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NEWTON CENTRE, MA (September 1, 2022) — In celebration of the 75th anniversary of Israel, Hebrew College will present abstract Israeli art from its permanent collection in the fall art exhibit “Syncopation.” The exhibit features 22 works on paper, all from the 1970s, last shown together at Hebrew College in 2004. The exhibit will open on Tuesday, September 20 in the Ted Cutler Atrium at 160 Herrick Road in Newton Centre, the College’s [final exhibit](#) at this location before the move to a new [home](#) in Newton, MA in January 2023.

“Syncopation” is curated by Deb Feinstein, founding chair of the [Hebrew College Arts Initiative](#) and member of the Hebrew College Board of Trustees. Feinstein chose artists who reflect a diversity of cultural backgrounds, some being *sabras* and the rest having immigrated to Israel from Poland, Germany, Moravia, Hungary, and Iraq. The name of the collection, according to Feinstein, originates from the lyrical abstract character of the works themselves: “As the viewer enters the exhibit, you are caught up with the movement of color and shapes dancing across the walls. Slowly the forms move into an illusion of outlines and space itself while color swirls into organic rhythms. A tempo picks up and the pulses expand.”

The collection was generously gifted to the College in 2004 by Nitza Rosovsky, the former Curator for Exhibits at the Harvard Semitic Museum. “They (these works on paper) were not saturated with Jewish symbols but captured the land and spirit of Israel through different eyes,” Rosovsky wrote in 2004.

“Without words, these artists capture the pace and rhythm of life in Israel in the 1970s,” Feinstein added.

“Syncopation” opens Sept. 20 from 7–8:30 p.m. An [RSVP](#) is required for the opening. The exhibit will remain open until Nov. 30. More information and gallery hours are available on the College’s [website](#).

### **About Hebrew College**

Hebrew College reimagines Jewish learning and leadership for an interconnected world from Newton, Mass. By making our lives more meaningful and our world more whole, we infuse Jewish life with substance, spirit, beauty, imagination, and a sense of purpose. Learn more at [hebrewcollege.edu](http://hebrewcollege.edu).

### **Hebrew College Arts Initiative**

In 2021, Hebrew College established its Arts and Culture initiative in keeping with the College’s long-standing mission of fostering love of Torah, social justice, pluralism, and creativity. Our exhibitions are open to the public, providing access to learning and on-going conversation. Learn more at <https://hebrewcollege.edu/hebrew-college-arts-initiative/>.