

Archie Rand: Psalm 68

September 21, 2014—January 4, 2015

Reception + Artist's Talk: Sunday, Sept. 21, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Derfner Judaica Museum, located on the main floor of the Jacob Reingold Pavilion at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale
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Archie Rand, *Psalm 68:26* (from the series *Psalm 68*), 1994, acrylic on canvas, 12 x 16 inches. Courtesy of the artist.

The Derfner Judaica Museum is pleased to announce its latest exhibition, *Archie Rand: Psalm 68*. A reception and artist's talk will take place on Sunday, Sept. 21, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Derfner Judaica Museum, located on the main floor of the Jacob Reingold Pavilion at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale, 5901 Palisade Avenue in the Riverdale neighborhood of the Bronx. This event is free and open to the public. R.S.V.P. (718) 581-1596 or art@hebrewhome.org. The exhibition will remain on view through January 4, 2015.

A Guggenheim Fellowship recipient, Archie Rand (b. 1949), the Presidential Professor of Art at Brooklyn College, has had more than 100 individual exhibitions. In the series *Psalm 68* (1994), he uses abstract iconography to explore one of the oldest extant Hebrew poems and its compelling, if elusive, narrative.

The powerful emotions of *Psalm 68*—whether in the service of extolling the prowess of the military in battle or the rejoicing in

gladness of peacetime—find a proper receptacle in Rand's paintings. The intense color and black amorphous shapes in some of the canvases echo Surrealist automatic writing; still others feature tantalizing forms that suggest a wide range of images gleaned from an array of sources, including architecture and comic books. Natural, manmade and supernatural elements can also be discerned. Rand's 36 exuberant 12x16-inch acrylic paintings, some with marker or hand-mixed with resins and acids, provide an impassioned foray into ancient perils—both awesome and delightful.

Rand was born in Brooklyn and graduated high school at the age of 15. He attended the City College of New York and also studied at the Art Students League and Pratt Institute. He was first included in a group show at Tibor de Nagy Gallery in 1966, and went on to have a solo exhibition there in 1972.

A frequent collaborator with artists and poets, Rand has partnered with John Ashbery, Clark Coolidge, Robert Creeley, Kenneth Koch, David Plante and John Yau. His work has explored subjects as diverse as jazz, the Bible, and Jewish history. In 1974, he completed murals for the 13,000-square-foot interior of B'nai Yosef Synagogue in Brooklyn, a monumental three-year project. Rand has administered and taught at numerous graduate art programs and appeared in major art journals and newspapers for over four decades.

As a member of the American Alliance of Museums, The Hebrew Home at Riverdale is committed to publicly exhibiting its art collection throughout its 32-acre campus including the Derfner Judaica Museum and a sculpture garden overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades. The Derfner Judaica Museum + The Art Collection provide educational and cultural programming for residents of the Hebrew Home, their families and the general public from throughout New York City, its surrounding suburbs and visitors from elsewhere. The Home is a nonprofit, non-sectarian geriatric organization serving more than 11,000 elderly persons in greater New York through its resources and community service programs. Museum hours: Sunday – Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Art Collection and grounds open daily, 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Call 718 581-1596 for holiday hours and to schedule group tours, or for further information please visit our website at <http://www.hebrewhome.org/art>