



women in the visual and literary arts

Women in the Visual and Literary Arts in Collaboration with the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston – Presents: *RENEWAL*

Literary Prospectus:

BACKGROUND: *Renewal* is a theme that prominently arises in Jewish tradition around the fall holidays of *Rosh Hashanah*, the Jewish New Year, and *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement. During this time, commonly referred to as The Days of Awe, prayers are reflective and introspective. God and others are asked for forgiveness, and commitment is made to doing better. Particularly on *Yom Kippur*, the most solemn day of the Jewish calendar, dressing in white symbolizes renewal and rebirth, and the liturgy speaks of ‘wiping the slate clean’ in the hope of being inscribed in the Book of Life for another year. The concept of renewal is found throughout the Jewish calendar as well, often with reference to the cycle of seasons in Israel and the history of the Jewish people.

As part of the Greater Meyerland community, the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston (The J) has been an integral healing community partner following flooding that devastated the area beginning in 2015. In order to celebrate the community’s resilience, strength, and spirit of healing the Center obtained a grant for area composers and musicians to create an original work “Renewal, Reflection and Resilience”, which will be performed on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at the J.

WiVLA has been invited to participate in an art show with literary writings, all focusing on the theme “**RENEWAL.**”

Venue: Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston, 5601 S. Braeswood, Houston, Texas 77096-3907

Opening:

Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 3 PM

4 PM Concert

5 pm return to the Gallery following the concert

CALL FOR ENTRY FOR LITERARY SUBMISSION:

- WiVLA writers are invited to submit ONE written piece for consideration
- Work will be selected by a committee from Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center
- You must be a WiVLA member in order to apply
- Entry period will begin on May 18, 2017 and close June 15, 2017
- Work must be submitted online by June 15, 2017
- There is **no entry fee** for this event
- A chapbook of selected works will be available at the opening on August 20, 2017

WORKS TO BE CONSIDERED: All Literary forms will be considered using the theme: "Renewal."

ENTRIES AND SPECIFICATIONS:

- All work will be submitted online: literary@wivla.org
- All work must be in 12 point Times New Roman type with 1" margins. Work must be no more than 250 words. Less than 250 words may be submitted
- **No political work or religiously-themed work will be accepted in this exhibit**
- All works selected will be printed in a chapbook for the show
- **Entry Deadline:** All entries must be received by 11:59 pm on June 15, 2017.

Notification: Writers will be notified by email by June 30, 2017 of works accepted to the show.

CALENDAR

May 18, 2017: Submission period opens online

June 15, 2017: Deadline for all submissions 11:59 PM

June 30, 2017: Writers will be notified of acceptance to the show

August 20, 2017: Opening Reception and Concert: 3 to 6 PM, Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center

October 20, 2017: Show will close