

### **Who can enter this essay contest?**

The contest is open to any full-time/part-time **student** registered at the University of Maryland, College Park, during any part of the Fall 2011 semester. UMD Staff and Faculty are not eligible to enter.

### **What should the topic of my paper be based on?**

The main subject of your paper should be sufficiently linked with Israel, though the topic is up to you. Therefore, it can be about Israel's connection with economy/history/government/politics/business/art/media/etc. As long as the main theme involves ISRAEL in the broad context, it may be submitted.

### **Whom can I contact if I have questions about the topic of my paper?**

You can email: [israelstudies-contact@umd.edu](mailto:israelstudies-contact@umd.edu). However NO guidance or assistance will be given as to how your paper should be structured or completed.

### **What should I submit?**

You should submit your paper as an email attachment in MS-Word, including your name, UID#, contact information (primary email address & cell#), your major, expected date of graduation and degree, what school or college you are enrolled at, and what course and semester you originally submitted your entry paper for.

### **What kind of paper may I submit?**

Any sort of academic paper is eligible and will be considered (i.e. research paper, book review, literature review, etc.) All materials submitted MUST have been written for a university course, in pursuit of a degree (undergraduate or graduate.)

### **How long may the paper be?**

The body of the paper must be at least 3000 words (approximately 6 double spaced pages) exclusive of notes or other materials but no more than 8000 words (inclusive of notes.)

### **Do I need to submit a bibliography and reference my sources?**

Yes, if you are using any references in your paper, a bibliography MUST accompany your paper, unless full citations are provided in footnotes. Any entry showing evidence of plagiarism will be disqualified at the sole discretion of the judges.

### **Where do I email my paper for submission?**

All papers must be emailed to [www.israelstudies-contact@umd.edu](mailto:www.israelstudies-contact@umd.edu)

### **When is the deadline for submitting my paper?**

All papers must be submitted by midnight EST on Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

### **What happens to my paper after I have submitted it?**

All submissions will become property of the Gildenhorn Institute and will not be returned. All papers will be kept and judged by a committee.

### **Will my paper be distributed outside of the University?**

Papers will not be distributed outside the Gildenhorn Institute without the author's written permission.

### **Who will be judging the papers?**

Decisions will be made by a committee comprised of the Gildenhorn Institute's faculty.

### **Can I appeal the judge's decision?**

No, the decisions of the judges will be final.

### **Is it possible that no winner will be chosen?**

Although the Gildenhorn Institute intends and desires to award a prize, it reserves the right not to award any prize if none of the papers submitted are of sufficient quality.

### **How many winners will be chosen?**

Only one winner will be chosen. There will be no second or third place prizes.

### **When will the winner of the contest be announced?**

The winner will be announced in early March 2012.

### **How will I be notified if I win?**

Winner will be contacted by email first week of March 2012, followed by a formal written letter.

### **What may I win?**

The winner of the contest will win one roundtrip, economy-class, air ticket to Israel. The cost of the ticket must NOT exceed \$1,500, including all surcharges and taxes. You will receive an airfare voucher certificate, which will be redeemable only through the Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies.

**How may I redeem my prize?**

The purchase of your ticket must be coordinated through the Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies and purchased through an authorized University of Maryland Travel Agency.

**What if I want to purchase a flight that will exceed the \$1,500 cost?**

We will only authorize the purchase of one roundtrip, economy-class flight, NOT to exceed \$1,500, including all surcharges and taxes. This offer cannot be combined with any accumulated air miles incentive plans for further upgrades; nor will it be possible for you to pay out-of-pocket the cost difference in order to upgrade seat or flight.

**When do I have to redeem my prize?**

Airfare voucher must be redeemed no later than December 31, 2012. Flights may leave after December 31, 2011; however the flight MUST have been booked by or before December 31,

**What information will be publicized on the Gildenhorn Institute website?**

By entering the contest, any entrant agrees to have his/her name, title of the paper and an abstract of the paper announced on the website.

**Will my paper be published after I win?**

The paper will be put up on the Gildenhorn Institute's website, but only if the author agrees in writing.

**What if I also intend to submit my paper to an academic journal?**

If the author intends to submit their paper to an academic journal, he/she should consider whether publication on the Gildenhorn Institute website would prevent it from being published elsewhere. The paper may be submitted in any case to the contest; its appearance on our website is optional.

**Any other questions?**

Please email the Israel Studies coordinator, Jennifer Cornejo at [jcornejo@umd.edu](mailto:jcornejo@umd.edu). **You must use "Israel Studies Essay Contest" in your subject line.**

**For more information, please visit our website:  
[www.israelstudies.umd.edu](http://www.israelstudies.umd.edu)**