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# Judaism: Then and Now

**June 14<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Opening Reception: Monday, June 14, 2010 / 6-8 p.m.**

BROOKLYN – Z Space Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of a group exhibition of Judaic art entitled *Judaism: Then and Now*, June 14 – July 16. Opening reception with the artists: Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Artists whose work are included in this show are Sarah Nussbaum, Brocha Teichman, Marc Kruter, Vladimir Ginzburg, Esti Kiss, Jessica Schulman, Ruth Monosov, Arye Jacobs, Leslee Ostrow, Mel Levine, Anshie Kagan, Leba Dinowitz, Tzivi Weinraub and Zelda Weiss. Their 31 works range in size from miniature to monumental and include paintings, drawings and prints using oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, pen & ink, screen prints, hand enhanced giclee prints and photography.

This is the first in the gallery's *Cultures in America* series of exhibitions, and the 14 Brooklyn artists who were selected depict Judaism both then, with ancient architecture, landmarks and traditions, and now, with scenes of modern Jewish life and traditions passed down through the generations, together spanning millennia of history, culture, perseverance and faith.

In Brocha Teichman's *Kikar Shabbos*, the jeans clad Israeli plasters posters on ancient stones, and just as old man and young girl meet in Esti Kiss' *The Old City*, new style collides with ancient ritual in Anshie Kagan's *iPray*. Tzivi Weinraub's *Jerusalem Street* is softly lit with electric lights while Marc Kruter's pieces are new and innovative treatments of revered modern day Rabbis and an ancient synagogue. In Leslee Ostrow's *Eternal Lights*, the fire burns and its warmth continues to glow in the hearts of Jewish children, just as the small flask of oil continued to burn in the days of the Maccabees, and Jessica Schulman's *Greeting the New Year* would have been as relevant 500 years ago as it is today.



*The Old City*, Esti Kiss, 14x29, Watercolor

This is the third group exhibition to be juried by Z Space co-directors Zelda Weiss, Irvin Stafford and Jack Franco. The inaugural exhibition for the gallery introduced 30 artists to the Midwood art scene and *Brooklyn: Local Perspectives* was a well received showing of work by local artists that depicted scenes of Brooklyn.

**The exhibition will be on display at Z Space Gallery in Zelda's Art World at 2291 Nostrand Avenue between Ave I & J, in Midwood, Brooklyn. Hours are 9am – 7pm, Monday through Thursday, 9am – 3pm, Friday and 10am-4pm, Sunday.**

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A catalog for the exhibition is available on request.

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