



OUR ROOTS:
Students Explore Their Family History Through Film

INTERNATIONAL FILM PROJECT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
BY THE GALICIA JEWISH MUSEUM IN KRAKÓW, POLAND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE CONTEMPORARY JEWISH MUSEUM IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

*The Galicia Jewish Museum and The Contemporary Jewish Museum invite high school students to participate in the second edition of the international film project **Our Roots**. Students of all backgrounds are encouraged to submit short 3-5 minute films on the theme **Our Roots**.*

Like tree roots, our family roots – our cultural and ancestral heritage – run deep. Often they twist and turn, and are spread over a wide area. Often they are entwined with others, creating a system of connections.

Where is your family from? What stories did your grandparents tell you about their lives? We invite you to submit a short film sharing your family history in creative and unique ways.

All submitted films will become part of a special multimedia exhibition displayed at the Galicia Jewish Museum, Krakow and The Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco, for an international and multicultural audience. Additionally, the films will be made into an online exhibition that will be available for viewers around the world. Participants' schools will also be encouraged to link to or display the online exhibition on their websites. The films will also be reviewed by a jury of historians, genealogists and filmmakers, and the makers of the top three films along with their schools will receive prizes.

For more information on the project, please contact Kamila Czerkawska
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For high school students of all ages and backgrounds.

Length: 3-5 minutes

Sign-up deadline: 30 November, 2014

Submission deadline: 1 February, 2015

Requirements:

- Films must be 3-5 minutes in length.
- Films must be submitted to the Galicia Jewish Museum by 1st February 2015.
- Results will be announced two weeks after the deadline.

All participants will receive diplomas. Makers of the top three films and their schools will be awarded gift vouchers:

1st place: \$325 gift voucher for the student, \$150 gift voucher for the school.

2nd place: \$225 gift voucher for the student; \$100 gift voucher for the school.

3rd place: \$125 gift voucher for the student; \$75 gift voucher for the school.

Regulations:

- Films must be submitted using Vimeo to: kamila@galiciajewishmuseum.org. Detailed instructions on how to submit a film are available on project website.
- Films must be in English or have English subtitles.
- Students may work individually or in small groups (max. 4 people).
- Limit of 1 (one) submission per student/group.
- We encourage students to present their family history through creative storytelling (animation, walking tour, acting out stories, montage, narration, etc.). Interviews may be included, but only as parts of the film.

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The Galicia Museum exists to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust and to present the 800-year Jewish experience in Poland in a way that is accessible, informative and thought-provoking. Located in the heart of Kazimierz, Kraków's historic Jewish district, the Museum is a dynamic cultural institution that seeks to bring together people from Poland and around the world to think about the past, present and future – and our connections to one another across racial, national, ethnic, religious and social lines – in different ways. For more information about the Galicia Jewish Museum, please visit the Museum's website: www.galiciajewishmuseum.org.

Since its founding in 1984, The Contemporary Jewish Museum (CJM) has distinguished itself as a welcoming place where visitors can connect with one another through dialogue and shared experiences with the arts. Located in San Francisco, California, the purpose of The CJM is to be an engaging forum for diverse audiences where new perspectives on Jewish culture, history, art, and ideas thrive. For more information about The Contemporary Jewish Museum, visit www.thecjm.org or contact Leah Greenberg, Youth Programs Manager: teens@thecjm.org.

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