

**Ann D. Koffsky** is the author and illustrator of more than thirty published books. She is also an editor at Behrman House Publishers, and has been a vocal advocate regarding the exclusion of women's pictures in Jewish media.

Ann has presented programs to both adults and children and taught art at Yeshiva University and the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County. Last Passover, she was a featured presenter at the Gross and Schechter Family Passover program. You can see more about her programs and work at [www.annkoffsky.com](http://www.annkoffsky.com).

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## Yom Tov Topics

*For Adults*

- **Please Put the Women Back in the Picture: *An artist's view***  
A discussion of the new policy of women being excluded from images in the Orthodox world, and the visual ramifications of that decision. (Based on the article published by Ann Koffsky in *Jewish Action Magazine*, 2013, and her nine-week dialogue published in the pages of *the Flatbush Jewish Journal*.)
- **Picturing Hillary: *More than just an arm?***  
In August of 2015, the publication *Yated Ne'eman* caused a stir by printing an image of Hillary Clinton's arm, and obscuring her face. Assuming Hillary Clinton wins the 2016 presidential election, Passover will fall three months after her inauguration. This talk will bring examples and explore how the Jewish media chooses to deal with the challenge of showing her image...or not.
- **Hashem's Giant Robot Army?**  
On *halacha*, creativity, and conformity. Does *halacha* require that we all look the same, dress the same and act the same? A discussion of how the parameters of *halacha* can enhance creativity.
- **The Artist's Portfolio: A Presentation**  
Come see Ann's artwork! Original art, papercuts, children's book illustrations, and unique Judaica will all be displayed. Includes an engaging talk about her process and some of her most humorous experiences behind the art. (Optional: If presented on *chol hamoed*, can include a book signing.)

### *For Children*

- **So how DO you make a book?**

(Best for ages 6 and up)

Using her books as a starting point, Ann describes the process of making a children's book from the first word to the artwork. Lively and interactive, Ann includes a grab bag of props, role-plays, and lots of other fun surprises. (visit [www.annkoffkycome/visits](http://www.annkoffkycome/visits) to see sample videos of this program).

- **Lions, Puppies and Frogs, Oh my!**

(ages 4 and up)

Ann will read from her more than thirty published books, including *Shabbat Shalom Hey*, *Noah's Swim-A Thon*, *Kayla & Kugel's Passover*, and *Frogs in the Bed*.

## **Chol Hamoed Activites**

### *For Adults*

- **Paint Night**

Haven't painted since kindergarten? Then this is the event for you! Thoroughly entertaining, Ann takes participants step-by-step through the process of creating a painting, and each participant will go home with a final work of art that they themselves created. A fun "night out" for couples and friends.

- **Paper-cutting Techniques**

Learn to paper-cut! The ancient tradition of paper-cutting continues to be popular today. Ann will provide design templates and demonstrate paper-cutting techniques. Every participant will create their own personal piece, suitable for framing.

- **Coloring for Adults**

The hottest trend in book publishing today is coloring books for adults, with adult coloring books taking the top slots on Amazon's best-seller list. Using pages from the books *Shalom Coloring*, and *More Shalom Coloring* which Ann contributed to, Ann will demonstrate techniques such as shading, complimentary colors and cross hatching. Participants will try their own hand at coloring beautiful Judaic designs. A great "Mommy and me" program.

*For Children*

- **Pre-Passover Craft: Prep for the Seder!**

(Ages 5 and up)

Create a jumping frog, Passover finger puppets, a *seder* clock, and more!

These crafts are perfect for younger kids to complete in one sitting, and bring to their seder that evening.

- **Zentangles for Kids**

(Ages 8 and up)

Ann will teach patterning techniques and participants will try their own hand at creating beautiful and intricate Judaic designs.