

'SHAY'RING THE MEANING OF JEWISH TRADITION

In Tel Aviv, lives a creative genius, whose Jewish upbringing was so immersed in his psyche that it came out in vivid colours, forms and installations. Shay Peled, better known as Tzuki, took Hannukah, the re-dedication of the holy temple and mulled over its meaning in his head, and what he came up with was unique art that he proudly displayed in his home.

In the city for the Art Bengaluru Festival, the Israeli artist is showcasing his work and giving us a peek into a history and understanding of his Jewish upbringing. It has both a contemporary feel and the ability to touch your heart. The 49-year-old Israeli metal artist and sculptor takes a blank wall and paints it in a myriad of colours and expressions with his wall sculptures, bringing ancient Jewish culture alive.

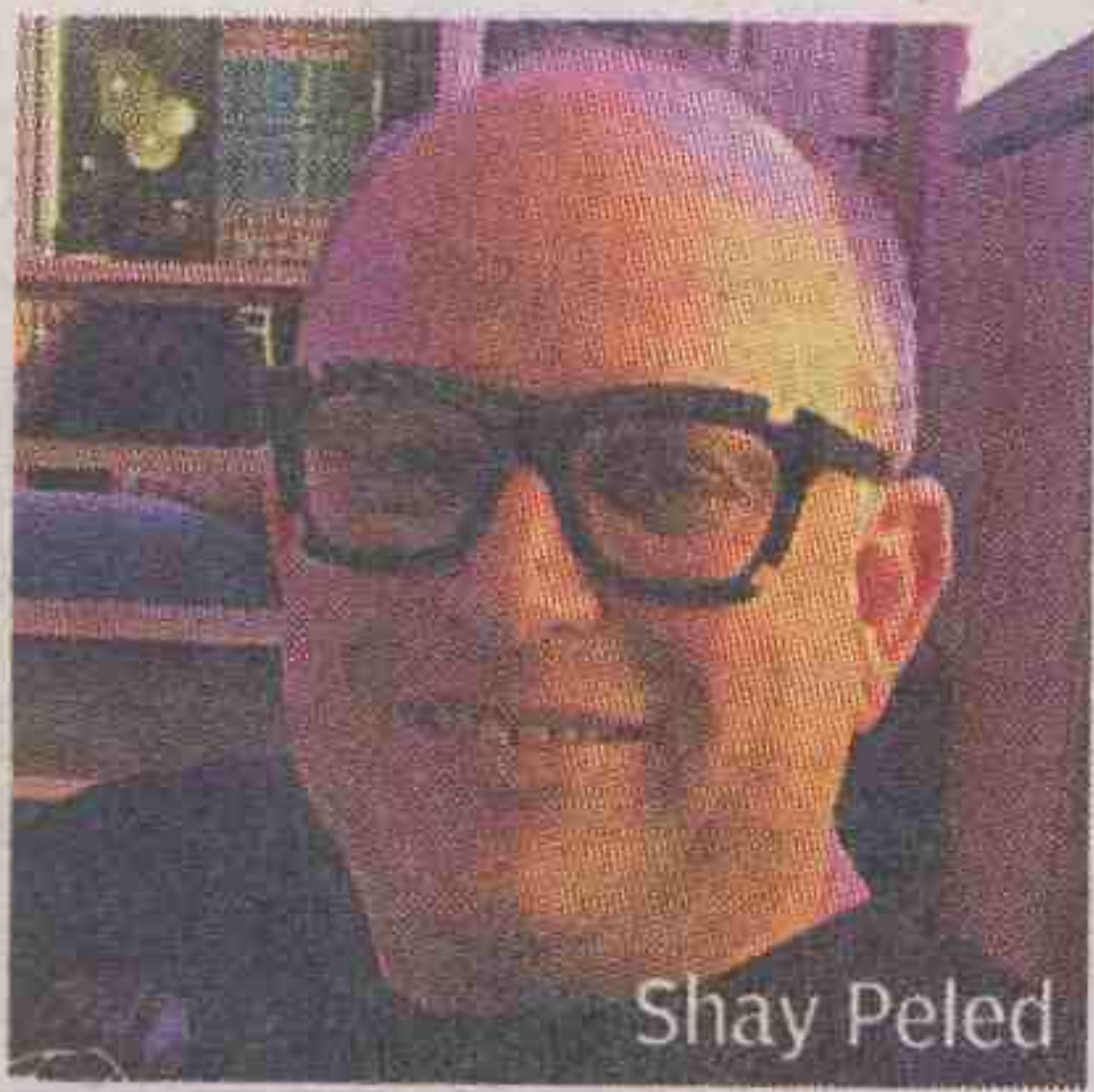
Peled started on this road to redemption about 11 years ago and those small but artistic meanderings into creativity were first shown in his interpretation of traditional art, which he sold to the locals who loved it.

"I used to make menorahs (the Jewish lamp) and hamsas at home on Hanukkah, which is traditionally kept outside the door for protection," he recalls fondly.

Experimenting and trying to think outside the box is his mantra, but keeping the essence of tradition alive is his piece de resistance. "I aspire to show olden day culture with a fresh perspective through my art, but not in a way that moves away from tradition," he adds. His love for culture and his people breathes life into his work.

To him, love is what makes the world go round and his most endearing theme. "Everything I am, everything I have, love resonates in all of them. Love of my country, love of men, and love of art," says this artist.

At the Art Bengaluru Festival, in its seventh year, his modern take on life and living is being displayed at this edition, "I see a lot of movement and life in Bengaluru. Its ability to innovate and transform inspired me to showcase my art the way I have," says the Israeli, who believes that art can truly transform and change perceptions. We think so too.



Shay Peled

What: Art Bengaluru 2016

Where : Sublime Galleria, UB City

When : August 19-28