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The Path: LAByrrinth

Outdoor Solo Exhibition by Shirah Rubin

April 25 – November 7, 2025

Hebrew College, 1860 Washington St, Newton, MA

Artist's Reception: May 18, 2025, 10:30 AM

Newton, MA – Hebrew College proudly presents The Path: LAByrrinth, an outdoor solo exhibition by multidisciplinary artist Shirah Rubin, on view from April 25 to November 7, 2025. The public is invited to join the artist for an opening reception on May 18, 2025 at 10:30 AM.

“A labyrinth is a gathering place that invites us to connect with our inner world while also fostering a sense of balance and belonging to community,” says Rubin, who uses site-specific installations, sculptural ceramics, and public art spaces to explore memory and the fragile nature of its preservation. Rubin’s labyrinth is not a maze, but a single path leading to a center, a metaphor for a spiritual journey, where one can quiet the mind and listen to their inner voice.

A dozen ceramic “Listening Vessels” form an outer circle around the labyrinth at Hebrew College. Inspired by ancient amphora used for water storage, these vessels stand anthropomorphically as guardians of the space, some adorned with ceramic buttons referencing the sefirot— ten divine attributes in Jewish mystical tradition representing the flow of divine energy and the stages of creation. The ceramic vessels, together with benches in the labyrinth’s center, “offer a space to listen to whispers of purpose, compassion, and connection.”

Rubin coil-built each vessel, a very physical process, moving around, and sometimes inside, each piece as she sculpted with a rock and paddle. Creating the amphora as a contemporary artist meant balancing between respecting tradition and listening to her artistic voice. “What is the push-pull between respecting tradition, making it our own, and re-imagining steps towards a better future?”

Rubin’s installation invites movement through a space that offers both introspection and interaction. “I envision this labyrinth as an experience that is a catalyst for conversation and community.” Rubin also created prompts for participants to use to enhance their walking experience.

The exhibition is open to the public throughout its run and was co-completed alongside volunteers from the Hebrew College Community. The artist’s reception will feature Shirah Rubin and Rabbis Or Rose and Jessica Kate Meyer for a guided labyrinth walk and a song circle. Rubin will also host guided tours and custom community workshops throughout the exhibit’s duration.

Community Events:

Exhibition Dates: April 25 – November 7, 2025 Hebrew College, 1860 Washington St, Newton, MA

Cost: Free and open to the public daily 9:00am -6:00pm

Artist Reception: May 18, 2025, 10:30 AM with Shirah Rubin, Rabbi Or Rose, and Rabbi Jessica Kate Meyer. Hebrew College, 1860 Washington St, Newton, MA

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To arrange a facilitated labyrinth walk or a community workshop with artist Shirah Rubin at The Path: LAByrrinth, email listeningvessels@gmail.com or visit www.shirahrubin.com