



Red Sea Photograph
24" x36" photograph

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It is said that the Hebrew *aleph-bet* is the source code with which God made the universe. Language as the physical act of creation. This might explain the close relationship between *mayim*, water, and *shamayim*, sky/heavens.

The close visual relationship between the water and the sky is what appealed to me in photographing this ambiguous landscape of rocks 30 feet underwater.

"And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas; and God saw that it was good."
Genesis 1:10

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Responding to the *Aleph-Bet* Yael Krieger

In Israel words have power. When I say "The Wall," do I mean the *kotel* or a separation barrier? When I say Israel, am I speaking of a geographical location or a national people? Sometimes one needs to step back in order to move forward. Break down words to letters...can this dissolution create a stronger re-building? *yod, shin, reish, alef, lamed*...disconnect, rearrange, construct...*shin-alef-lamed*...*sha'al*, which means ask; *lamed-yud*...*li*, to me; *alef-reish*...*or*, light. When it comes to Israel, we must step back, ask for ourselves, and through this process, see things in a new light.

This shoe was created with a smoke-blackened ceramic shoe to represent children who have experienced war. I added something to symbolize what children might need to begin to heal. (see www.globalshoeproject.page.tl) Because lovingkindness is a fundamental teaching in Torah, I emblazoned the shoe with the word "Lovingkindness" on the top and small hearts on the sole.

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