalist, runner-up, winner and their guest(s) (if applicable) must also comply with the health, safety and security policies at any venue associated with the prize.
23. The Jewish Literary Foundation will not be responsible for any failure of the finalists, runner-up or winner and/or guests (if applicable) to gain entry to the event due to their behaviour or failing to comply with security or other venue policies. The Jewish Literary Foundation will not be responsible for suspension or cancellation of events that may form part of the prize, including through governmental restrictions.

## General

24. Entrants retain the copyright in their original submissions and grant to the Jewish Literary Foundation a perpetual non-exclusive royalty-free licence to broadcast their entry across all media, use it on any online platform as part of any Jewish Literary Foundation programme or service and in exploitation of such programme or service. This licence will be deemed to include all the necessary rights and permissions to enable such use by the Jewish Literary Foundation to fulfil the prize and to complete the administration of this competition. For the avoidance of doubt, no fees or expenses will be paid for the creation of any part of the entry.

25. By submitting a poem, the Responsible Adult agrees that the Jewish Literary Foundation may, at its sole discretion, edit or change entries in any way it may consider necessary for the purposes of use in the competition and the purposes listed in clause 24 above.
26. The Jewish Literary Foundation reserves the right to: (i) amend these terms and conditions and vary the competition rules including but not limited to the opening and closing times; (ii) disqualify any entrant who breaches the rules, displays rude, insulting or inappropriate behaviour at any point (including prize fulfilment) or has acted fraudulently in any way or; (iii) cancel the competition, at any stage, if in its opinion it is deemed necessary or if circumstances arise outside its control (iv) or to withhold a prize if, in its opinion, entries do not reach the required standard.
27. The Jewish Literary Foundation cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for any delays in the postal system, technical failure, loss of data via use of a third party email platform or malfunction, nor for any other problem which may result in any loss of data before it is received by the Jewish Literary Foundation, or any entry being lost or not properly registered before it is received by the Jewish Literary Foundation. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.
28. Entrants (including the Responsible Adult) will be deemed to have accepted these rules and to agree to be bound by them when registering.
29. If any of these clauses should be determined to be illegal, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable then it shall be severed and deleted from these rules and the remaining clauses shall survive, remain in full force and effect.
30. The competition is run by the Jewish Literary Foundation. The applicable law is that of England and Wales.