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Joseph Bau's Art Exhibition Now Open at the Marcus JCC of Atlanta

Joseph Bau's daughters, Clila and Hadasa Bau, come to Atlanta to take part in the 35th Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA: free film screening, ticketed author talk and book signing on Sunday, November 8; more than 40 signed works are on view through December 2026

ATLANTA, GA, September 22, 2026 — The Joseph Bau Museum of Tel Aviv has brought its traveling art exhibition to the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta (MJCCA), on view in the [Katz Family Main Street Gallery](#) through December 2026. The exhibition features more than 40 signed works by Israeli artist, animator, and master forger Joseph Bau, including oil paintings, lithographs, and prints. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

Born in Kraków, Poland, Joseph Bau was a graphic artist who survived the Plaszów concentration camp because of his talent for lettering and for making maps and signs. Working in secret, he forged identity papers that helped others escape. His clandestine marriage in the camp to Rebecca Tennenbaum was later depicted in Steven Spielberg's 1993 film *Schindler's List* and, most recently, in Sean McNamara's [Bau, Artist at War](#). As manicurist to the camp commander, Amon Goeth, Rebecca learned of Oskar Schindler's list and arranged to have her husband's name added to it in place of her own — an act of love Bau did not learn of until 50 years later. After the war, Bau settled in Israel, where he became the country's first animator and was called the Israeli Walt Disney. He also forged documents for the Mossad, work that supported the capture of Adolf Eichmann in Argentina and the operations of Israeli spy Eli Cohen.

The exhibition includes oil paintings and lithographs exploring Hebrew language and graphic art, alongside interpretive storyboards tracing Bau's life from prewar Poland through the Holocaust, his postwar career in Israel, and the founding of the Joseph Bau Museum. The exhibition has been made possible through the generous support of the Morris Family Foundation.

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“Joseph Bau’s story is exactly the kind of history our community should encounter firsthand,” said Book Festival Co-Chair Debbie Kurzweil. “He turned artistic talent into an act of resistance and then spent the rest of his life creating joy. To have more than 40 of his original works on our walls, and to have his daughters here in person to walk visitors through them, is a rare gift. We are deeply grateful to the Morris Family Foundation for making this exhibition possible, and to El Al for helping bring Clila and Hadasa to Atlanta.”

Joseph and Rebecca Bau's daughters, Clila and Hadasa Bau, co-directors of the Joseph Bau Museum, are traveling from Tel Aviv to Atlanta for the visit, arriving November 6 and available during their stay to speak with high schools and other interested community groups. On Sunday, November 8, as part of the [35th Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA](#), the day begins at 10:00 a.m. with a free screening of Paramount's feature film [Bau, Artist at War](#). At 1:30 p.m., the sisters will discuss their father's memoir, [Bau: Artist at War](#) (Blackstone Publishing), in a ticketed author talk and Q&A (\$15 MJCCA members, \$20 community). Throughout the day, Clila and Hadasa will be on-site to sign books — available for purchase from partner bookseller A Cappella Books — and will personally guide visitors through their father's exhibition.

“Every time we get to share our parents’ story in a new city, it feels like inviting people into our father’s studio all over again,” said Clila and Hadasa Bau, co-directors of the Joseph Bau Museum. “Our father always believed humor and art were forms of resistance, and we’re honored to spend the day with the Atlanta community — signing books, touring the exhibition together, and showing them that even in the darkest years, our parents chose to create, to laugh, and to love.”

Tickets to the November 8 book event with Clila and Hadasa Bau are [on sale now](#). For more on Joseph Bau's visit, including the free film screening ([RSVP](#)), author talk, and book signing, please visit the Book Festival's [Bau, Artist at War event page](#).

WHAT: Joseph Bau Traveling Art Exhibition — more than 40 signed works by Israeli artist, animator, and forger Joseph Bau

WHEN: On view through December 2026, during regular MJCCA hours. On Sunday, November 8, 2026, as part of the 35th Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA: free screening of *Bau, Artist at War* at 10:00 a.m.; ticketed author talk, Q&A, and book signing with Hadasa and Clila Bau at 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: [Katz Family Main Street Gallery](#), Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta, 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338

COST: Exhibition and 10:00 a.m. film screening are free and open to the public. The 1:30 p.m. author talk is a ticketed Book Festival event: \$15 for MJCCA members, \$20 for the community.

TICKETS:

- Author talk: <https://events.leapevents.com/event/bau-artist-at-war>
- Free film screening: <https://events.leapevents.com/event/artist-at-war-film-screening>

INFO: atlantajcc.org/programs/hadasa-clila-bau-bau-artist-at-war

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About the Joseph Bau Museum



The Joseph Bau Museum, housed in Joseph Bau's original art studio in Tel Aviv, preserves the life and legacy of Joseph Bau — an Israeli artist, animator, and cultural pioneer who survived the Holocaust. One of more than 180 [heritage sites](#) in Israel, the museum is ranked #1 of 309 things to do in Tel Aviv on Tripadvisor and holds a Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice award, placing it among the top 10% of properties on Tripadvisor. Bau's

story of survival, ingenuity, and enduring love with his wife, Rebecca, is chronicled in his memoir, *Bau: Artist at War* ([Blackstone Publishing](#)), and in the [Paramount feature film](#) of the same name. The museum is led by his daughters, Clila Bau and Hadasa Bau. Visit the museum in person at 9 Berdichevsky Street, Tel Aviv, Israel, or experience the virtual tour at josephbau.org/3Dvista. Learn about how your community can host the traveling art exhibition at josephbautravelingxhibition.my.canva.site/josephbau. Learn more: linktr.ee/Josephbauhouse, josephbau.com.

About the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta



Impacting tens of thousands of people annually, the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta (MJCCA) is welcoming to people of all faiths, ages, and backgrounds. The MJCCA is committed to strengthening the quality of life in Atlanta and is recognized as one of the most highly regarded Jewish community centers in the nation. Our

three accredited preschools, award-winning camps, outstanding cultural events, and invigorating sports and fitness programs engage and connect the community. Learn more: atlantajcc.org

About MJCCA Arts & Authors

MJCCA Arts & Authors programming continues to thrive through long-standing partnerships and exciting new collaborations. This season builds on the MJCCA's trusted relationships with leading cultural institutions, such as the Tony Award-winning Alliance Theatre, while also introducing new voices and nationally recognized performers to the stage. These collaborations allow the MJCCA to broaden access, deepen impact, and create opportunities for meaningful shared experiences across generations, backgrounds, and interests. All programs are held at the MJCCA. Learn more: atlantajcc.org/our-programs/arts-authors/book-festival

***Note to Editors:** High-resolution images of Joseph Bau's artwork and the exhibition are available upon request. Clila Bau and Hadasa Bau are available for interviews via WhatsApp and Zoom prior to the event, as well as in person in Atlanta November 6–10; contact Lee Tanenbaum below to schedule.*

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Attachment: MJCCA Book Festival Brochure Listing

HOLOCAUST MEMOIR

Israel Program

Sunday, November 8 • 10:00 am & 1:30 pm

BAU: ARTIST AT WAR

Film Screening, Book Event, and Art Exhibition



ABOUT THE MOVIE

Bau: Artist At War, Film Screening
10:00 am

The extraordinary true story of Joseph Bau — artist, forger, Holocaust survivor. Inside the camps, he used his skills in daring acts of resistance, forging identity papers that helped hundreds escape. Amid the brutality, he found love in the very heart of hell. Years later, when called to testify against the Nazi who tormented him, he drew strength from the love that saved him, the art that sustained him, and the will that kept him alive. Starring Emile Hirsch and Inbar Lavi; Directed by Sean McNamara and Produced by Deborah Smerecnik. (PG-13, 2h 10m)

ABOUT THE ART

Joseph Bau, Art Exhibit
Through December 2026

To view Joseph Bau's artwork, take a stroll through the Katz Family Main Street Gallery, located along the main corridor of the MJCCA Zaban-Blank Building. The exhibition will be on display through December.

TICKETS

Movie Screening: FREE
Art Exhibition: FREE
Book Event MJCCA Member: \$15
Book Event Community: \$20

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IN CONVERSATION WITH

 **Judy Stolovitz**
Associate Director, MJCCA's Lisa F. Brill Institute for Jewish Learning

ABOUT THE BOOK

Bau: Artist At War, Hadasa & Cila Bau
1:30 pm

Through a panoramic Hollywood feature film and the pages of Joseph Bau's book, *Bau: Artist at War*, his daughters Cila and Hadasa tell us the story of their parents, largely unsung heroes of the Holocaust. Born in Krakow, Poland, Joseph Bau was a graphic artist who survived the Plaszow concentration camp because of his special talent for lettering and making maps and signs. He forged identity papers for those who were able to escape the camp. His secret marriage in the camp to Rebecca was incorporated into Steven Spielberg's 1993 film *Schindler's List*. Though they were played by actors in the film, you can see the real Baus placing a stone on Oskar Schindler's grave in the movie's closing scenes.

Rebecca Bau found out about Schindler's list and arranged to have her husband's name added to it, instead of her own. Bau only found out about this selfless act of love 50 years later.

After the two emigrated to Israel, Bau became one of Israel's leading graphic artists, creating movie and product art known to most Israelis. This earned him the moniker, "the Israeli Walt Disney."

In his painstaking prose, Bau also shares his experience of wartime traumas with surprising wit and irony, a tone enhanced by his brilliant black-and-white drawings.

At once a tale of horror and beauty, *Bau: Artist at War* is one man's memoir of a miracle: the bloom of love in the depths of a Nazi concentration camp.

The 35th Edition of the Book Festival of the MJCCA • Purchase Tickets: atiantajcc.org/bookfestival

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