Meet the Artist **Debra Satok**

Hello!

I have always enjoyed exploring my creative side, however, during the pandemic I gave myself permission to be creative, with no goal other than to explore my passions. Through this journey I have been humbled by the opportunity to learn new things, play with new mediums, and revisit the childlike joy of being surprised by the outcome. I work in acrylic paints, epoxy resin, cement, and other casting materials and delight in making functional art that is both practical and unique.

Why Mezuzahs?

Throughout my life, I have always appreciated the Jewish custom of placing a mezuzah on the doorpost to my home, along with the entrance to interior rooms. In addition to being a symbol of Jewish identity, the klaf, or parchment reminds the owner of their connection to Judaism, I have always admired the outer case as a work of art as they can be made in any material, size, or colour. I love experimenting with new designs and creating one-of-a-kind, unique mezuzah that complement a variety of decors while providing protective powers to those walking through the doorway.

Why CHW?

I am a founding member of CHW Toronto Lev Zahav Chapter. With the launch of this mezuzah campaign, I am thrilled to support CHW's breadth of projects committed to excellence particularly in healthcare and social services. Proceeds from the sale of each mezuzah will support CHW funded programs at Hadassim and Nahalal Youth Villages in Israel, so that every at-risk child can have a roof over their head and a safe place to live. CHW strongly believes that every human being deserves to achieve their full potential, while living in safety and security.