



presents: **Ian M. Cohen**

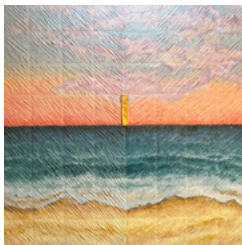


Ian Menachem Cohen is a New York-based mixed media visual artist. He works in acrylic, watercolor, pencil, marker, photography and digital means. After a career in handbag design, Ian left the fashion world in 2018 to complete a Bachelor's in Jewish Studies, a Master's Degree in Jewish Education, as well as a certification in Israel Education. Through his creations of contemporary Judaica, Ian fuses his art with Jewish education, helping to fill gaps in Jewish literacy, and exploring themes related to Jewish identity, history, and language.

Cohen has shown his work in various exhibitions in New York with Stars in the Arts, Tobi Kahn's Corridors at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Miami's Art Basel week at Aqua, Ariel Penzer's Rising from the Flames. His work can also be found in private collections across the country.

#### ARTIST STATEMENT

Through visual expression, creating art provides a vehicle to convey something that words alone cannot, and hopefully offer the ability to either relate or think about the subject matter via a lens the viewer had not yet contemplated or known to exist. I try to illustrate some of the challenges and missing pieces in the discourse around Jews, Judaism, Israel and Antisemitism, touching upon complicated themes we have a tendency to avoid. My influences are my Jewish ancestors, both in Europe, and the Middle East, a love for Am Yisrael, and all of humanity. How much things change and how they stay the same, from Abraham and Sarah, to today. We all continue to be misunderstood and maybe also misunderstand. Art can bridge these gaps, and I hope mine reaches you.



**A Sliver of Gold**

48" x 48"

Acrylics & Acrylic Mediums  
on wood board  
\$ 12,000