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**CALLING ALL MINNESOTA TEEN JEWISH**

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**Minneapolis--***Keren Or* (Ray of Light) announces the 15th annual creative arts contest for Jewish youth. Minnesota Jewish students in grades 7-12 are invited to submit original poetry, creative prose, and photographs. The deadline for submissions is Friday, February 15, 2019, 5 p.m. All submissions must be submitted using the online forms provided at [www.kerenorcontest.org](http://www.kerenorcontest.org).

Prizes in each category are awarded to two separate groups: students in grades 7-9 and grades 10-12. The prizes are $100 for first place, $50 for second and third places, and $36 for Honorable Mention.

 Winning entries will be published at the *Keren Or* website and in a special supplement to The American Jewish World. They will also be included in an exhibit of *Keren Or*’s winning submissions in spring of 2019. An awards ceremony honoring all the participants will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m., at the Sabes JCC (4330 South Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis).

*Keren Or* was founded in 2004 by Jerry and Eileen Siegel (z’’l) to honor the memory of their daughter, Karen Siegel-Jacobs. Siegel-Jacobs grew up in Minneapolis and attended the Minneapolis Talmud Torah. She was an active member of Adath Jeshurun Congregation and USY and as a teenager wrote poems and short stories.

*Keren Or* is managed by *Rimon: The Minnesota Jewish Arts Council* (an initiative of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation) and is funded by the Karen Siegel-Jacobs Fund at the Adath Jeshurun Foundation.

For additional information and contest rules, visit [www.kerenorcontest.org](http://www.kerenorcontest.org) or call 952-381-3449.

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