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COVER: Through Their Eyes

JN readers capture the spirit of Israel in photographs.

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In honor of Israel's 60th anniversary, the JN hosted a photo contest featuring images readers took while in Israel. Some are photos capturing tourists on camels, others show proud Israeli soldiers or beautiful sunsets or people praying at the Western Wall. All said Israel.

Twenty-four people entered the contest, and every photo will be available for viewing on JNonline.us. Look for a button on the right side labeled: Israel Photo Contest.

Many images stood out for content and quality, making the decision difficult. The first place photo by David Salama of Huntington Woods graces our front cover. The second place photo taken by Morris Alkalay of Southfield appears on the cover of this Israel@60 section. **The third place photo by Rabbi Jason Miller of West Bloomfield can be found on the Table of Contents page.**

Other photos earned honorable mentions and will be displayed on this page. The top three winners will receive Israeli-made products as prizes.

Thanks for your participation. And don't forget to check out JNonline.us for the other photos.

[See all the photos.](#)

- Keri Guten Cohen, story development editor

First Place



Elliot Salama, 2, visits the Western Wall for the first time./David Salama of Huntington Woods

Second Place



Dead Sea and the mountains/Morris Alkalay of Southfield

Third Place



Cat in a window in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, Jerusalem/Rabbi

Jason A. Miller of West Bloomfield

Honorable Mention



New Israel Defense Forces recruits gathered before touring Yad Vashem in August 2007./Rabbi Jason A. Miller



"I accuse, Manifestations at Rabin Square," taken in Tel Aviv during public outcry over kidnapped Israeli soldiers./Morris Alkalay of Southfield



A show of patriotism is displayed in this window in Jaffa, just south of Tel Aviv/Melissa Morof of Farmington Hills



You can even get to Washington, D.C., from this crossroads in Israel./Rabbi Jason A. Miller of West Bloomfield



Reading from the Torah at the Western Wall/Karen Lowen of Farmington Hills

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