# 2020 Athens Jewish Film Festival Shorts Competition Submission Requirements

The Goal of this Shorts Competition is to encourage emerging filmmakers to submit an original short film of their creation, addressing "The Jewish Experience." Perhaps some of the best news is that there is NO COST for entering this competition.

# **Important Dates**

December 13, 2019 – Deadline for 2020 Athens JFF shorts submissions. February 2020 – Finalists announced in February, with date to be announced. Final Night of March 2020 Festival – Screening of finalists' films and awards.

# **Eligibility**

- Emerging or established filmmakers of any religious affiliation or national origin.
- Films must be from 1 to 25 minutes in length (including credits).
- Films must address the theme of "The Jewish Experience." All genres (documentary, narrative, poetry, animation, claymation, etc.) are welcome!

# **Prizes**

Cash Prizes will be provided to the following: • First Place • Second Place • Third Place

We look forward to hearing from you and, more importantly, seeing your work.

# Guidelines

- We will not be viewing entries on the Internet. We will be downloading all submissions and compiling them onto DVDs for the jury to watch together.
- We require a high definition submission for each entry which will be used for both jury viewing and, if chosen, for exhibition at our local theatre.
- All submissions must therefore be downloadable.

We highly recommend creating a Vimeo account and uploading your submission there, and enabling the download option.

However, we accept the following methods of delivery with the following requirements:

# Vimeo

You must enable file download.

We Transfer, DropBox, etc.

#### Mail in submissions

If you mail in a submission on disc, please send a data disc with a video file such as MP4 or MOV.

**Important Note:** You may send in a traditional DVD disc, but you will not receive it back, and the quality will be compromised should it make it into the theatrical viewing. A PAL version can be used but it will be converted to NTSC.

# YouTube

Because we cannot download YouTube videos, we cannot accept them.

- Complete the **ENTRY FORM ONLINE HERE** for each submission by December 13, 2019.
- Submit DVD (see above regarding mail-in discs) or relevant online links and passwords
- A clearly labeled DVD including submission title, entrant's name, and contact information
- Brief bio information for each filmmaker

# SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS AND MATERIALS TO:

Ron Zell 102 Little Ridge Rd. Berkeley Lake, GA 30096

Or online to: zellmo904@yahoo.com

If you have technical questions or require more information about video format specifications, please email <u>kimccoy910@gmail.com</u>.

*Please note*: Athens Jewish Film Festival cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss to submitted DVDs. By entering a short for consideration, applicant attests to holding all rights to exhibit the given work (audio and video)

For questions or additional information, contact Athens Jewish Film Festival <a href="mailto:athensiff@gmail.com">athensiff@gmail.com</a>