The Koslowe Gallery Presents: 
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Exhibition Opening
Thursday, June 2, 2016
7:45 pm
Koslowe Gallery
Westchester Jewish Center Lobby
Wine & Cheese Reception featuring
Walk Through Highlighting Artists’
Discoveries & Inspirations

Artists Yona Verwer and Cynthia Beth Rubin weave together the stories of the past and present in layers of paint, photographs, video and recordings. Their project consists of digital prints, acrylic paint and augmented reality on canvas, with imagery reflecting the former Jewish immigrant neighborhood of New York’s Lower East Side and synagogues throughout Europe.

Using an iPad, the viewer triggers videos embedded in signs and motifs, such as zodiac-adorned shuls or city fire escapes, embarking on a discovery process of the layered history in each.

Framed works depicting motifs and manuscripts from the Brussels Synagogue and the Marseilles Bible are also among the works in the show, each layered with the artists’ skills to finesse and highlight places that are left after years of settlement and diaspora. One focused on geometric patterns, the other imagined relatives sitting on city stoops on hot summer nights. This diversity of response is what made the collaboration so successful and interesting to observe.

Verwer, the director of the Jewish Art Salon and Rubin, a professor of digital art, have shown their work extensively throughout the world and most recently at the Jerusalem Biennale last fall.

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