



RABBONIM

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"Yehoshuah ben Prachya and Nitai Ha'arbeli received it from them. Yehoshua ben Prachya says: Make a teacher for yourself, and acquire a friend for yourself, and judge each man on the scale of merit." (Pirkei Avot 1:6)

“There are rebbes who are so great that they can revive the dead. But reviving the dead is G-d’s business. A rebbe needs to be able to revive the living.” – Reb Menachem Mendel of Kotzk.

This artwork series represents the quote, "Make a teacher for yourself". Who is a teacher? Our sages explain that one should not have one teacher but rather learn from all. Now The idea of a rebbe is that you gain an understanding of both the spiritual and physical realms from the rebbe's teachings. There have been many rabbonim and teachers throughout the years. However, I have highlighted specific rebbes from the 20th and 21st centuries that nurtured modern Judaism. These rebbes have significantly affected my life, and their teachings are profound.

This body of work aims to highlight these remarkable figures in Jewish history and draw attention to the painterly mode of portraiture. The freedom of gesture while maintaining a level of resemblance of each rebbe. Direct brushstrokes and varied colours while staying true to the reference images. Each painting tries to capture a moment, an energy and a presence—the idea of catching the being in a single frame.

May these great rabbonim continue to live on in our homes, hearts, and minds.

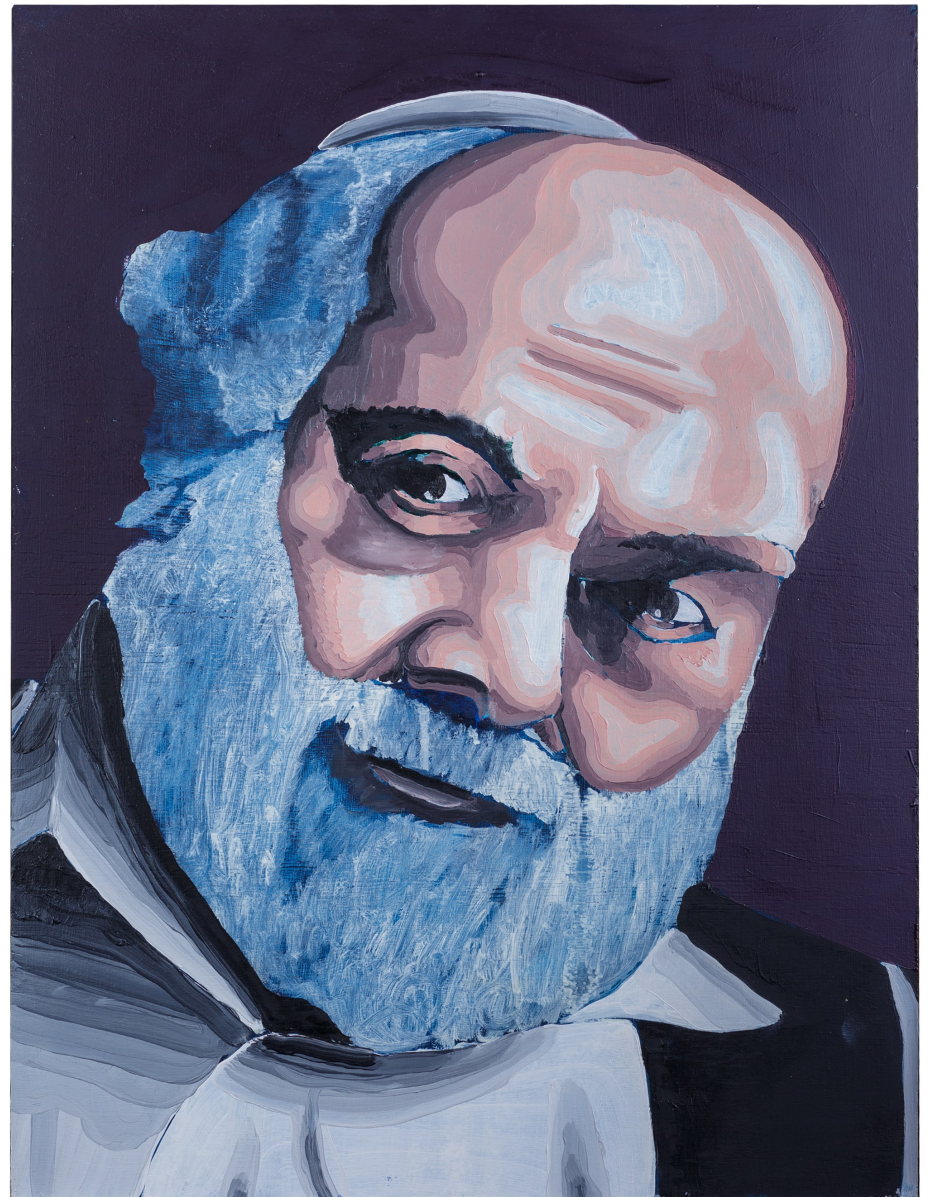
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Oil on plywood
60 x 45 cm



Rav Chaim Kanievsky, 2022
Oil on plywood
60 x 45 cm



Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, 2023
Oil on plywood
60 x 45 cm



Baba Sali, 2023
Oil on plywood
60 x 45 cm



Kaliver Rebbe, 2023
Oil on plywood
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Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, 2023
Oil on plywood
60 x 45 cm



Rav Kook, 2022
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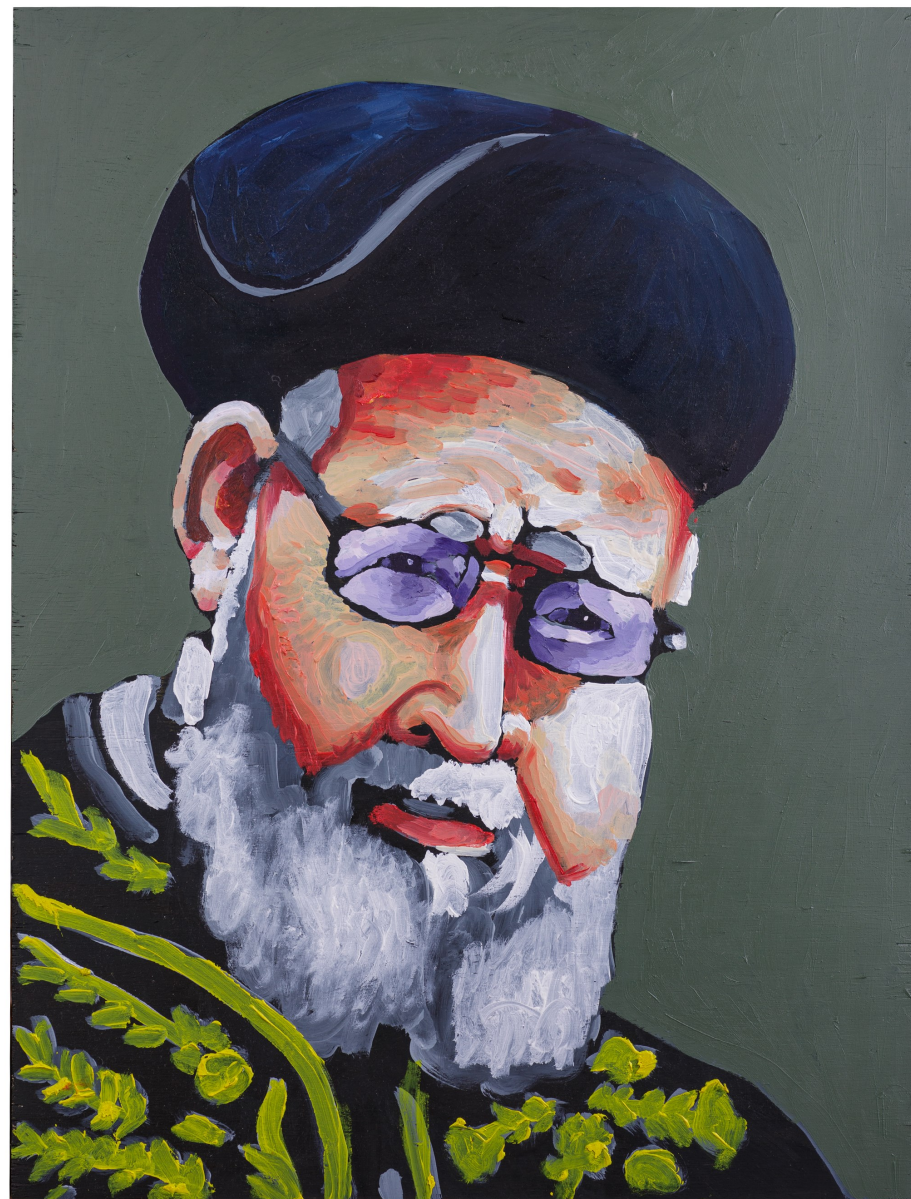
Lubavitcher Rebbe, 2023
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Rabbi Binyomin Klein, 2023
Oil on plywood
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Rav Ovadia Yosef, 2023
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my father
Hirschel David Falkson
my dear friend
Eliyahu David Kay
and my savta
Yehudit Shani

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, 2023, oil on plywood, 60 x 45 cm

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