



POETRY-a-Thon

“Shine Bright”

Temple Beth Shalom Religious School

Join Together as a Community with our Poetry-a-Thon!

Temple Beth Shalom presents our Hanukkah 2021 competition. Participants will receive a certificate and sweet Hanukkah treat PLUS get to read your poem at the Mishpacha Family Service on Shabbat, December 4 For students in Kita Daled-Hay-Vav-Zayin

Submit poem to
religiousschool@tbsroslyn.org



Your entry can be in any form you choose. Here are some suggestions.

HAIKU—3 lines; the 1st and 3rd lines have 5 syllables, the 2nd has 7. A haiku doesn't have to rhyme & is usually written to evoke a particular mood.

FREE VERSE—can rhyme or not, it can have as many lines or stanzas as you want, & can be about anything you like (Beware: the lack of rules makes this form of poetry tricky to master!)

SONNET—(from the Italian for “little song”) is made up of 14 lines & usually deals with love. The rhyming can be ABAB CDCD EFEF GG (Shakespearean) or ABBA ABBA CDE CDE (Italian)

ACROSTIC—spells out a name, word, phrase or message with the first letter of each line of the poem. It can rhyme, or not. Typically, the word spelled out lays down the theme of the poem.

LIMERICK—are funny poems that have a rhyme scheme of AABBA, with lines 1,2 & 5 all being longer in length than lines 3 & 4. The last line is often the punch line.

BALLAD—4 lines with rhyme scheme ABAB or ABCB