



**Equality**  
**Open Call for Artists with Disabilities**

The Historic Congregation Ahavas Sholom and the Jewish Museum of New Jersey invites all artists with disabilities to apply for an exhibition in the Gallery at the Ahavas Sholom Congregation. The exhibition will be curated by artist and curator Nelson Alvarez.

**Theme:** We encourage all artists with disabilities to take the opportunity to present their work for selection in our space. The artwork should reflect the struggle of artists with disabilities to create artwork and develop their career. Artists should question what the biggest obstacle in their journey was and make a visual representation of that experience. We are open to evaluating artwork in all forms and techniques that reflect the theme for our exhibition.

**Who is eligible?** Any artist with disability who are 18 years old or older is eligible to participate. No previous exhibition experience is necessary. We are open to give the opportunity to everyone who produces excellent artwork in the disabled community to exhibit their work with us.

**To make your work available for the exhibition please follow all the instruction and procedures described in this open call.**

**How to apply:** Send your entries to [santosalvareznelson@yahoo.com](mailto:santosalvareznelson@yahoo.com) with the subject Equality Exhibition.

**Exhibition: November 13, 2022 to February 15, 2023**

**Deadline: October 23, 2022 at midnight**

**Notification day: October 31, 2022**

**All entries:** A maximum of 3 entries may be submitted. Artwork may be created from any media 2D and 3D. Work must not have been previously exhibited in any Jewish Museum exhibition. The amount of artwork selected will be up to the curator (3D artwork depends on size and space.)

**Fees and cost:** There are no fees for the application nor participation in the exhibition.

**Image size:** All images should be emailed in the form of jpeg, size 5MB.

**Image name:** All image documents should be named as follows:

Last Name, Entry 1, Title.jpg.

Last Name, Entry 2, Title.jpg.

Example: Alvarez, Entry 1, Urban Landscape, jpg.

**In your email, please send:** The 3 images properly named and the correct size. Also include a technical description of the image.

### **Technical description**

Artist Name and last name:

Title:

Size:

Year:

Media:



**About the Jewish Museum:** The Museum was founded in 2003 and the museum's inaugural opening was in 2007. The historic building in the [Broadway](#) neighborhood is the longest continually operating [synagogue](#) in the city.<sup>[4]</sup> It was built in 1923 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2000. It is one of fifty synagogues that once stood in Newark, serving a Jewish population of 70,000, once the sixth largest Jewish community in the United States.

From the gallery space of the Museum, one has a view of the majestic Aron Kodesh, or Holy Ark. Constructed in the 1870s for Congregation Beth-El, later Rodeph Sholom, at their second location on Lexington Avenue and 63rd Street in New York City, the hand-carved wooden [Aron Kodesh](#) was installed at its present location in Newark in the 1920s and is the oldest in the state of New Jersey.

The Museum creates and curates rotating and traveling exhibitions, utilizing photographs, paintings, panel displays, artifacts, text, music and multi-media. The Museum also features topics such as local Holocaust survivors, Jewish Immigration in the state, and history of Sephardim in New Jersey. The Museum is open for special exhibits and programs, as well as by appointment.



**About the Curator:** Nelson Alvarez is a full-time artist, art educator and curator. His works have been exhibited nationwide and still have an important presence in the Tristate area. He has a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Kean University ("Cum Laude") and earned his MFA in painting at Lehman College, CUNY in New York.

Nelson works actively as member of the advisory board of The Neo- Latino group, The We Are You international Project, Artists Unite, New York; Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NOMAA); Union City Artist Collective; Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition, in Brooklyn, and Yoho Artist Collective, Yonkers, NY. Mr. Alvarez also has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition.