



Brian Appel (of blessed memory)

Fine Arts

How did you come to be an artist?

Brian inherited his artistic talent from his grandfather, Max May. He painted canvases every day of his adult life. He took some art classes, but mostly his talent was natural and part of who he was.

How did you come to select the work you are exhibiting?

I have many of his best pieces, but I selected the ones most easily transportable. These pieces show his love of color, nature, and water scenes.

How does the work you are exhibiting fit into your Jewish journey?

Although Brian's art wasn't necessarily Jewish in nature, he was a deeply religious person. I believe his scenes and still lifes were part of his appreciation for this earth and his love of nature and G-d's hand in its creation.

Biography

Brian Appel was born in Dayton, and he was a lifelong artist. He loved art, music, and sports. Brian was a member of Beth Abraham Synagogue. He graduated from the University of Dayton with a Bachelor of Arts degree. A prolific artist, he painted every day and was the winner of a number of awards. His sister donated his several hundred framed paintings to K12 Gallery and Tejas, and during a Day of Memorial to Brian almost every one of the paintings was sold within a week.

(Information provided by Renate Frydman)