



**CHICAGO RABBINICAL COUNCIL IS PROUD
TO ANNOUNCE THE CREATION OF THE
REBBETZIN SHOSHANA SCHWARTZ, Z"l
TORAH ESSAY CONTEST:**

OBJECTIVE:

*TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO EXPLORE HALACHIC ISSUES
AND SELECTIONS OF TANACH THROUGH THE RESEARCH AND WRITING SKILLS
PROMOTED IN OUR YESHIVOT AND HIGH SCHOOLS*

The essay contest is open to all seniors in Orthodox Jewish high school programs in the Chicago metropolitan area who will be attending a Yeshiva or seminary in Israel for the 5770-5771 academic year.

Entrants will select a topic in Halacha or TaNaCH to research with the goal of increasing understanding in light of classical Jewish sources.

Essays may be written in English or Hebrew; primary sources in their original language and formulation are preferred over secondary sources and translations. Careful attention must be given to proper attribution of sources, and each essay must be accompanied by a bibliography.

A panel of judges will evaluate each essay on the following criteria:

- Research: Thorough and accurate citation of sources.
 - Organization: Presentation of material in a clear and convincing manner.
 - Creativity: Shedding new light and insight through careful analysis of sources.
 - Style: Employment of good writing skills, including grammar, syntax and usage.
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- **First Place Essay will receive a \$1000.00 award**
 - **Second Place Essay will receive a \$200 award**

Deadline for submission: **Friday, April 16, 2010**

As all essays will be evaluated by the judges without knowledge of the author of the essay, we ask that the student not include his or her name on the sheet(s) on which the essay itself is written.

Completed essays should each be submitted in a sealed envelope along with a separate sheet of paper containing the student's name, contact information, current high school or yeshiva, and yeshiva or seminary in Israel which he or she will be attending. **Essays should be addressed to the attention of Rabbi Michael Myers or Rabbi Moshe Kushner at the cRc at 2701 West Howard, Chicago, Illinois 60645.**