



Journal of Textual Reasoning Publishing Contest

In Honor of 9 Adar: the Jewish Day of Constructive Conflict (Yom Machloket l'Shem Shamayim)

You are warmly invited to submit a 2-10pp (600-3500 word) essay or statement on “The Text, Theory and Practice of Jewish Models of Constructive Conflict” Or on “How Jewish Textual Study, or Rabbinic Chevruta (Fellowships of Study) – or, in particular, Jewish Textual Reasoning – can promote the virtue of Constructive Conflict (“Argumentation for the Sake of Heaven,” *machloket l'shem shamayim*).

- *Submissions due no later than Jan 31, 2014 (preferably earlier):* by email to pochs@virginia.edu or 9adar@pardes.org.il (please send attachments in Heb. or Eng. ms. word, double spaced 12 pt).
- The 10 Best submissions will be published as a spring/summer 2014 issue of The Journal of Textual Reasoning (<http://jtr.lib.virginia.edu/>). Entries all welcome from Scholars, Students (grad, undergrad, high school, yeshivah), Community Members.

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The 9th of Adar is the day, approximately 2,000 years ago, on which the initially peaceful and constructive conflict (*machloket l'shem shamayim*) between Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai, erupted into a violent and destructive conflict over a vote on 18 legal matters leading to the death of 3,000 students. The day was later declared a fast day, however, it was never observed as such. The Pardes Center for Judaism and Conflict Resolution has therefore chosen this day to be the international Jewish Day of Constructive Conflict (*machloket l'shem shamayim*), dedicated to both the study and practice of Judaism and conflict resolution.

Write! Contribute! Argue for the Sake of Heaven!