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Kathy Leader grew up in South Africa where she received a degree in fine art at the Michaelis School of Art, University of Cape Town. She then went on to get her masters in art education. After teaching in Cape Town, Kathy emigrated to the United States in 1985.

Kathy's personal artwork has gone through many evolutions during her move from the southern to the northern hemisphere. She worked as a representational, figurative artist and then moved into more abstract forms as she experimented with various mediums. Since combining collage, monoprints and wax, her work has become more about the unfolding creative process. She works intuitively, allowing the process to evolve, drawing ideas, shapes and colors from her past and present spiritual life, consciously and subconsciously. "As I enter each new phase of my life, emerging and receding thoughts and emotions allow me to work in layers as I uncover parts of who I am in the art piece. I am fascinated by what happens to an idea when it is painted over. Does some of its essence remain below the surface? Perhaps that is how I can somehow come to understand the complexity of the human psyche."

In conjunction with her own work, Kathy teaches private art lessons and workshops to children and adults out of her art studio and at the **American Jewish University**. Her style of teaching reflects her own creative journey allowing the process to become a personal voyage of internal discovery.

Kathy's personal work has been shown at the following exhibitions:

- 2/16: Night on Broadway, Los Angeles
- 10/15: Artshare LA: The Opposite of Algebra
- 11/09: Culver City Warehouse: 10 Artists 10 Days
- 10/09: LA Municipal Art Gallery
- 10/1998: Artist Coop 7: Paintings on the Edge: Federal Building

My interest in being part of JAI is based on my recent exploration into Jewish spirituality and identity and its effects on my artwork. I feel that I would like to be part of a Jewish community of artists that will invite dialogue, provide support and feedback and help find opportunities to exhibit.

Art Organizations:

- Collage Artists of America
- Artists Coop 7
- LAART
- Saatchi

