

BEYOND THE BALCONY

Works By Michal Nachmany

Beyond The Balcony
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The image of Theodor Herzl standing on his hotel balcony in Basel, Switzerland as he contemplates the future state of the Jewish people is familiar to almost every Jew and Israeli. The image reminds us of a time when such a modern state was a mere idea. Today, a little over 100 years later, the State of Israel is a vision realized.

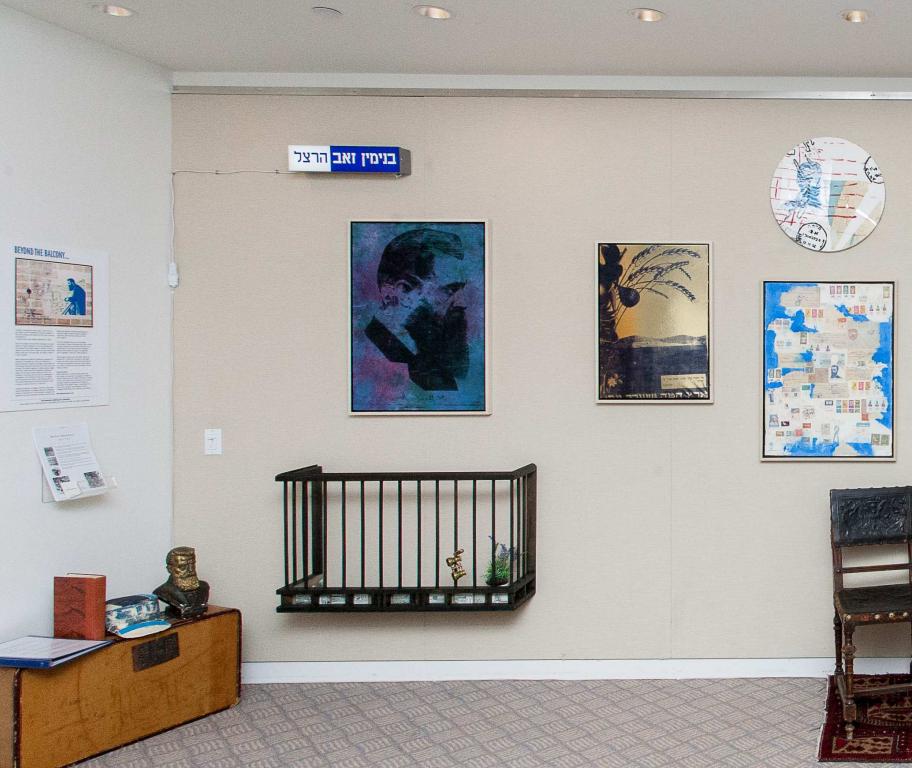
Michal Nachmany's art captures some of the evolution from a vision embodied in Herzl's lonely figure on the balcony, to the realization of a state during the first half of the 20th century, and afterwards. Nachmany's exhibit, Beyond The Balcony, begins with Herzl as a starting point and then explores the process of imagination, memory, and the building of communities during the years leading to the founding of Israel, and beyond.

About the Artist

Michal Nachmany is a New York City-based artist and teacher. She was born in Jerusalem in 1958 and moved to New York in the 1980s. "The mixture of colors, sounds, and smells from the streets and the souks of Jerusalem shaped my awareness of the past as a foundation of the present. Today, I create pieces with many layers, textures, and techniques, such as collaging, printmaking, acrylic painting, and drawing."



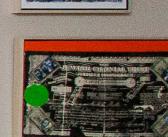
"If you will it, it is no dream, and if you do not will it, a dream it is and a dream it will stay"







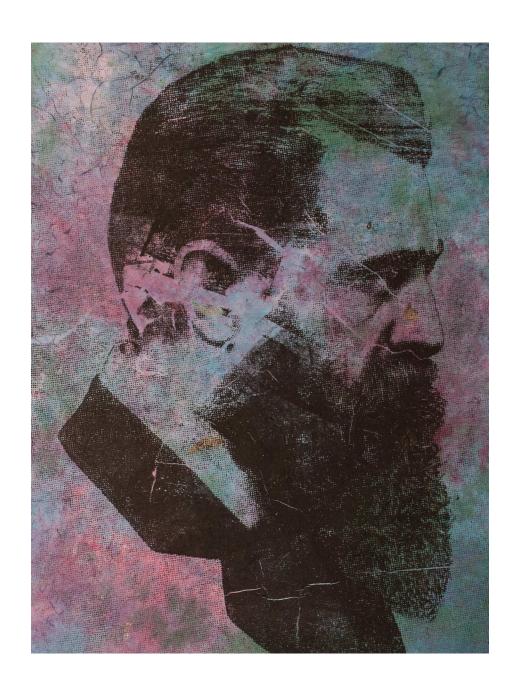






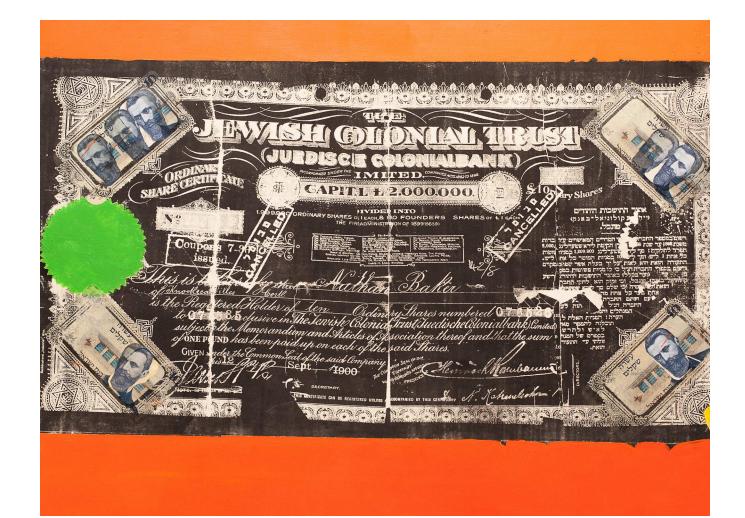


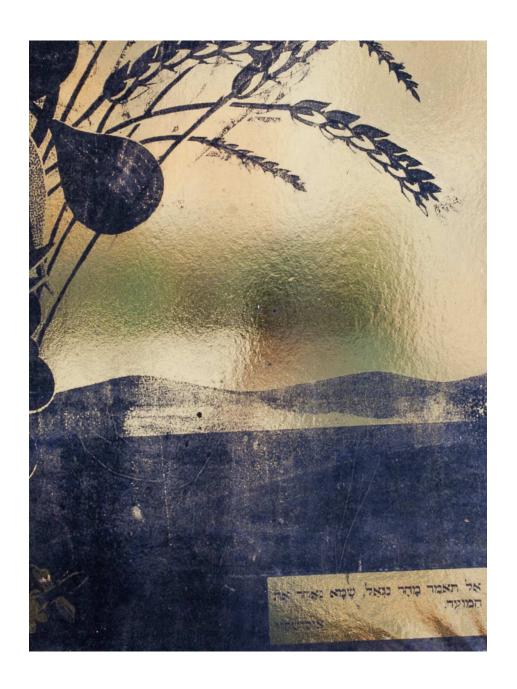












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We Are Finally Home









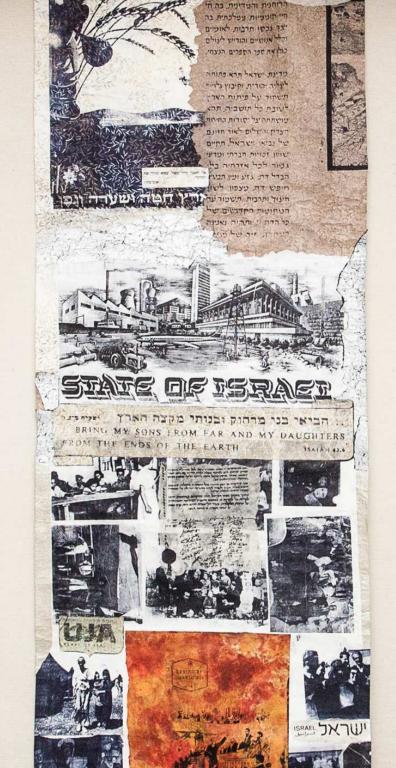
A State Is Born



Chaim Weizmann, the first president of the State of Israel, is elected.





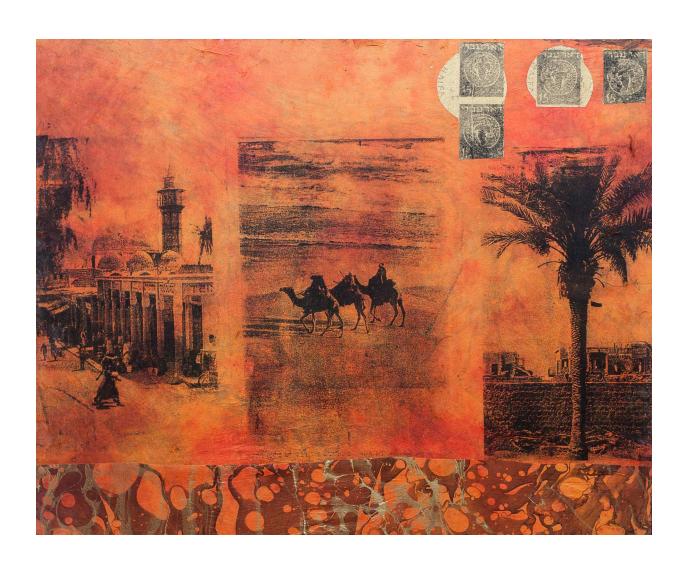


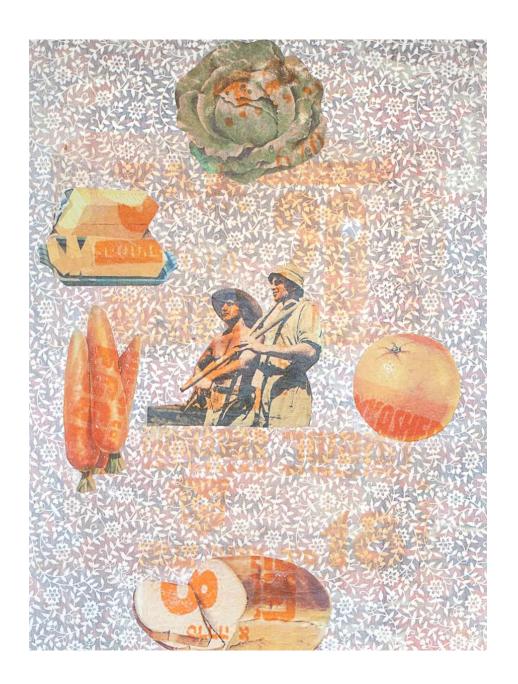


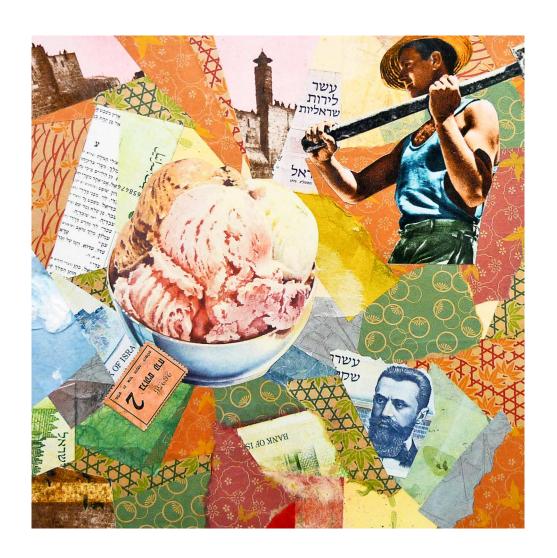




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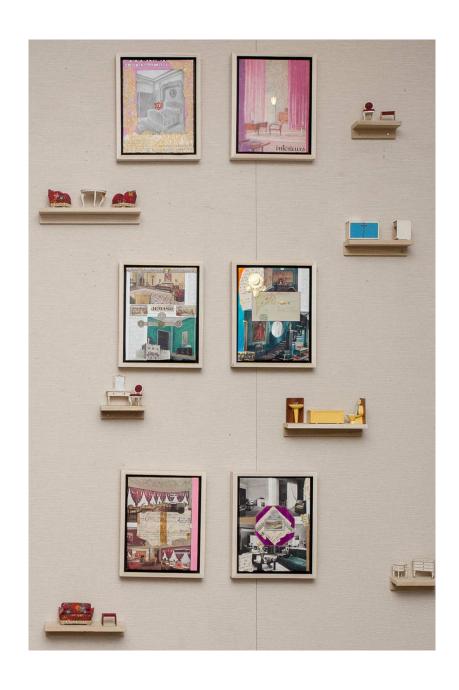


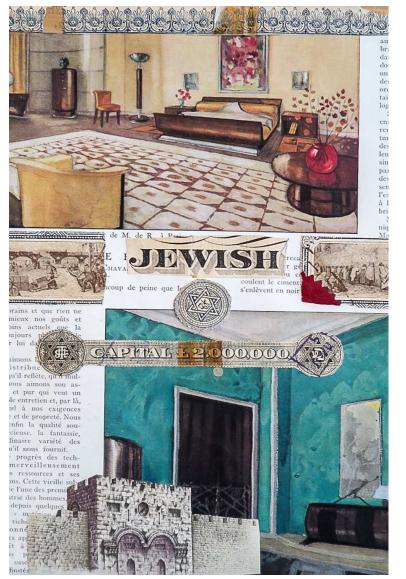












































The Talmud (Kiddushin 29a) enumerates three specific requirements for what parents must teach their children: Torah, how to make a living, and how to swim.



My Mother's Family





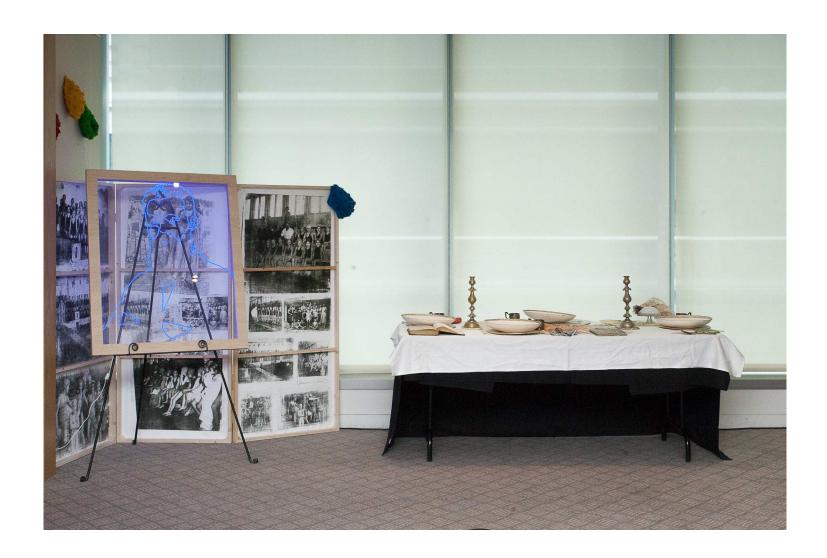






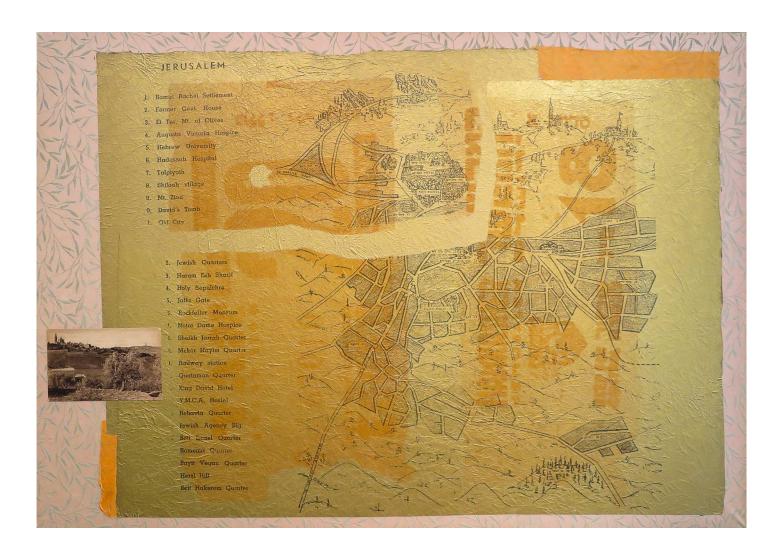
My Grandfather's Book Of Numbers, From His Hometown, Mezerich, Poland, 1904



















"In Basel I founded the Jewish state. If I said this out loud today I would be greeted by universal laughter. In five years perhaps, and certainly in 50 years, everyone will perceive it."

(Herzl's Diary, Sep. 3rd, 1897)

Exactly 50 years after this prophecy, in November 1947, the U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution recommending the creation of independent Arab and Jewish states in Palestine. The modern State of Israel was proclaimed on May 14, 1948



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