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Congregation Mishkan Or in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and Gallery Har-El, Tel Aviv

Upcoming exhibition:

Memory: Moshe Gershuni

21 September 2025-22 February 2026

Co-curated by Matthew Garson and
Katya Oicherman.

Moshe Gershuni (1936-2017), among the most significant Israeli artists, was born in Tel Aviv to Polish-Jewish parents. His passionate and deeply personal work reflects the challenges of Israeli life, often addressing grief and memory. Gershuni blends many cultural and historical references, including Jewish and Christian religious ideas and the Holocaust.

View “Kaddish”, a magnificent 1997 portfolio illustrating the homonymous poem written by the American Jewish beatnik poet Allen Ginsberg (1926-1997) on the death of his mother. The portfolio includes 24 images screen-printed on goldleaf next to the original text with Hebrew translation by the eminent Israeli poet Natan Zach. 6 beautiful large-scale prints created in 2000s with similar visual themes are also on view.

Realized through the collaboration of the Cleveland Israel Arts Connection of the Jewish Federation and Mishkan Or Museum the exhibition will be simultaneously presented at the Jewish Federation and Congregation Mishkan Or with accompanying events across the city of Cleveland. Different parts of the portfolio to be displayed at the two locations.

Exhibition openings:

Jewish Federation

Sunday, September 21, 2025 @ 1 – 3 pm,
Roe Green Gallery
Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Building
25701 Science Park Drive, Beachwood

Congregation Mishkan Or

Sunday, September 28, 2025 @ 1 – 3 pm,
Hartzmark Gallery
Jack and Lylian Mandel Building
26000 Shaker Blvd, Beachwood

Open houses/tours:

Roe Green Gallery, Jewish Federation

Sun, Oct 19 @ 1 - 3 pm / Sun, Nov 9 @ 1 - 3 pm / Sun, Dec 21 @ 1 - 3 pm
Sun, Jan 18 @ 1 - 3 pm / Sun, Feb 15 @ 1 - 3 pm

To schedule group tours or individual visits at the Roe Green Gallery, email israelarts@jewishcleveland.org or call 216-593-2900.

Hartzmark Gallery, Congregation Mishkan Or

Sun, Oct 26 @ 1 - 3 pm / Tue, Nov 18 @ 5 - 7 pm / Tue, Dec 2 @ 5 - 7 pm
Sun, Jan 25 @ 1 - 3 pm / Sun, Feb 22 @ 1 - 3 pm

To schedule group tours or individual visits at Congregation Mishkan Or, email koicherman@mishkanor.org or call 216-455-1697.

All events presented by the Jewish Federation will take place at:
25701 Science Park Drive, Beachwood

All events presented by Mishkan Or will take place at:
26000 Shaker Blvd, Beachwood

Events:

Poetry Reading at Día De Muertos

Presented by Cleveland Public Theatre/Teatro Público de Cleveland & Día de Muertos Ohio Artistic Director: Héctor Castellanos Lara

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Festival @ 11 am – 10 pm

Poetry Reading @ 6 pm

Cleveland Public Theatre Campus
6415 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland

Día de Muertos (Day the Dead), is a tradition in many Latin American countries to honor the deceased, while recitation of the Kaddish prayer is the Jewish tradition of mourning. In recognition of both traditions, a reading of Allen Ginsberg's *Kaddish* is included in this vibrant cultural celebration.

For more information, visit diademuertosohio.com/ or

www.cptonline.org/performances/seasons/2025-2026/

Workshop: Exploring Grief in Poetry

Presented by Literary Cleveland and Congregation Mishkan Or Library

Sunday, November 9, 2025 @ 3 – 5 pm
Congregation Mishkan Or

As a contemporary visual rendering of the traditional mourner's prayer, *Kaddish* provides a rich inspiration for ekphrasis: the art of writing poetry about a piece of visual art. Come to see this unique exhibition and explore themes of grief, release, and resilience in a writing workshop where you try your own hand at ekphrastic poems.

For reservations email library@mishkanor.org or visit www.litcleveland.org/events.

Conversation: *The Key Is in the Sunlight at the Window*

With Rabbi Elle Muhlbaum

Presented by Congregation Mishkan Or

Sunday, December 14, 2025 @ 3:30 pm

3:30 pm - short introductory tour of the exhibition

4 pm - Rabbi Elle Muhlbaum of CMO will lead a reflective close reading and conversation about Allen Ginsberg's *Kaddish*.

To register, email

koicherman@mishkanor.org or

call 216-455-1697.

Art Talk: *Scandals, Secrets, and Struggles of Moshe Gershuni*

Lecture, Katya Oicherman, Ph.D.

Presented by Congregation Mishkan Or

Sunday, January 11, 2025 @ 1:00 pm

Moshe Gershuni was a truly “stiff-necked” individual and artist. From early 1970s he expressed ideas that went against the grain of the Israeli political and cultural establishment. When in 1980s he broke through on the international art scene, his life became especially turbulent and open to public judgement, a development that culminated in his nomination for and disqualification from the Israeli Prize for painting in 2003.

To register, email

koicherman@mishkanor.org or

call 216-455-1697.

Art Talk: *Creating The Exhibition*

Matthew Garson, Curator

Presented by the Cleveland Israel Arts Connection, Jewish Federation

Sunday, January 18, 2026 @ 1:30 pm

Have you ever wondered how a visual art exhibition is created? Join curator Matt Garson as he tells of how his visit to a Jerusalem art gallery in spring 2023 evolved into the first Cleveland Israel Arts Connection exhibition to be shared between two Cleveland institutions.

For reservations, visit jewishcleveland.org

or call 216-593-2900

Film Screening: *The Life and Times of Allen Ginsberg*

A film by Jerry Aronson

Presented by the Maltz Museum

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 @ 7:00 pm
2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood

This 1993 film chronicles the poet Allen Ginsberg's life up to that point, along with his views on death; Ginsberg was in his mid-60s when the movie was first released at the Sundance Film Festival after which it enjoyed an international festival run and USA theatrical run. When Aronson showed him the film the poet is reported to have nodded his head thoughtfully and said, “So, that’s Allen Ginsberg.”

After Ginsberg passed in 1997, at age 70, Aronson updated the ending of the film and added a shot of Ginsberg's headstone.

For information, visit maltzmuseum.org or call 216-593-0595.

Film Screening: *M.G. Rehearsals for Departure*

A film by Ziva Postek

Presented by the Maltz Museum

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 @ 7:00 pm
2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood

Moshe Gershuni, one of Israel's most important and internationally acclaimed artists, reveals his most intimate life motives. Gershuni embraces the Jewish-Israeli experience in its complexity: Yiddish & Hebrew, Holocaust & Zionism, a romantic longing for Western culture and a "native" Israeli world. In the film all these motives blend into an immense experience of authentic emotional tensions and conflicts.

For information, visit maltzmuseum.org or call 216-593-0595.

Lecture: *Moshe Gershuni: Heretical Visions in Contemporary Israeli Art*

Katya Oicherman, Ph.D.

Presented by Siegal Lifelong Learning at CWRU

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 @ 10:30 am
Landmark Centre 25700 Science Park Drive, Beachwood

Explore the poignant and controversial art of Moshe Gershuni, among the most important personalities of the contemporary Israeli art scene through its affinities with the ideas of the Jewish heretical movements of Sabbateanism and Frankism.

To register, visit

www.case.edu/lifelonglearning,

call 216-368-2091, or email

lifelonglearning@case.edu

Poetry Reading: Ginsberg's *Kaddish*
Presented by Waterloo Arts

Featuring Ray McNiece and Michael Loderstedt

Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 7:00 pm
Waterloo Arts Café, 15605 Waterloo Road, Cleveland

Kaddish, also known as *Kaddish for Naomi Ginsberg*, is a masterpiece beat poem written by Allen Ginsberg. Ginsberg wrote it in 1958-9 upon the death of his mother Naomi, whose difficult mental health struggles were witnessed by him since childhood.

Ray McNiece, Poet Laureate of Cleveland Heights, and Michael Loderstedt, a spoken word poet and Professor Emeritus of Kent State University, will combine forces to perform the *Kaddish*.

For reservations, visit waterlooarts.org/, email info@waterlooarts.org or call 216-692-9500

Panel Discussion: Multi-Cultural Mourning Practices

Presented by Siegal Lifelong Learning at CWRU

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ 11 am – 12:30 pm
Landmark Centre, 25700 Science Park Drive, Beachwood

Every culture has its own traditions when it comes to mourning the passing of a loved one. Allen Ginsberg responded by writing *Kaddish*. We assembled a multi-cultural panel to talk about their unique mourning rituals. We invite you to join Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams, Senior Pastor, Old Stone Church, Rabbi Joshua Caruso, Congregation Mishkan Or, and Zeki Saritoprak, Ph.D., Professor of Islamic Studies, Chair, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, John Carroll University for a panel conversation of multi-cultural mourning practices.

To register, visit www.case.edu/lifelonglearning,
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email lifelonglearning@case.edu.

Art Talk: *From Concept to Creation: The Story Behind Gershuni's Work*

with Monique Har-El, Owner and Director,
Gallery Har-El Printers & Publishers

Presented by the Cleveland Israel Arts Connection, Jewish Federation

Sunday, February 15, 2026 @ 11:30 am

Join Monique Har-El and co-curators Matthew Garson and Katya Oicherman, for the story of how Gershuni's "Kaddish" was conceived and created. Monique Har-El is the owner and director of Gallery Har-El Printers & Publishers, a contemporary art gallery and print publisher since 1974. Based in Tel Aviv/Jaffa, Har-El works with local and international artists, inviting them to create and exhibit artist books, editions, multiples, sculptures, etc. in their print workshop and gallery space.

An open house follows from 1 – 3 pm.

Zygote Press will be on hand to help you create your own special edition screenprint.

For reservations, visit jewishcleveland.org or call 216-593-2900

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