

JCC Centerpiece

Israeli Artist Raya Talmor Opens Exhibit During Yom Ha'Atzmaut Festivities



Israeli Artist, Raya Talmor will be at the Jewish Community Center on Thursday evening, April 21, at 5:00 PM for the opening of an exhibition and sale of her oil paintings and prints. Well known for her abstract landscapes and her skill in the use of bold, bright colors, Talmor paints images that are symbolic of the sacrifice of those things most precious to build a better world. One such oil painting was featured, by the World Federation of United Nations, on the Federation's first day cover and limited edition art print which accompanied the United Nations stamp issue of March 13, 1987, "Shelter for the Homeless."

Born in Israel in 1938, Raya Talmor has lived her entire life in a cooperative society known as a Kibbutz — a community of collective finances, resources and services.

However, since the emphasis in this type of society is uniformity and equality among

members, an individual with an artistic/creative bent, can sometimes experience contradiction and conflict within the harmonious structure of communal living. While Talmor ardently adheres to the principles of the "Kibbutzim", she has also worked hard to receive special concessions, particularly the reward of her "American style" artist's studio, provided by the Kibbutz.

Raya Talmor is the mother of three children and a professor of art at Haifa University in Israel. She has exhibited extensively in Israel's largest cities and many of her paintings are privately owned by collectors in Israel, Europe and the U.S. Talmor views art as an international language that bridges cultural differences among people and helps them accept and appreciate those differences.

Raya Talmor's paintings will be on exhibit through May 12 during regular Center hours.