

Bereshit – At the Beginning

Israeli-born artist Dvora Barzilai who lives and works in Vienna exhibited her work at the Canetti House during March, 2009. She depicts the ancient history of the Promised Land in mosaics and oil paintings. She is also a sculptress, a calligrapher and a caricaturist.

Cantor Shmuel Barzilai opened the exhibition of 16 of her works by performing a collection of songs from the destroyed world of the East European *shtetl*.

Accompanying the vernissage, Elena Galidescu who was born in 1958 in the last Romanian *shtetl* held a lecture on the community of the Sephardic Jews in Bulgaria that Elias Canetti's family was part of and on its influences on his work.

