

### Auction: Israeli and International Art Collection

Kestenbaum & Company's upcoming auction in New York will feature a range of important Israeli art, comprising highlights from the collection of the late Stanley I. Batkin. His collection includes works by celebrated artists such as Yaacov Agam, Avigdor Arikha, Ludwig Blum, Moshe Castel, Marcel Janco, Menashe Kadishman, Reuven Rubin, Yohanan Simon, Avigdor Stematsky, and Ziona Tagger. Stanley Batkin (1914-2015), a New York-based philanthropist, collected the first examples from each and every major Israeli artist.

Kestenbaum & Company, the premier auction house of Judaica in the United States, specializes in the sale of rare books and manuscripts, as well as ceremonial objects and fine art. The collections are by Israeli as well as international artists.

The Batkin Collection will be on exhibition as of early December, with the auction itself to be held on December 14th at the Kestenbaum Gallery.

[Kestenbaum Gallery, 242 W 30th St, 12th Floor, New York City \(kestenbaum.net\)](http://Kestenbaum Gallery, 242 W 30th St, 12th Floor, New York City (kestenbaum.net))

### Book: Ring Of Lies

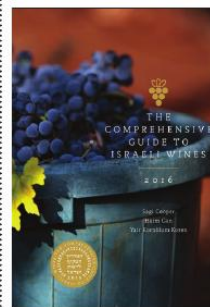


The third thriller in Roni Dunevich's award-winning Alex Bartal series is an explosive read, and the first in the series to be translated into English. One of Bartal's agents - the head of a Mossad special unit - is on a mission to kidnap, interrogate, and kill an Iranian general. But

the plan goes terribly wrong when the agent is captured instead, generating a series of escalating crises in Europe and Asia. Bartal is convinced that Mossad has a traitor, and his first port of call is Berlin. As his investigation evolves, he's forced to confront dark shadows from the past. Is he chasing a ghost across Europe, or is he closing in on a ruthless killer who refuses to let the horrors of history rest? With fast-paced writing and an unforgettable cast of characters, "Ring of Lies" is sure to capture the attention of all readers.

[Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins. Stimatzky Books, Terminal 3, Ben Gurion Airport](#)

### Culinary: Guide to Israeli Wines



"Israel's wine industry is small by global standards, but the creativity and skill of Israeli vintners has created a wine world here that's varied, rich, and of internationally recognized high quality," write Sagi Cooper, Haim Gan, and Yair Koren. The three

wine experts published the comprehensive guide to the best of Israeli wine (with ratings), surveying various vineyards, grape varieties, Israeli food and drink, kashrut, and history.

[Sold at wine shops and wineries \(thewines.co.il\)](#)