

RESUME

Elsa Wachs ARTIST

GROUNDBREAKING

This artist's contemporary style was at the forefront that helped change the landscape of American Judaic ritual textiles

INNOVATIONS ECHOED BY OTHERS

Pioneered movement of creating new, unusual legacy items from bits and pieces of family's cache of memorabilia

Tallit (prayer shawl) as Personal Art Form

Chuppah (wedding canopy) as Family History and Heirloom

Special Torah Mantle for Surviving Holocaust Scrolls

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COMMISSIONS: PRIVATE AND ORGANIZATIONAL

Throughout the United States as well as in England, Canada, Israel, Chile, Australia and France

Taken into SPACE on NASA's Space Shuttle Mission
Discovery by Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman

Selected Commissions:

Adath Shalom, Farmington Hills, Michigan

Adath Israel, Merion Station, PA

Beth David, Gladwyn, PA

Beth Am Old York Road, Abington, PA

Beth Hillel, Wynnewood, PA

Brith Shalom Congregation, Bethlehem, PA

Congregation Ohev Shalom, Wallingford, PA

Kibbutz Hannaton, Lower Galilee, Israel

Logo Design, Women's League-Conservative Judaism, NY

Martins Run, Media, PA

Princeton Jewish Center, Princeton, NJ

Temple Judea Art Museum-Commemorative 150th Anniv.

Tiferet Bet Israel, Blue Bell, PA

EXHIBITIONS & LECTURES

Selected Exhibitions & Lectures:

StrataSphere Art Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

Beth Shalom Art Gallery, Tampa, FL

B'nai Brith International, Washington, D.C.

Concord Resort and Hotel, Kiamisha Lake, NY

Gallery Devon, ML Unitarian Church

Gallery at Martins Run, Media, PA.

Grossingers Resort and Hotel, Liberty, NY

Har Zion Temple, Penn Valley, PA, Israeli Crafts Chronicle

Heartstrings Quilt Guild, Suburban Phila., PA

Jewish Museum, Jerusalem, Israel

Kramer Gallery at Gratz College, Melrose Park, PA

Miami Jewish Community Center, Miami, FL

Old City ArtCenter, Philadelphia, PA

Philadelphia Convention Center, Philadelphia, Pa

Temple Judea Museum Elkins Park, PA

Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA

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RESUME CONTINUED

**EDUCATION
&
CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Temple University, Phila., PA
BS Education**

Gratz College, Elkins Park, PA

The Melton Program

Mussar Study

**Privately-Machine Embroidery,
London, England**

**Privately-
Painting Samuel Feinstein**

**Peters Valley School of Craft,
Layton, NY**

**University of the Arts
Philadelphia**

**Main Line Art Center,
Haverford, PA**

Wayne Art Center

**Community Arts Center,
Wallingford, PA**

**Ava Blitz
Philadelphia, PA**

COMMISSIONED ART REPRODUCTIONS

Judaic consultant/designer to the giftware industry:

Lenox China, Gorham Silver, Kirk Steif

Solomon Schechter Day School:

Purchased prints for fund-raiser

Women's ORT- design Jewish New Year Cards

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Selected Residencies:

Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago, IL

B'nai Shalom, Westborough, MA

Camp Ramah, Lake Como, PA

Kibbutz Hannaton, Lower Galilee, Israel

Pomegranate Guild, Englewood, NJ

AWARDS

Selected Awards:

American Jewish Congress: Rosh Pinah Award for Significant
Contributions in her Field

B'nai B'rith Community Service Award.

Columbia Association Columbia Art Center: Art of the Torah,
1st prize for Design, Theme, and Originality

Hall of Fame, Congregation Ohev Shalom, Wallingford, PA

Meritorious Award, Congregation Ohev Shalom, Wallingford, PA

National Museum of American Jewish History: Most Outstanding
Piece in Contemporary Artifacts Show

Woman of the Year, Congregation Ohev Shalom, Wallingford, PA

IN PRINT:

Selected Publications:

Chicago Tribune

Collaborative Art Journals and Shared Visions in Mixed
Media by L.K. Ludwig.

Jewish Exponent

Judaic Artisans Today- Kathryn Morton

Main Line Times

Outlook: Women's League

Philadelphia Inquirer

The Jewish Yellow Pages

The Creative Jewish Wedding Book

Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer,

Women's League Aleph/Bet Book