



Betzael Art Gallery

Where Art and Jewish Tradition Meet

Founded 2023 · Long Beach, New York · EIN: 00-1226458 · 501(c)(3) Nonprofit

Mission

Betzael Art Gallery is a volunteer-run nonprofit community gallery located at Temple Israel in Long Beach, New York. We present three to four exhibitions per year themed around the Jewish calendar — creating a space where art, heritage, and community come together. Open to artists and visitors of all backgrounds.

By the Numbers

11+

Exhibitions

30+

Artists Exhibited

3–4

Shows Per Year

6

Community Programs

Leadership

Michele Huttler Silver — Founder, Curator & Program Director. Documentary photographer and community arts leader with 20+ years of experience.

Kathleen Regan — Vice President, Community Engagement & Education. Co-founder of West End Arts, a secular visual artists guild on Long Island. PhD in Comparative Religions.

Abigail Karni — Grants & Development. Mission-driven grant writer and nonprofit developer with extensive 501(c)(3) fundraising experience.

Community Partnerships

West End Arts Visual Artists Guild — Founded by Betzael co-founder Kathleen Regan. Promotes Betzael's call-to-artist to its secular membership, actively recruiting artists across Long Island. A model for Jewish–secular arts collaboration.

Long Beach Jewish Experience at The BACH — Formal partner for Betzael's inaugural exhibition. Led community outreach and opening programming including Rosh Hashanah services and a community brunch, bringing together members of the Long Beach Jewish community across denominations.

Israel Chesed Center — Partner for the Am Echad B'lev Echad — One People with One Heart — community mosaic project, held on October 7, 2024. The finished mosaic was displayed both locally in Long Beach and in Israel.

Education & Community Programs

6 community programs over 3 years — free or donation-based, open to the public.

Coffee & Art (2024) — Weekly drop-in for artists, writers, and art enthusiasts at the gallery.

Tu B'Shvat Community Celebration (January 2024) — Inaugural public program — open gallery hour for nature-inspired artwork.

To Israel with Love (February 2024) — Community art project with Young Israel of Long Beach; artwork delivered to Israeli hostages and displaced families.

Am Echad B'lev Echad — One People with One Heart (*October 7, 2024*) — Community mosaic project with the Israel Chessed Center, held on the one-year anniversary of October 7. Mosaic displayed locally and in Israel.

Art & Mindfulness: Jewish Liturgy as Creative Inspiration (*2025*) — Weekly program bridging Jewish prayer, learning, and visual art-making.

Tehillim & Art (*2026 — ongoing*) — Weekly class taught by Michele Huttler Silver, open to all.

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Press Coverage

Long Island Herald · June 2023

Say Hello to Long Beach's Newest Art Scene

<https://www.liherald.com/longbeach/stories/say-hello-to-long-beachs-newest-art-scene,180929>

Long Island Herald · August 2024

Another Colorful Installment in the Long Beach Arts Scene

<https://www.liherald.com/stories/another-colorful-installment-in-the-long-beach-arts-scene,209364>

Five Towns Jewish Home · August 2024

Betzalel Art Gallery Presents: Tu B'Av — A Celebration of Love Through Art

https://issuu.com/jewishhome/docs/2024_08_15

The Jewish Star · September 25, 2024

5 Towns Chesed Center's Yom Tov Shuk

<https://www.thejewishstar.com/stories/5-towns-chesed-centers-yom-tov-shuk,24085>

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