ARTISTS INVITED TO ENTER THE
AVIS LEE & ABRAHAM NEIMAN JUDAICA PRIZE COMPETITION

In 2002, the Museum established the prestigious Avis Lee & Abraham Neiman Judaica Prize Competition to encourage Florida artists with the following goals: 1) to be at the forefront of a renaissance of Judaic art, 2) to enrich and enhance ritual celebration of Jewish holidays with contemporary designs and 3) to expand the Museum’s collections. Previous competitions have been awarded for seder plates, tzedakah boxes, challah trays or covers, Chanukah menorahs, mezuzah cases and torah covers or torah pointers.

This year’s competition challenges Florida artists to create an original Havdalah Spice Box made expressly for this contest. First prize is $1,000; second is $750 and third prize is $500. We encourage artists in all media who are residents of Florida, have a studio in Florida, or have exhibited in Florida to participate. The winning pieces become part of the Museum’s collection.

Entry deadline: Monday October 22, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

The spice box is a decorative container used in the traditional Havdalah ceremony. Havdalah, which translates as "separation," is the ceremony by which Shabbat ends on Saturday evening. Through the Havdalah ceremony, we make the separation between Shabbat and the rest of the week with blessings over wine, spices, and light. Wine signifies the sanctity of the day, fragrant spices are for a week filled with sweetness and light is hoping for a week of brightness and joy. Although Jewish law does not dictate which type of spice should be used, it is traditional to use sweet-smelling spices, such as cloves, to offset the sadness that one feels as Shabbat departs.

PROCEDURES & RULES
• We encourage artists in all media to participate.
• Only one entry per artist; artists’ collaborations are permitted.
• Artists must be residents of Florida, have a studio in Florida, or have exhibited in Florida.
• All entries must be created exclusively for this Judaica Prize competition. This exclusivity is to mean that prior to this competition, the item has never been shown publicly or sold.
• Winners are selected by an eminent jury, whose names will be announced after the winners are chosen.
Spice Box Criteria:
Spice boxes can be containers of any kind. They are usually very ornate in design and can be very imaginative. Materials may include: metal, glass, wood, plastic, epoxy, mesh, ceramic or sturdy fiber.

Technical Requirements:
1) it must be designed to open and close, in order to insert the spices
2) it must have openings through which the spice can be smelled
3) it must be durable enough to be passed around during the ceremony
4) dimensions cannot exceed 10 inches high, 6 inches wide and 4.5 inches deep, in order to display winning entries at the Museum

Entries for this juried competition are judged on these criteria:
1) artistic merit and creativity
2). elements of traditional observance
3) sustainable function

PHASE I
Application deadline is Monday, October 22, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Please submit:
1. Maximum of 4 Images on CD: The images must include the front and back of the object, in jpg or tiff format, with image size of 3” x 5” and resolution of 300 dpi. Submit 2 copies of the CD, each labeled with the artists’ name; however, the images should not contain the name of the artist. CDs will not be returned and e-mail submissions are not accepted.
2. Artist’s Statement: Maximum 150 words, describing the entry, with the artist’s name.
3. Artist’s Biography: Maximum 150 words, with the artist’s name.
4. Completed and Signed Application: Please staple the application, statement and biography together, in that order, with the application on top.

All submissions become the property of Jewish Museum of Florida and will not be returned. No notification will be sent upon receipt of entries. We recommend sending your entry via registered mail. Entries will not be accepted after the deadline date.

PHASE II
The winning entries will become part of the permanent collection of the Jewish Museum of Florida. The winners will be notified by 1/4/13 and will need to submit their winning entry to the Jewish Museum of Florida. The objects must be exactly as shown in the photographs; any altering of the objects after the submission of the photographs will disqualify the objects from consideration. Winners are responsible for bringing their winning entries to the Museum or for crating, shipping and insuring their work to reach the Museum.

To enter, please download the contest criteria and application form from our website www.jewishmuseum.com or call 786-972-3166 to receive the form by fax or mail. Submit the completed form and photographs, by October 22, 2012 at 5:00 pm. to the Museum: 301 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

The prize ceremony will take place at the Museum on Monday, February 11, 2013.
Please print clearly or type:

Name __________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________________________________
City, State, ZIP __________________________________________________________________________
Phone (day)_________________________ (evening)________________________
Phone (cell) ______________________ Fax ______________________
e-mail __________________________

Dimensions of entry (in inches):
Length __________________________ Width _____________ Depth _____________

Materials ____________________________________________________________________________
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I hereby declare that I have created this item exclusively for the Jewish Museum of Florida
Avis Lee & Abraham Neiman Judaica Prize competition. Prior to this time, this piece has never been shown
publicly or sold. I understand that if my entry wins, it will become part of the permanent collection of the
Jewish Museum of Florida.

Signature __________________________
Date ________________________________

Completed application form must be accompanied by:
• Two CDs (maximum of 4 images per CD)
• Artist’s statement
• Artist’s biography

RETURN TO: JUDAICA COMPETITION
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Questions? Call 786-972-3166
Fax: 305-672-5933, e-mail: info@jewishmuseum.com
Any e-mail inquiries should read “Judaica Competition” in the subject line