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Judaica

The Judaica series is about a personal journey and the deep soul connection within every Jew - which is our one true source of nourishment in this world.



Wedding חתונה מתחת כוכבים

On a soft night, two souls are joined as one. Together, with friends, and family they share joy and the hope of building a beautiful new home in Israel. Both for the couple, and the many future generations to come...

1J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm, Medium: Oil on Canvas



לישב בסוכה Succot

The yearly commandment to leave the security of our homes and live for seven days in the 'Succah', surrounded by the blessing, love, and peace of G-dly presence.

9J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel



Shaking the Lulav נטילת לולב

During the festival of Suckot, the men enjoy the commandment to bless on the lulav and etrog, while they inhale the sweet smells of myrtle.

30J Original Size: 28x36" / 70x90cm Medium: Oil on Board



Simchat Torah: Boy with Torah שמחת תורה

On Simchat Torah, young and old, in turn, hold and cherish the precious Torah. Dancing a joyous dance.

4J Original Size: 30x36" / 75x90cm Medium: Oil on Canvas









Shma קריאת שמע על המיטה

A mother sits by the bedside of her child. Together they recite the evening prayer. She conveys both her deep love for this precious young life, and her faith in the one G-d.

2J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Oil on Canvas

Rabbi Shimon עזרת נשים אצל רבי שמעון

The Tomb of Rebbe Shimon bar Yochai, who wrote the Zohar, has been a destination for worshippers and pilgrims for hundreds of years. Here the women's tears, psalms and prayers, soak the fabric that covers the holy gravesite.

28J Original Size: 12x14" / 30x35cm Medium: Pastel

ברית מילה Brit Mila

It is written, that Elijah the prophet personally attends every circumcision celebration, on the eighth day after the birth of a boy. A mother often weeps tears of joy, when her son, enters the covenant of the nation of Israel.

27J Original Size: 12x14" / 30x35cm Medium: Pastel

Shabbat שולחן שבת

The Shabbat queen, comes to our home, as we light the candles and set the table for the most peaceful and holiest day of the week; Shabbat...



Bat Melech בת מלך

Every woman is considered the "daughter of the King", adorned with graces.

8J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Candle Lighting הדלקת נרות

The moment when the physical and the spiritual meet. A mother with her daughter's recite the blessing over the Sabbath candles, ushering in the Sabbath together, as generations of Jewish women before them.

3J Original Size: 20x24" / 50x60cm Medium: Oil on Canvas

Morning Blessings ברכות של אמא

Upon arising in the morning, a woman has a new opportunity to bless and thank the Creator for all the gifts in her life.

5J Original Size: 28x36" / 70x90cm Medium: Pastel



The Tomb of Yosef קבר יוסף

The tomb in Shechem of the righteous patriarch Joseph.

34J Original Size: 8x16" / 20x40cm Medium: Pastel



Yaakov's Dream חלומו של יעקב

Yaakov's desire for a connection with the Creator manifests in a dream with angels. Ascending and descending, amidst letters of effervescent blue and gold. The forms of angels, moving from earth to the heavens and back down again...

17J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel



Yaakov and Eisav יעקב מלחם עם מלאך עשו

Yaakov, fought with the angel of Eisav, symbolized by the ram and the color red. Their battle, an expression of the inner struggle between both good and evil, gross physicality and spiritual elevation.





Moshe and Miriam מרים שומר על משה

Baby Moshe, alone in his basket, is adrift in the Nile, far from the shore. His sister Miriam, patiently, waits and watches over him. Certain that G-d will save, and redeem him, and all the Jewish nation.

14J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Rivka and Yitzchak יצחק ורבקה בתפילה

In a timeless space, Rivka and Yitzchak go to separate corners of their home; to cry and beg with intense prayer for the Creator to grant them the child they long for...

15J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

David and Goliath דור וגוליית

David is younger, weaker and less experienced in the art of warfare than the mighty Goliat. But David's true strength, is greater than that of the giant. He possesses the most formidable weapon of all- his prayers and an unshakeable belief in the one G-d of Israel.

16J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Rivka Watering the Camels רבקה משקה את הגמלים

A young Rivka rushes out to greet a stranger coming from afar. Eliezer arrives tired and thirsty. She offers him water and then continues to water all the thirsty camels, showing Eliezer signs of the very traits of kindness he had prayed for to find in a bride for his master, Yitzchak.



Rachav רחב

Rachav risked her life in a daring act of faith and loyalty to the jewish people. She saves the two spies, Koach and Nun by hiding them under bales of hay, from the evil Romans.

31J Original Size: 10x13" / 25x32cm Medium: Pastel



Daniel in Lion's Den רניאל על גב אריה

Daniel finds himself, in the heart of the lion's den, surrounded by hungry beasts of prey. Hs faith and acceptance is complete. He is so completely at peace, that even the ferocious lions calmly accept him.

12J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel



Offerings after Birth קורבן יולדת

In the times of the holy Temple, With joy and gratitude a woman after birth brought an offering to the priest. If she is of modest means, she brings two doves, and if wealthy; a lamb and a dove.









Festive Dancing on Tu B'Av רקודי ט״ו באב

In the times of the Temple there was an annual event on Tu B'Av, when all prospective brides met to dance among the grapevines outside of Jerusalem, wearing white dresses.

26J Original Size: 28x26" / 70x65cm Medium: Pastel

The Holy Temple בית המקדש

Our hearts, our prayers, and our collective soul, are bound to the place of the Holy Temple. If we merit; a dwelling place on this earth, for the Creator of the universe.

22J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

On the Road to the Temple עלית בית המקדש

A family traveling with offerings, for atonement. They pause on the long road to gaze with awe and wonder, at the streams of people, going up to serve in the Holy Temple.

25J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Textile Workshop of the Temple לשכת הפרוכת

Women come together, to work with joy, and wonder at their holy mission; weaving a richly colored tapestry, for the curtain, which covers the Ark of the Holy Temple.

24J Original Size: 28x36" / 70x90cm Medium: Pastel





התבודרות Hitbodedut

Rebbe Nachman instructs every one of us to go out in nature and speak to the Creator from the depths of our heart, in our own words. Every day.

10J Original Size: 31x24" / 78x60cm Medium: Oil on Canvas

Faithful Shepherd רועה נאמן

A young David lovingly tended his sheep. As our Creator, faithfully watches over us and cares for us, night and day.

6J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel





Saba סבא

Generations of children and their grandfathers share love, respect and a deep tradition of faith.

11J Original Size: 12x14" / 30x35cm Medium: Oil on Canvas

Halleluya הללוי-ה

An universal expression of celebration of life, and all that is wonderful.

32J Original Size: 6x12" / 15x30cm Medium: Pastel



The Soul you Gave Me is Pure נשמה שנתת בי

A prayer, of thanks to the creator of the universe, for the greatest of all gifts.

33J Original Size: 8x11" / 21x30cm Medium: Pastel



Ketuba 1 (peacocks) כתובה כחולה עם טווסים

Blue and gold peacocks, celebrate the G-dly presence or Shechina; which rests between people, when there is love and holiness.

18J Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel



Ketuba 3 (Tree of Life) כתובה עץ חיים

The tree of life; rich with symbolism for wisdom, learning, and abundance of fish, flowers, birds and gladness.

20J Original Size: 28x36" / 70x90cm Medium: Pastel

Landscapes

Landscapes of *Eretz Yisroel*:

Rabbi Nachman teaches that looking at the Land of Israel heals the soul through the organ of the eyes. And breathing the air, is a balm to the soul. In painting the landscape of Israel, my intention is to touch the essence of the beauty, the sight, and the breath of the air.



Goldfinches and Thistle חוחיות וקוצים

Two goldfinches, enjoy the abundance of flowering purple thistle.









Rosh Hanikra (Seaside) ראש הנקרה באופק

Once a village, these ancient and abandoned ruins are nestled into the hills, alongside a startlingly deep blue and turquoise sea.

5L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Oil and Pastel on Paper

Olive Groves עצי זית

A quiet winding path through a grove of young Olive trees. Umber and ochre in the late summer, when the grasses have lost their green.

7L Original Size: 12x18" / 30x45cm Medium: Pastel

Derech Haela: Hay Bales שרה בעמק האלה

Everywhere there is something of beauty to see; the sun shining on freshly rolled hay bales waiting to be gathered.

8L Original Size: 13x10" / 30x25cm Medium: Pastel

Pia's Garden כניסה לגינה

A shaded walkway leading down into a garden filled with many vibrant blooms.

9L Original Size: 13x10" / 30x25cm Medium: Pastel









Peach Orchards פריחת האפרסקים

A great oak presides over this hill of flowering peach orchards. Overhead, the clouds drift by on a balmy wind.

10L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Vineyards (Ferency) גפנים

A row of grape trees, in the fresh green of early spring faithfully supported by these old, and rusty red barrels.

11L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Meron הר מרון

The mountain of Meron is filled with history, beauty and holiness. At the bottom this valley, in an ancient stone building, there is a spring, of cold clear water.

12L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Purple Hyacinth Squill בן-חצב יקינתוני

The hills are strewn with an endless variety of flowers, growing in unusual forms. I was told that Israeli school children would find these flowers on spring hikes and eat them as a special treat.









A Forest Puddle with Reflection שלולית ביער

Deep in the forest surrounded by ancient gnarled trees, a rusted gate and a puddle are illuminated.

43L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

הורשה Forest

An intriguing quiet place, where one can be alone, with one's thoughts. And find opportunity to contemplate the mysteries of life.

16L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Sunbirds and Pomegranates צופית ורימונים

A playful dance of iridescent sunbirds in a flowering pomegranate orchard. They take advantage of the nectar, while the flowers are in full bloom.

18L Original Size: 23x18" / 60x45cm Medium: Pastel

The Wadi הוודי

Gazing far into the distance at the vast sky over multicolored fields of Israel is a balm to the soul.







Table in the Garden שולחן בגינה

We are continually blessed with an abundant 'table' set with wine and pomegranates.

22L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Cloudy Day יום מעונן

On this winter day, every new moment offers a changing kaleidoscope of light, color and clouds, with their passing shadows.

23L Original Size: 30x23" / 77x59cm Medium: Oil on Canvas

wildflower Fields פרחי ורוד כתום

Along the roadside, a simple fields of wildflowers offers a richness of grasses, blooms, and new bird song of praise to the creator.

24L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Flowering Fruit Trees פרות בפרחיה

A flurry of vivid pink blossoms, in an orchard of peach trees, where a pair of birds find a secluded spot to build a nest and raise their young...









A Glimpse of Sky through the Trees מקום בעצים

Where the sun shines through the trees, we get a glimpse of the sky, and new possibilities.

28L Original Size: 20x20" / 50x50cm Medium: Pastel

Valley in Spring וואדי באביב

Waves of sprouting greens and tiny pink flowers carpet the valley; taking the eye on a journey, into the distance.

29L Original Size: 28x36" / 70x90cm Medium: Pastel

The Forest Path שביל בין העצים

Walking this forest path refreshes the spirit, by going deeper into a spiritual solitude, where, it is easier to find oneself.

31L Original Size: 2x28"x18" / 2x50cmx32cm Medium: Pastel

Winter Vineyard כרם בחורף

Tangled vines, bearing the last few grapes dried, to a deep purple, maroon. It is all that's left on the vine. But it's nourishment enough, for hungry winter birds.



Overgrown Path שביל בר

A hidden dirt path taken over with wild flowering lavender, and a pair of sunbirds.

36L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Hyacinth Squill בן–חצב יקינתוני

A wild delicate pale purple flower found in fields throughout the countryside, enjoyed by all the locals.

35L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Cactus קקטוס – סברס

Sabra- these cactus line the roadways of Israel, and have a lovely orange, yellow flower. The name Sabra is also a nickname given to native Israeli's. Because of the cactus fruit it bears; which is prickly on the outside, but soft, and sweet on the inside.

1L Original Size: 24"x18" / 60x45cm Medium: Pastel

Wild Flowers (Efrat) פרחים בשדה

In the most unlikely places, one can happen upon a wonderful vista of wild flowers, and a lone almond tree.









Olives at Dusk עץ זית בשקיעה

A sparkle of blue green sunlight filters through the leaves of two old olive trees growing side by side. A clear stream runs musically between them.

34L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Arzei Shlomo 2 ארזי שלמה

This beautiful, and strategic hill, overlooking the community of Bat Ayin, Is named after the beloved, and holy martyrs Erez Levanon, and Shlomo Nativ, whose lives sanctified G-ds name.

4L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Mustard Fields שדות פרחים צהובים

A father leads his son through the waist high mustard fields. Like our creator leads each of his children through life. The flying birds, a symbol of the fragility of life, and the passing of time.

26L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Ecological Blessings שפע של בורא העולם

Every blade of grass and beast will sing to their Creator, Who blesses us with nature's endless variety of intricate wonders.

32L Original Size: 6x12" / 15x30cm Medium: Pastel





Searching for Treasures מחפש אוצרות

A boy bent in concentration; is intent on discovering a perfect treasure amongst the riches washed ashore. While a soft ocean breeze, and the Mediterranean sun, warms his back.

14L Original Size: 12x10" / 30x25cm Medium: Pastel

The Bus Stop תחנת האוטובוס

An iconic image of a turquoise painted bus stop.

37L Original Size: 30x36" / 75x90cm Medium: Oil on Canvas



The *Trampist* (Hitchhiker) הטרמפיסט

An urban landscape with a traveler, going to an unknown destination...

38L Original Size: 30x36" / 75x90cm Medium: Oil on Canvas



The Water Tower with Graffiti מגדל מים

In the urban landscape, anyone can find expression for their unique creativity.

39L Original Size: 10x13" / 25x34cm Medium: Pastel















The Shuk השוק

Modern Israeli life with its bustle. A cacophony of color and sound and motion.

40L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Good Price מחיר מוזל

A patient hound, waits faithfully, while its owner shops a store filled with all manner of colorful necessities.

41L Original Size: 18x24" / 45x60cm Medium: Pastel

sweets ממתקים

The Machane Yehuda Market is a wonderful example of busy vibrant Israeli life.

42L Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

A Collection of Landscapes אוסף של נופים

These small pastels, each a unique vignette of the landscape of Israel.

15L Original Sizes: 9x7" / 24x19cm Medium: Pastel

Still Life

It is the stillness in the still life, that moves me.

As in the moment the morning sun touches a bottle or glass on the table. Our creator has graced our lives with so much intricate infinite beauty. Our eyes are the purest vessel to receive this gift.



Lemons in Morning Light לימונים באור

The bright morning sun coming through the window in blues and gold, revealing the intricate shadows and a promising new day.

6S Original Size: 28x36" / 70x90cm, Medium: Pastel



their delicate petals, and heavenly fragrance. 25 Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm



A vase of roses grace the table with

Roses שושנים



Blue Bottles and Onions בקבוקים שקופים עם בצל

The translucent color of blue-green glass alongside the delicate form of an onion.

3S Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel



Still life and view of Bat Ayin חי רומם ונוף בת עין

A profusion of deep red and purple blossoms, against an ochre landscape, with birds passing in the distance. On their way to some unknown destination.







Glass Bottles with Lemons & Hadas זכוכית כחול-ירוק ואדום עם לימונים והרס

A brilliant blue bottle holds a myrtle sprig (in Hebrew called 'hadas'). It is used as part of the Lulav on Succot. And was one of the names given to Queen Esther, because of its beautiful fragrance.

5S Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Iris and Lemon איריס ולימונים

A simple Iris and one lemon in a small ceramic bowl.

21S Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Iris and Geranium איריס וגרניום

Clean colorful, light-filled flowers adorn a table for our pleasure.







Pink Flowers and Glass פרחים ורדים וזכוכית

An unexpected profusion of bright fuchsia blooms, in a crystal vase.

18S Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Sunbird, Poppies and Lemons צופית ולימונים

This pair peeking from behind the poppies. One keeps a lookout for the other, among a bouquet of deep purple, blooms.

20S Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Yellow flowers פרחים צהובים

A sunny window lights up a spray of Zinnia's.





Goldfish and Iris דגי זהב עם איריס

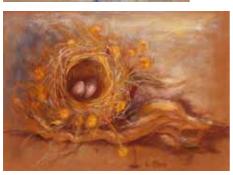
A pair of brightly colored, goldfish and an unusual abundance of natural things of beauty.

4S Original Size: 10x13" / 25x33cm Medium: Pastel

Iris and Bird Nest/ איריס וקן

Like a memory of a moment forgotten, a nest revealing eggs, with possibilities of new life...

9S Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel



Bird's Nest קן הציפור

My son found this perfect nest fallen from a tree. Intricately woven with yarn, and dried flowers. Containing a perfect pair of speckled eggs.



Spring Chikadee פרחי אביב

A chickadee alights on a delicate bloom, surrounded by a celebration of delightful spring bulbs just emerged from earth's winter slumber.

17S Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel



Calla Lilies חבצלות כלה

White Cala lillies in a vase. 8S Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Oil on Canvas









A Bag of Potatoes תפוחי ארמה באריזה

These potatoes I thought so full of character, with their deep purple, browns and gold, seeming to tumble out of the package of their own accord.

27S Original Size: 12x15"/30x40 cm Medium: Pastel

Melon מילון

I did love to paint these messy fruit against a dark board, enjoying the multitude of seeds, and pale yellow fruit.

28S Original Size: 12x14" / 30x35cm Medium: Pastel

A Basket of Mushrooms סל עם פטריות

A humble basket of mushrooms, reveals a whole world of light and shadow creating rich pattern.

23S Original Size: 15x19" / 40x50cm Medium: Oil on Canvas

Apples with Oranges' Netting תפוחים ברשת

Interesting shapes and vivid hues are found in ordinary things, waiting for our eyes to look at and enjoy.

25S Original Size: 9x13"/ 24x33cm Medium: Oil on Canvas



Red and Yellow Glasses כוסות ארומים

A stack of red glasses, catch the light, with intense clarity.

26S Original Size: 8x11" / 18x27cm. Medium: Pastel



Garlic in a Bowl שום

Things we enjoy everyday, like a package of garlic nestled in a bowl, invite us to ponder what is wonderful in the ordinary.

24S Original Size: 9x13" / 24x33cm Medium: Oil on Canvas



A Collection of Still Life אוסף של רומם

A group of small vibrant still lifes, celebrating the beauty of everyday things.

Princess Series

The Lost Princess series is based on the story of Rebbe Nachman. The lost princess represents the feminine aspect of G-d's presence called the *Shechina*. She is the longing of the Jewish people and all of humanity to search for a connection to the Creator and to reawaken and return to all the lost places within.

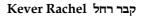


My Prayer תפילתי

When a woman engages in intense prayer with words from the heart, in her own language, in her own words, she can often alter the course of the universe.

9P Original Size: 10x10"/ 25x25cm, Medium: Pastel





Rachel sits at the gates and weeps for her children, who have been scattered, and have suffered far too much, for too long.

19P Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel



רות Ruth

Ruth; An example of humility and faith. Shown, in her actions, words, prayers, and even how she gathered the wheat from the field, with infinite care and modesty.

22P Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel



Leap of Faith אמונה

We all have a moment in life, where the logic and intellect must be left behind, and only a simple, pure leap of faith, will set a person free.





Holding onto Tree of Life עץ חיים מחזיקים בו

When we are troubled, or stuck, turning our face upward to the true source of salvation will always help us through.

6P Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Narrow Bridge גשר צר מאוד

An illustration of a saying by Rebbe Nachman,-'All of life is a very narrow bridge, the main thing is to never be afraid'. A deep allusion, to the fragility and passing nature of life, whose purpose is to serve the Creator and pursue our life's mission fearlessly.

7P Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel



Flamingos פלמינגו

We all have in us, a bit of the colorful, graceful flamingo, that glides freely on a shimmering turquoise sea...







קשת Archer

With intense focus, The archer sets her sight, on the goal. With every fiber of her being, she concentrates, to actualize her power, as the arrow flies to the target.

8P Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Voice of my Heart: Breath of Prayer בל ליבי

A woman's true voice is her power, to be used for good; in praise of G-d, in prayer, song, and words of love, comfort and encouragement; to anyone's heart, who she can touch.

1P Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

Creativity בריתה

A woman's essence is creativity. She expresses it in with dance, music, song, art, cooking, her home and every small detail, of her everyday life.





Lost Princess אבדת בת מלך

Taken from the story of "The Lost Princess" by Rebbe Nachman.

A parable, about the lost and found *Shechina*, or G-dly presence in the world.

4P Original Size: 12x10" / 30x25cm Medium: Pastel

סבלנות Patience

With peace and presence, a girl, threads a needle, to sew beautiful garments, as she patiently waits for all good things to come.

3P Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm Medium: Pastel

The Next Generation הדור הבא

We pass on to the next generation the potential for all our hopes and dreams of a good life, filled with blessings of love, health and happiness.

23P Original Size: Medium: Pastel *Elisheva Shira* is an American-born and trained artist living in Israel. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Parson's School of Design in N.Y.C. and a Master's of Fine Art from Suny New Paltz.

She has exhibited her work in the U.S. and Israel. She is now living in the hills outside of Jerusalem, Israel with her husband and five children.



"As a Jewish woman and a painter, I draw my inspiration from every day life., where I find the expression of beauty and holiness in all that surrounds me. Using the medium of oil and pastel, my hope is to inspire a deeper appreciation for the Creator of the universe, and to bring a message of healing, change and celebration of life."

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Sweet Pea and Dove אפונה מתוקה ויונה

A dove sits on her nest as the spring unfolds. Above her, the sweet-pea scent infuses the air with a tantalizing fragrance.

19S Original Size: 20x26" / 50x65cm, Medium: Pastel

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