Katya Chapchay was born in Ukraine, and immigrated to Israel in 2009. From an early age she studied painting and sculpture. During high school, she studied art at the Flavia Art Studio.

Katya studied medicine at the Vinnitsa National Medical University, Ukraine, while continuing to study at the the Vinnitza Art School. During this time she also worked on illustrations for academic articles and graphic designs for medical texts. In addition, she participated in many art exhibitions.

In Israel, she completed a medical internship and residency specializing in plastic and aesthetic surgery at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem. She is now a specialist in plastic surgery and continues to work at Hadassah as a senior surgeon.

Katya always dreamt of being a surgeon and combined her love of painting and art into a profession as a plastic surgeon. In this field, she uses her artistry every day to design and perform the surgeries. In her paintings Katya gives the viewer a glimpse of her world. She attempts to portray fantasy, emotion and intense feelings. She is inspired by nature and the human form by capturing light, texture, and movement.

**Synergy**

*Katya Chapchay*

Tempera on canvas, 70 × 40 cm, 2018

Synergy describes the metaphysical connection between two worlds: the world of the Creator and mankind. The tree on the left is the Tree of Life that nourishes and revives the human world. The artificial forest on the right is man’s world of action, and free choice is granted to humans to understand and choose to bring the Divine light of the Tree of Life to our world.

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