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**THE SABES JCC INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO THE WORDS@WORK SERIES**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2017 – MARCH 26, 2017**  
**Artist Reception: February 16, 6 – 8 PM – Sabes JCC**

*Minneapolis/St. Paul* — The Sabes JCC is excited to announce the *WORDS@WORK Series* happening throughout February and March, 2017. This series will blend visual art exhibitions and workshops, all taking place at the Sabes JCC.

**WORDS@WORK GALLERY EXHIBITION**

**TAKE WORDS WITH YOU: IN OUR HOMES AND ON OUR WAYS**

*An exhibition featuring calligraphy, papercutting and scribe work by local text-based artists, Noam Sienna, Aaron Greenberg Silver & Demetrios Vital.*

**Exhibition Dates: Thursday, Feb 9 – Sunday, Mar 26, 2017**

**Reception Date: Thursday, February 16 from 6-8 PM**

**7 PM: Get a closer look at how the Words@Work artists use their media to inform their work.**

**ABOUT THE ARTISTS:**

**NOAM SIENNA**

A Hebrew calligrapher and manuscript artist, Noam investigates the relationship between letters, image, color and light, inspired by the tradition of Jewish books throughout the centuries. His graduate work in Jewish History and Museum Studies provides his art with deep roots and a commitment to seeing the past come alive again in the present.

**AARON GREENBERG SILVER**

While most of Aaron's artwork is created by cutting paper, he has also worked in watercolor, steel, and clay. He invites the viewer to see objects and ideas in new ways, extracting the essence of a scene or object to portray it unencumbered by extraneous material.

**DEMETRIOS VITAL**

Vital's artmaking begins in awe and curiosity of natural history and Jewish community. In search of a connection between letters and life, he creates and restores sacred manuscripts with careful attention to their

history and place within their community. His calligraphic art combines Hebrew scribal traditions and text, with modern sources of inspiration.

*Immediately following, this exhibit will be on display at the Cowles Literary Common, Open Book Building. Planned in association with the Minnesota Center for Book Arts.*

## **WORKSHOPS:**

**All workshops take place at the Sabes JCC**

**Cost: \$8 each**

**RSVP to Robyn Awend at [rawend@sabesjcc.org](mailto:rawend@sabesjcc.org) or (952) 381-3416.**

### **THE KETUBBAH: ART, TEXT, AND HISTORY**

**March 2, 7:00 PM**

Artist and scholar Noam Sienna explores how the ketubbah became one of the most elaborate and widespread forms of Jewish art across the world. Following the presentation, a panel of local ketubbah artists and Jewish educators will discuss the evolution of the ketubbah, artistically and spiritually, in the Jewish community today.

### **INTRO TO TALKING IMAGE CONNECTIONS with local writer Alison Morse**

**March 9, 7:00 pm**

In this writing workshop, find ways to connect your responses to the text-based visual art in the exhibit “*Take Words with You: In Our Homes and On Our Ways*” with your experiences, ideas and feelings— then shape both into your own vivid poems or stories. The workshop will involve discussion, handouts, writing prompts, time to write, and an informal reading of your writing.

### **3,000 YEARS OF HEBREW LETTERS**

**March 16, 7:00 PM**

Travel through time with artist Demetrios Vital to look at the evolution of Hebrew letters from historical examples, and try calligraphy a few yourself!

### **FROM TEXT TO IMAGE: HOW ARTISTS MOVE ACROSS THE DIVIDE**

**March 23, 7:00 PM**

Papercut artist Aaron Hodge Silver Greenberg takes you along on the artist’s journey from text to image. You start by encountering a text that captures your imagination. But how does that idea turn into a work of visual art? After these creative imaginings, try your hand at some basic papercutting techniques to see what you can create.

**For more information, contact Robyn Awend, Director of Visual Arts at [rawend@sabesjcc.org](mailto:rawend@sabesjcc.org).**

*The Sabes Jewish Community Center is a multifaceted organization offering educational, social, cultural, recreational, and fitness to the entire community. Program areas include early childhood education, summer camp, health & fitness, recreation, Jewish arts & culture, senior programs, special events and more. The Sabes JCC creates a wide-range of opportunities for people to connect, grow, and learn through meaningful programs that enrich Jewish life, build Jewish identity and strengthen our community.*