



# Hannah Kasper Levinson

*Fine Arts*

## **How did you come to be an artist?**

I've been creating and storytelling since I was a child. When I took my first oil painting class at my public high school, that sealed the deal for me - I went to college and graduate school to immerse myself in the fine arts.

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

In recent work I combine imagery of old theaters with objects from my childhood. They are mundane household items that represent relics of my past. The theaters I look to for inspiration were lost long ago to fires, and what remains are their old architectural drawings. That idea of history lost and change made through fire is a thread through some of my work. "She is You" is a painting that depicts a theatre with references to my childhood on the stage. In my artist talk I will discuss how memories and handed-down stories warp over time like a game of telephone, and become like theatre. My recent work is about the archeology of home and shifting sense of self.

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

In my paintings of interiors I explore personal identity, both lived and imagined. I incorporate objects that explore memory and family history, referencing the interiors of my childhood and the Lower East Side tenements of my ancestry.

## **Biography**

Hannah Kasper Levinson (b. 1981 in Ossining, New York), holds a BFA in Painting from the Tyler School of Art (Philadelphia and Rome) and an MFA from the Glasgow School of Art in Scotland. Hannah's paintings of imagined interiors have been exhibited both nationally and abroad (Iceland, Beijing, Berlin, Glasgow) and are held in several private collections. Her art & culture writing has appeared locally in the *Dayton Daily News* and *The Dayton Jewish Observer*. For the past decade she has worked as an art educator for children, and she currently teaches at the Montessori School of Dayton. Hannah lives with her husband and two children in Oakwood, Ohio.