

Works

by

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Introduction

Ami Hay Ben Hur is an artist who works with gold, stone wood and metals. From the age of 6 Ami watched his father and learned the art of welding in silver and gold and working with gemstones. In order to present the photos in this booklet, I have asked some of the people who are close to us to send me some photographs of the items Ami created for them, including photos of the process where possible.

Because of time limitaitons I have included only those photos which I have recieved so far, although many more are arriving as each day passes. The photographs presented in this booklet represent only a drop in the ocean of the thousands of works owned by people from many countries around the world.

Limited as it is, I hope that this sample of his works conveys and idea of his unique abilities.

Following is a legend explaining some of the terminology and the significance of the symbols which are used in his works.

With thanks,

Tamar Ben Hur

Intentions

The “intentions” embedded in Ami's works are described by him as “taking a prayer or something you wish to achieve or be reminded of, and giving it a physical form. It is a visual and physical interpretation of your deepest desires, prayers and inner guidelines. By embedding them into the gold, the intention or essence vibrates into your life and gives you a visual, physical reminder whenever you wear it”.

Most of the engraving of the intentions into the gold are made with a special pen with a raw diamond tip that acts as a knife. Each time a new work is begun, the pen and diamond are always cleansed and purified. The diamond tip transmits and intensifies light or anything else passing through it, in this case prayers and intentions.



Ami's communication skills and his abilities to create an environment of openness with people is part of the art that he brings to his work. His clients come from all walks of life and from many countries around the world. Each has his own special story and most have been referred to Ami by word of mouth. Whether it is a bride and groom before their wedding, someone on the brink of a major event or change, professionals or internationally recognised artists and musicians, Ami always finds a line of communication that allows him together with them, to reach an understanding of the needs and desires which they wish to give a physical interpretation to. He then creates and embeds the symbols with their intention and energetic frequency into the jewelry so that they can carry it with them.

Working with Fire

Melted gold is drawn to the hottest point, thereby giving fire the ability to direct its flow. When creating a fire ring it is the flame that moves the gold around to build the shape and texture of the ring. This is a very special way of working with gold as opposed to other jewelry making techniques. It is also a very pure method of work, as there are no other materials/chemicals being used to fuse the gold together. Ami believes that this way the gold is kept at its purest and the jewel feels "alive". He describes the making of each fire ring as a special experience of connection to a specific journey, and each journey is unique for each individual.



Letters

In the Kabala every letter of the Hebrew alphabet has a numerical value and each number has significance. This is called Gimetria. Ami often uses combinations of letters in order to achieve different energetic frequencies.

For example, using the letter "Shin" which is the first letter of:

Shalem – Whole Shma – Hear (hear our Lord) Shai – Gift Shomer – Protector
Shalva – Tranquility Sheket – Serenity Simcha – Happiness/Joy Shir – Poetry
Shemesh – Sun/Light Shamayim – Heavens Shaar – Gateway Shalom – Peace.

The first letter of the Hebrew alphabet is “Aleph” – A

Examples include:

Or – Light Achad – One or Oneness Achva – Brotherhood Em – Mother
El – the name of God Esh – Fire Ahava – Love

Ami often uses 3 times Aleph representing 3 for the perfect number.

Three times Aleph is also an abbreviation for “Ehye Asher Ehye” – “I am that I am” which is the sole response given to Moses when he asked for God's name.

The No. 3

The number 3 represents the first perfect number. God created Adam, then Eve and then their offspring – thus this is the first perfect number representing evolvement and reproduction. The number 3 also symbolises the triangle which is a very strong and perfect shape.

The No. 5 (Hamsa)

The number 5 is used as a symbol of balance as it is the middle number of the first 10 digits. Since ancient times, the Hamsa has symbolised the hand with its 5 fingers protecting and preventing any evil from harming its owner. The number 5 is often used in Ami's work, whether it be the Hamsa itself, or using sets of 5 beads or 5 knots in necklaces, or many different versions of placing 5 or three times 5 in his works.

The No. 18

Ami often uses the number 18 in his work. Taken from an ancient Hebrew symbol, it is created from two letters in the Hebrew alphabet – “Het” and “Yud” which together form the word “Hai” – Life. The number 18 is known as a blessing and a symbol for the vibration of life, will power and creativity. Ami uses the number 18 as an energetic frequency on its own, and as a trigger to empower other prayers and intentions. An example of this could be an item weighing 18 grams with intentions carved on it, or using 18 stone beads in a necklace.

The No. 72

It is often used by Ami as a symbol of the whole, of oneness. In Hebrew tradition there are 72 combinations of letters that represent the name of God. Each one of them carries a different energetic frequency of the whole and the 72 together are the complete fulfillment of the essence of life. It has been applied to his work in carvings, knots on pendants, number of beads on a chain and in many other forms.

Weights

Ami often uses the weight of an item as the basic numerology that will become the basis of the work. For example, using 3 grams of raw gold for an intention bead, or 18 grams for the symbols of life, or 5 grams for the Hamsa.

24 Karat Gold

This is the purest natural gold found on earth. During ancient times it symbolised purity, softness and flexibility and was known to be the best conductor of heat and energetic frequencies.



Prayer of the Way

This is the most common prayer for protection of the wearer during any physical journey they make and on their journey through life. It is a prayer asking to be guided to love, light, joy and peace, to help the wearer overcome any obstacles that may occur on the way, to be led to their destination in safety and to be blessed in all that they do.



Star of David

An ancient Hebrew symbol of protection. Comprised of two triangles, it appears as both a shield and a star, symbolising heavenly protection. Created from 18 individual lines – “Hai”, the Star of David represents life, strength and stability.



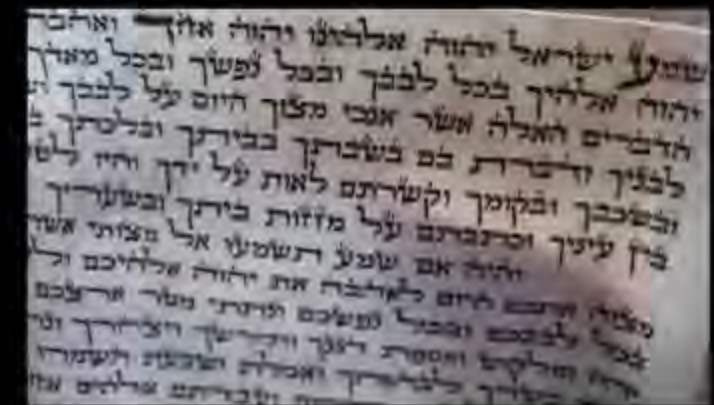
Mezuzah

The Mezuzah is a prayer from the Old Testament. It is hand written on a parchment and fitted on all door frames at the entry to a room. The prayer blesses and protects everyone passing through the door. It is hand written by scribes specially trained to write the prayers without any personal emotional involvement, thereby keeping the prayer in its purest form. The parchment is placed within a "house" which is then fitted to the door frame. This house is called a "Beit Mezuzah".



Shema – Hear Our Lord

Shema Israel – a prayer of acknowledgment, awareness, surrender, humility and gratitude to the Oneness for the abundance he provided us.



Light

Ami often uses the word "Or" which means light. For Ami light is the field in which anything and everything comes to pass. It is on this stage, in the light, that we create our world. Light allows us to see, observe and live in this reality. It illuminates our path so that we can manifest and create our potential on this earth, in "magic", inspiration and acceptance. Everything occurring within the frequency of light is for the good.

Intention Balls

Intention balls are grains of gold formed into a sheet, engraved with a word, letter or symbol, melted into a ball and joined to a jewel or any other work.



Intention Beads

Made of 24k gold and weighing between 1–18 grams. The gold is flattened into a sheet and engraved with a prayer, intention, word, letter or number. Folded into a strip that is then formed into a ring shape and melted into a bead which can be added onto any necklace.



Bar and Bat Mitzvah

In the Jewish tradition a male reaching the age of 13 and a female the age of 12 become responsible for their actions, for good and for bad. His/her soul now begin their journey as responsible adults.

Modesty and Humility

Many of the works done by Ami carry symbols for modesty and humility. He sees humility as a magic word that allows for any prayer or intention to be its own essence and allows the wearer to attain that essence without being affected by external interpretation. For example, a diamond will be interpreted as an expensive item, but in its raw form does not draw any special attention by its looks, yet still contains within it the qualities of a diamond.

Metals and Gemstones

All metals and gemstones are known to have unique qualities and energetic frequencies although the interpretation of these qualities may vary from culture to culture. In ancient times it was commonplace to use gemstones and materials for personal healing and protection.

Ami works with this symbolism from a deep understanding of the materials and gemstones and connects them specifically to individuals and the symbolism they desire.

For Ami, working with this symbolism is like speaking another language.

When proposing the groom offered his beloved the very moon if she should so wish.
By using fire Ami created a texture like that of the moon's surface, a reminder for the bride-to-be of her partner's intention to provide fulfillment for all that she desired.





24k gold ring with pearl and diamond insets, carrying a special intention from a husband to his wife.



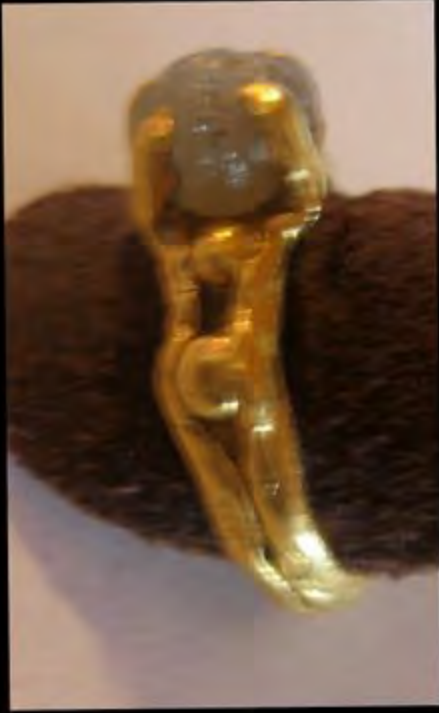
Wedding Ring

Four powerful elements were utilised in the creation of this ring: gold, copper, turquoise and prayer.

A 24k sheet of gold symbolising purity was molded around 3 turquoise stones representing treasures of life and 3 copper pieces representing change (copper changes colour with different amounts of oxygen).

A private prayer engraved into the gold joins all four elements together to form one beautiful ring.





A raw diamond set between the forms of 2 people, arms outstretched, holding the diamond from both sides.



Fire wedding ring
made from 18k gold
symbolising life.
A very simple
shape carrying an
ancient style of carving
to symbolise an
ancient connection
between the couple.



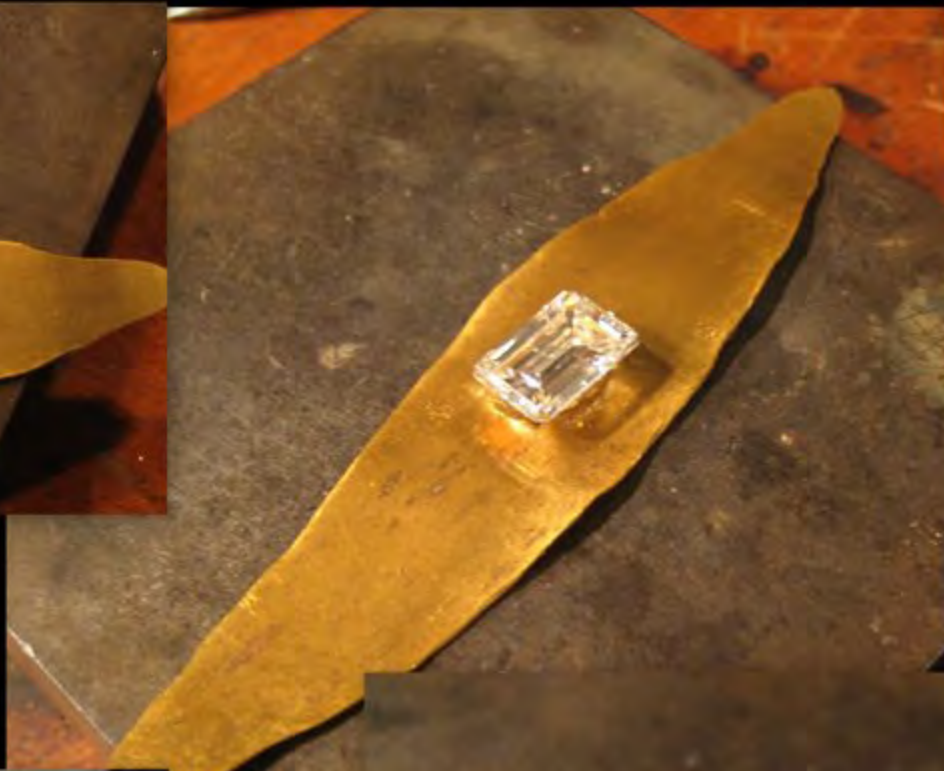


A ring made for a woman's 60th birthday with 4 intention balls carrying 4 letters of the word Jehovah.

In photo number 1 four sheets carrying the 4 letters of the name of God were melted into 4 balls and placed on the ring in the order of the name.

The ring is a fire ring containing intentions for the future of the 60 yr old woman. The ruby symbolises life, energy, clarity and quality.





Diamond ring
made with
24k gold



Made by fire and folded inward from both sides to make the ring stronger and to create a pocket which carries an engraving of "I am that I am" which is the first appearance of God's name in the Bible.



Engagement Ring

The stone was found by the couple in the Solomon Mines in Eilat, Israel where destiny brought them together in love. They wished to use the stone for an engagement ring.

A sheet of raw 21k gold was fired from both sides and folded to meet in the center. This created a strong shape for the ring and a strong hold for the stone representing the strength and spirit of their union.



Fire Wedding Rings

The next stage was to prepare wedding rings for the couple. Forged by fire as a symbol of the passion of their love. The couple prepared a list representing the agreement between them. It consisted of 360 words (2 x 180), blessing their individual lives as well as their shared future, forged in love and togetherness. After he created the basic shape by fire, Ami instructed the couple in stretching the rings on a ring cone to the appropriate size and they then proceeded to hammer the rings 360 times with the intention of embedding each word of their agreement into the rings. This allowed the couple to co-create their vision for their marriage and to embody their commitment in a unique and meaningful way.



Fire Engagement Ring

24k gold engagement ring. One strip of gold coming together from both sides to hold a precious stone as a symbol of both of them holding together their precious relationship. The gold is engraved with a traditional prayer from the man praising and glorifying the woman. "Eshet Chail"



Gold and Diamond Ring

Made of 24k gold both sides fold into the center, creating an inner pocket in which is housed a prayer of thanks for the bounty around us. Set with a raw diamond.





Hand carved turquoise with words of love shaped into an engagement ring. The 24k gold inner ring carries a carving of the Prayer of the Way.

Wedding Ring

Seven consecutive shapes representing the 7 days of creation and symbolising the creation of a new family, as part of the greater creation. The inner ring is made from 18k gold – the symbol of life. Engraved in the inner ring are symbols representing a list of words that the couple chose as guidelines for their life together.

The outer ring is made of 24k gold – symbolising purity, softness and flexibility and it rests on “life” (the 18k base). Together they form the essence of the couple's relationship – living their life with flexibility, purity, softness. The two rings were made to fit onto each other by matching the shapes, rather than fusing them.



One year after the wedding, four fire rings were made. Each ring contains a different word.
1. Water
2. Earth
3. Happiness
4. Fire
Together the five rings create the "hamsa", protecting and blessing the wearer.



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Wedding necklace carrying the same symbol as the ring.



The symbol itself is comprised of 2 separate heart shaped entities, joined together by a ring symbolising their decision to marry. The wedding ring on the previous page is comprised of 7 of these symbols.

The necklace is made of rubies, pearls, emeralds, amethyst, red corals, sapphires, topaz and more, an offering of a kingdom from husband to wife.



Aquamarine Fire Ring



A gift from a mother to her daughter. Made from gold which had been in the family for many years as a symbol of the family connection and continuity.

Fire Wedding Rings

Made of two different colours of gold. Hers from red gold, close to earth and birth. His from yellow gold, strong shiny and rough.

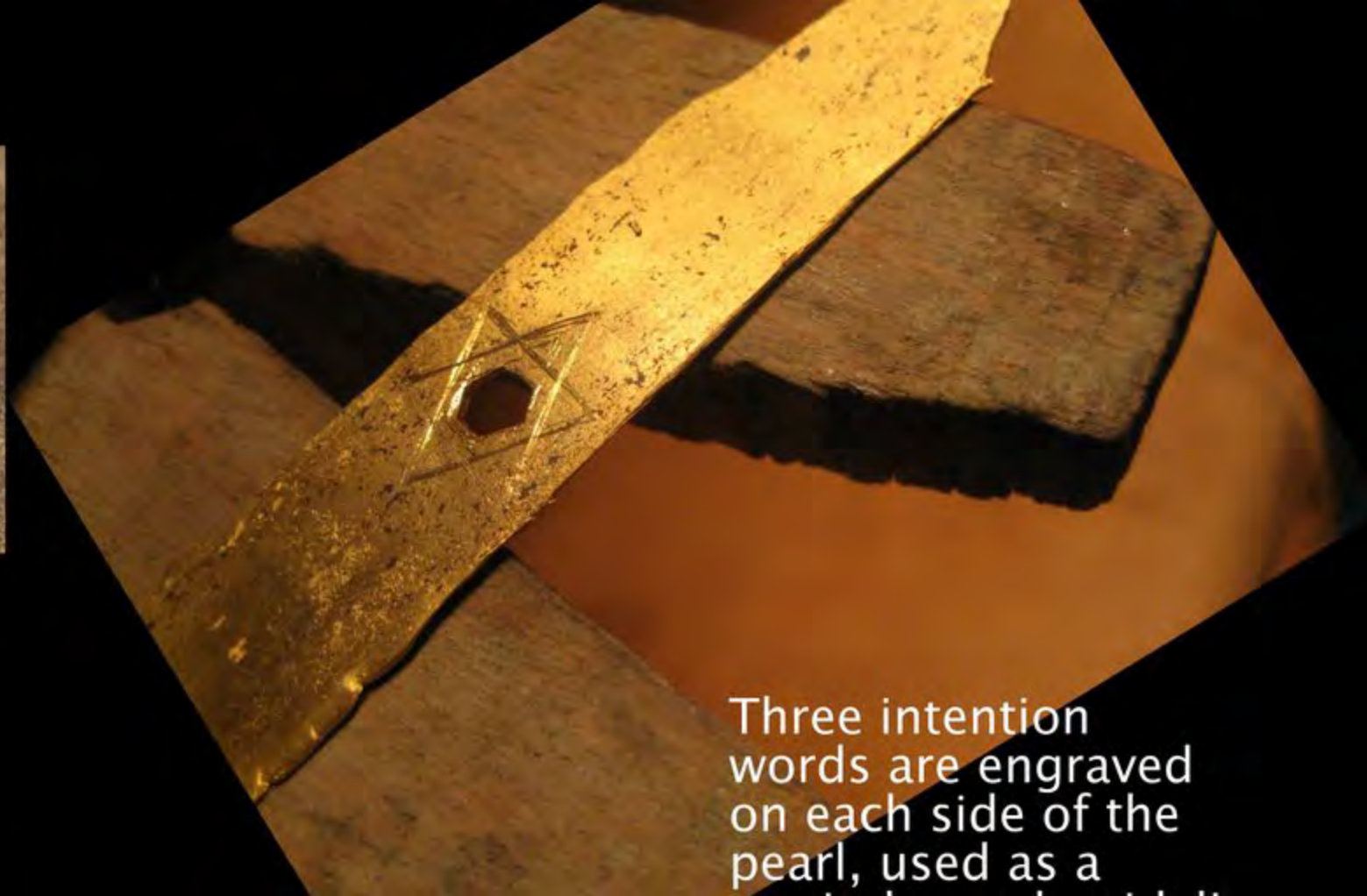
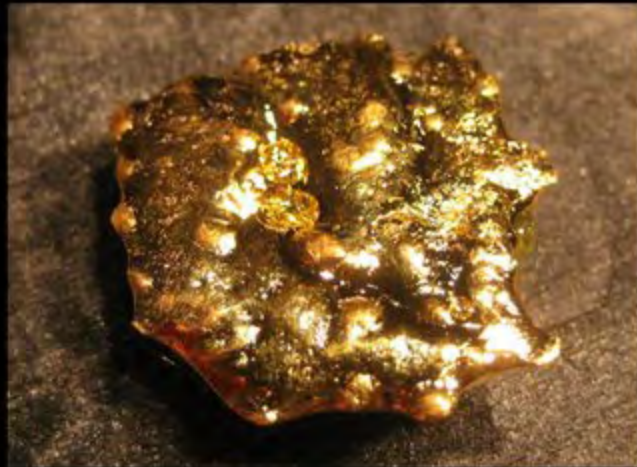
Each of the rings have some of the gold of the other melted onto their surface, giving each of them a part of each other inside their own ring.

By mixing the two colours of gold, they are given a constant visual reminder of the beauty of the two just like the beauty of two partners sharing the opportunity to form one relationship, giving to each other their own colour.



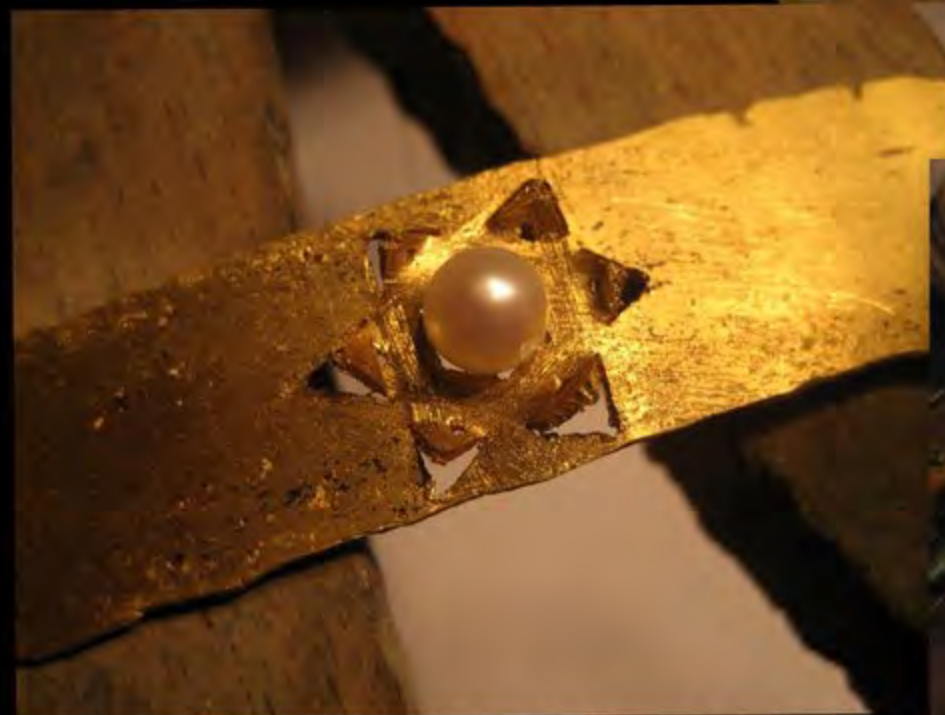
Gold ring,
engraved and
set with a
diamond.





Raw 24k gold weighing 111gms
 $1+1+1 = 3$. The first perfect number, a reminder of the beauty and order of creation.

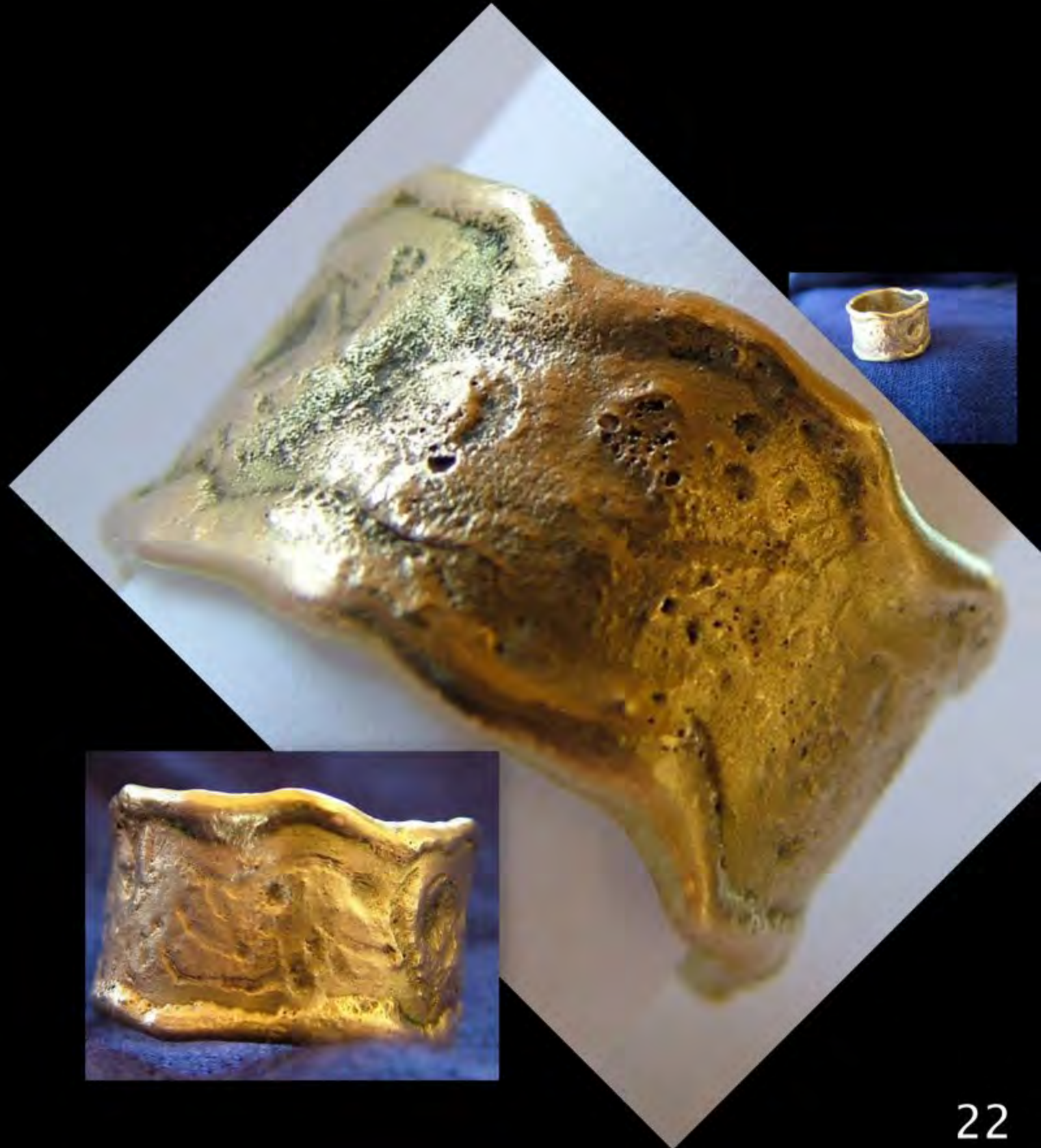
Three intention words are engraved on each side of the pearl, used as a reminder and guideline for the wearer through her life.



Preparing the Star of David to house the pearl.

The pearl, a treasure from the sea housed inside the wings of the star, protection from the depths of the sea to the open skies.

This Fire Ring was firstly engraved with primitive drawings which held significance for the owner and was then embedded by fire into the ring.



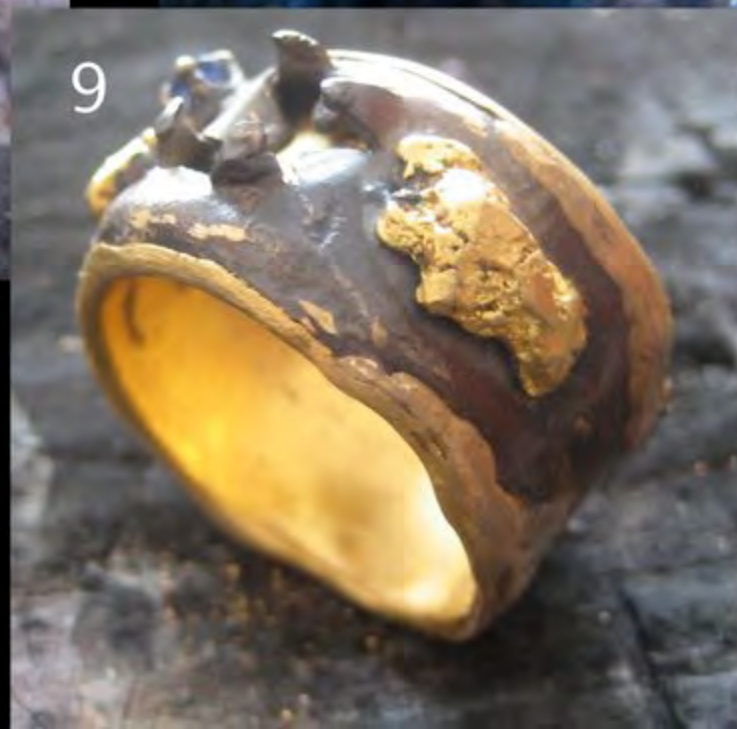
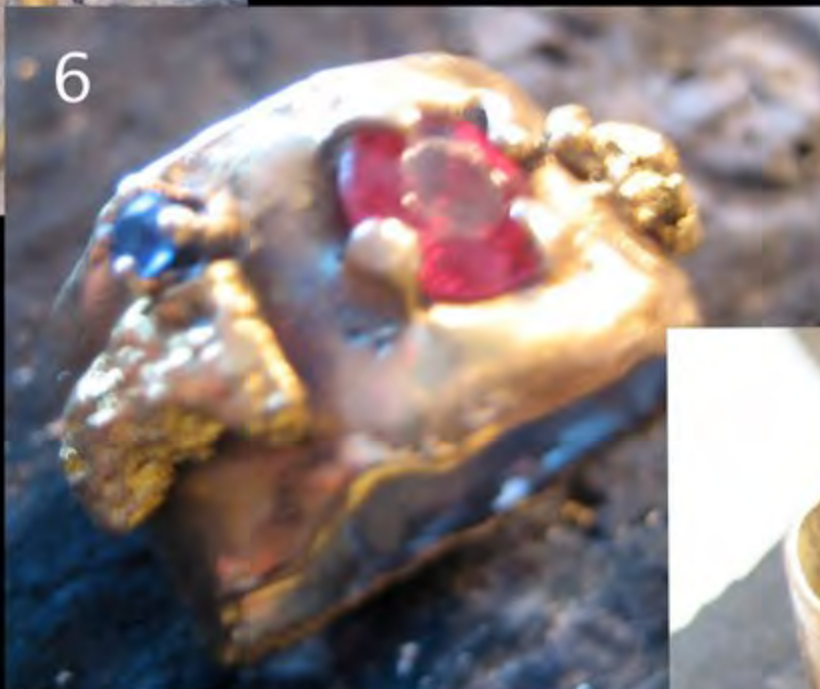
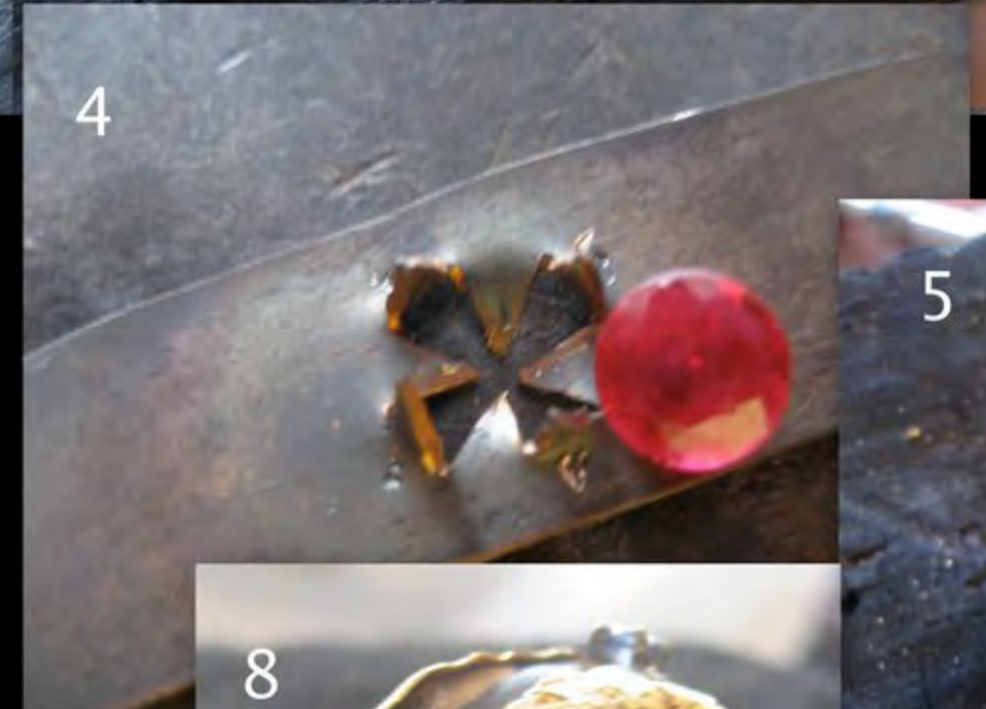
Fire Wedding Ring



Engraved with blessings for love, peace, happiness, ease in life and more.

A raw diamond, symbolising beauty and wealth, the rawness adding an element of humility.







Prepared from a ruby ring inherited from her mother and 24k gold earrings, a gift from her husband's parents. The blue sapphire represents the connection to the soul of her husband in heaven, the ruby represents life forces, creativity, creation and presence in the here and now.



An inner ring of 24k gold was engraved by her with a raw diamond tip pen with words made up of the initials of her family members and was fitted inside.



Wedding Rings

A wedding between 2 cultures – Yemenite and Australian.

The rings are made from gold and silver to show the beauty of two different materials joined together.

The man's ring is engraved with "Eshet Chail" a prayer praising and glorifying his wife.

The woman's ring is engraved with a sentence taken from the Old Testament, promising her love and devotion. There are also several other private elements engraved on both rings.



Fire Wedding Rings



Made of 24k gold the wedding rings carry the couple's intentions within them.

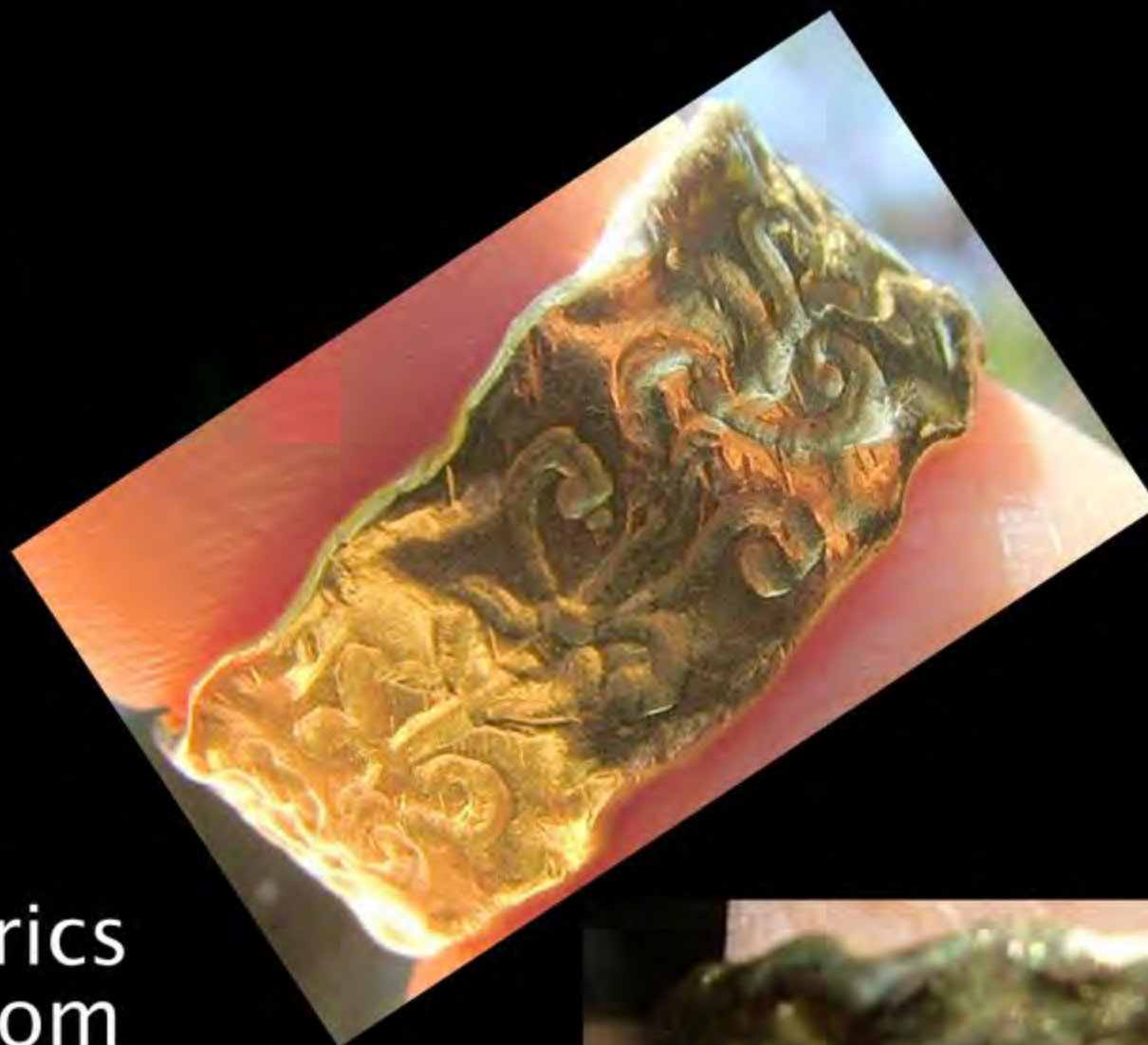
25th Anniversary Wedding Ring

Ami took the original wedding ring in this piece and enlarged it to surround a new ring. Five intention balls, one for each member of the family, were embedded into the ring, together with an engraved Prayer for the Way. In this creation, past, present and spirit came together to encircle and embrace this couple and their family's ongoing journey through life.



Fire Wedding Ring

The carving in this ring was Ami's way of expressing the lyrics of a love song a groom had written for his beloved for their marriage. Her husband's special feelings for her were then always with her in a uniquely beautiful way.



Fire Wedding Rings

This couple used engraving as a way to symbolise through imagery the meaning in their marriage journey. The groom's silver ring is engraved with the 4 elements of water fire earth and wind representing his all encompassing love. Gold droplets from carvings in the bride's ring have been melted into the sun engraved in the groom's ring, symbolising his beloved as the source of his shining light. A Prayer of the Way was engraved in the silver ring, to protect and direct them towards light and goodness during their travels.



The carving expressing the lyrics of a love song written to her by her beloved for their marriage.



This ring is made of a combination of silver, gold, turquoise, sapphire, ruby and diamond.



Silver
for
light

Gold
for
purity

Turquoise
for
earth

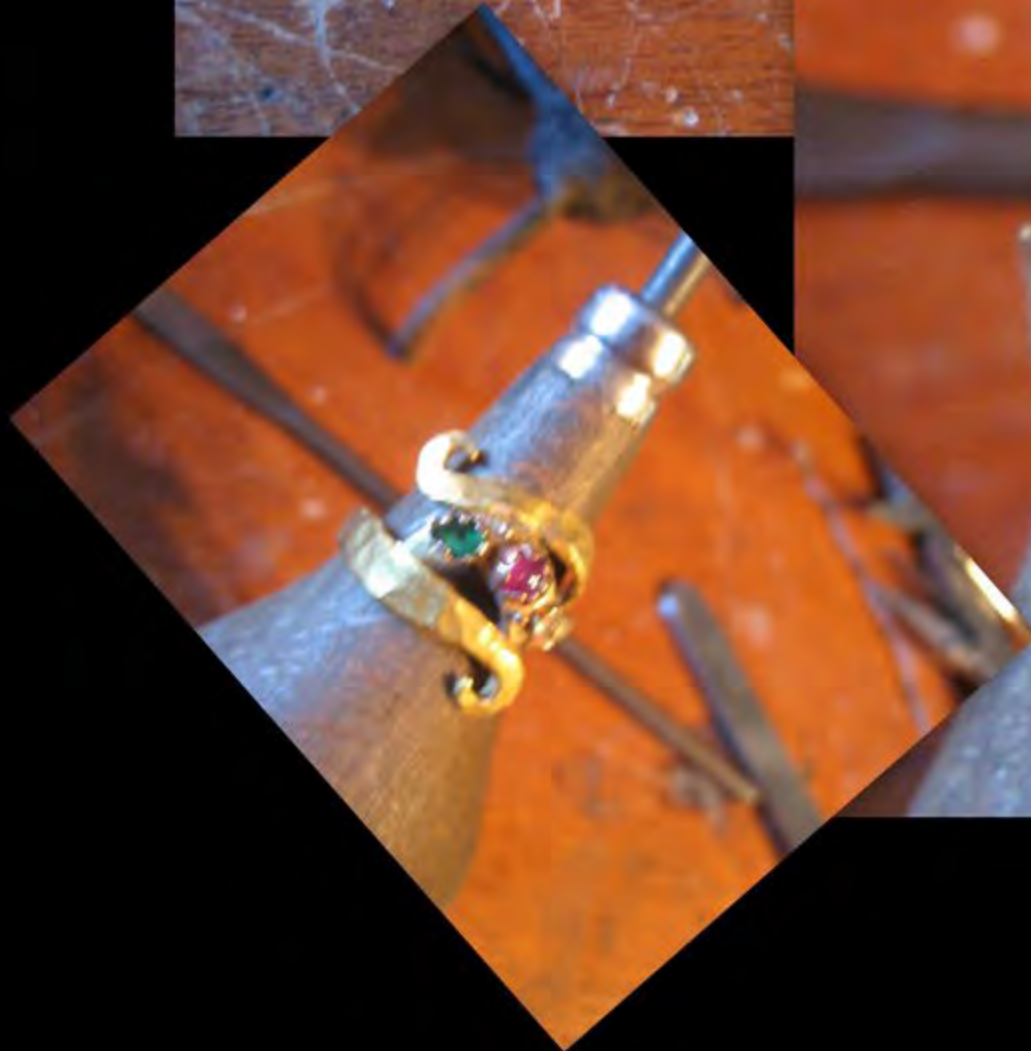
Sapphire
for the
heavens

Ruby
for
life

Diamond
for
royalty



Fire ring of 24k gold with emerald, ruby and diamond. This combination of stones hold the energetic frequency of abundance.



This gold fire ring was engraved with a prayer of friendship and love before being formed and shaped by fire.



Ruby Ring

A ruby bought by a husband for his wife. Set in 18k gold it was hand carved and engraved with a private message for his beloved on her birthday.

“I am that I am”





Preparation of the gold for her ring.



Preparation of the symbols



Filing the symbols



Matching an inner ring with a special prayer



Joining the two together

Requesting an outwardly plain and simple look yet with the same powerful prayer contained within, all the engraving has been done on the inner side of his ring..



Silver Ring



“Ani le dodi ve dodi li”

The ring is made in the shape of a crown with hearts as a symbol of their combined kingdom.

On the crown is a red gold thread symbolising their good life together.



Engraved on the ring is a sentence from the Bible on the subject of committment to friendship and support.



Silver Fire Ring



Made by an ancient and traditional method of blowing oxygen through a tube onto a flame which then burns the silver. The result is simplistic beauty.

Fire Ring



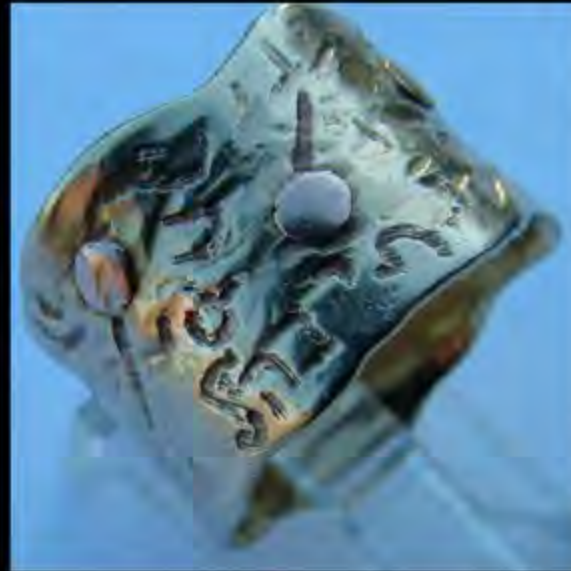
24k gold hammered
wedding ring.

Engraved gold ring with ruby inset.
Two small intention balls are embedded in the ring, each carrying the name of the other.



10th Anniversary Wedding Ring

Made for a couple with 3 children, the rings are embedded with 5 “intention balls”, one for each family member. Each chose a word of intention for their ball. The ring is also engraved with 18 blessing words.



Wedding Rings

Carved with a variety of symbols which carry special significance for the couple.



Wedding Ring

18k gold wedding ring.
The textured upper engraving
intentionally blurs an
underlying engraving of
2 private words chosen by
the owner.





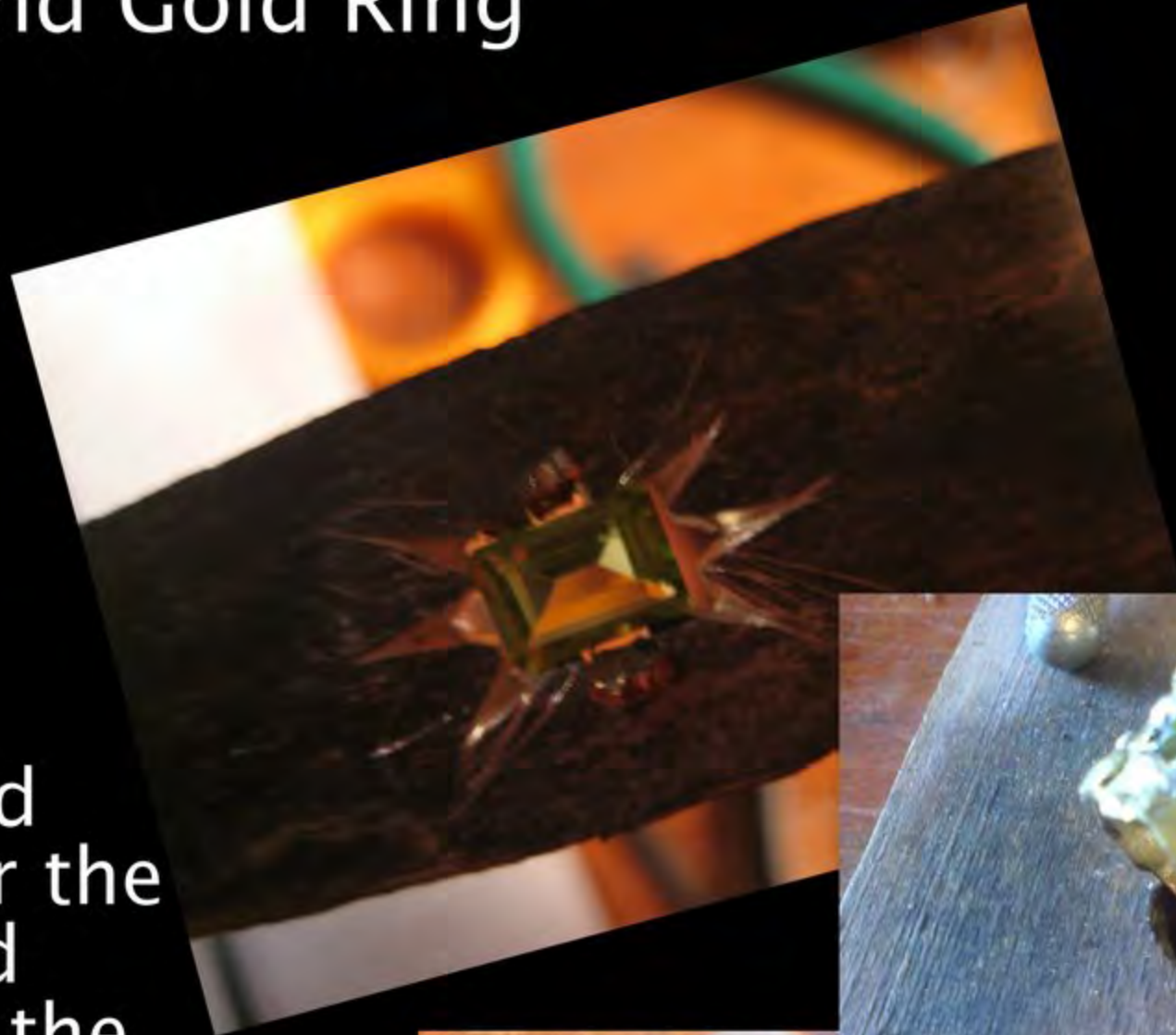
Fire Ring

Made from 24k gold.
Simple and pure.



Peridot and Gold Ring

The gold used for the ring had been in the family for many years and held special significance for the owner.



Fire Wedding Rings

The agreement between the couple was engraved on the gold before the fire formed them into rings. His promise fired into her ring. Her's fired into his ring.



Fire Ring

Carrying its own sacred intention from a husband to his wife. Within is the Prayer of the Way.



This gold ring set with a ruby and pearls was made by special request from a husband to his wife. Made from old gold which had been in the family for generations, it held special significance for the couple.



Wedding Ring

Made of three separate layers for the number 3. The first layer contains the Prayer of the Way. The second holds a prayer of thanksgiving and esteem. The third layer is engraved with several symbols of protection.



A wedding gift protecting the new couple in their new home. Traditionally hand carved in Jerusalem stone.

Beit Mezuzah





A sacred symbol carved into Jerusalem Stone made especially for its owner.

A stone blessing and protecting an expectant mother before the birth. One side is engraved with the word "mazal" – luck. On the other side is carved a symbol of "hamsa" the hand of God protecting the owner. Inside the hand is engraved the word "shalom" – peace. Together the stone brings protection, good luck and peace to the expectant mother.

The stone was brought from the creek bed running through the land to which the newborn would arrive and after being engraved by Ami, it was hung above the newborn's cot.



“Beit Mezuzah”

Containing a segment of the bible within it. Made from Jerusalem Stone from the Old City of Jerusalem, it blesses and safeguards all who pass through the entrance door. Hand carved in the traditional form.



A Work in 24k Gold

Part of a major work commissioned by a group wanting to reproduce sacred elements from the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

This piece is a strip that surrounded the bread table made exactly as described in the scriptures. The original work is 2.4mts long.



Gold Earrings





Turquoise necklace with 3 intention beads – a prayer for the Lord, a prayer for abundance and a prayer for good health. Made of 24k gold.

Necklace
ordered by
a husband
for his
wife.

A heart shaped pocket
made from 24k gold
symbolising pure love. In
the pocket written on
parchment is the word
“Shmor”, protect. Together
these create “protect my love”.



Heartshaped pendant
on necklace of rubies,
sapphires, pearls,
red corals,
turquoise and
gold.





Turquoise necklace with 24k intention beads and pearls. Made with a special count between each section.



Red coral necklace with gold, pearls, rubies, sapphire, emerald, amber and 4 intention beads, 2 within the necklace and 2 forming the lock.



Necklace
made up
of pearls,
coral,
amber,
lapis,
amethyst,
turquoise
sapphire
and gold.



Ordered by a husband for his wife on her birthday.

Carved turquoise with pearls, gold, rubies, sapphires and corals. Made by special order and bearing its own story.





Gold Pendant



Gold – Purity
Pearls – Ocean treasures
Turquoise – Earthly treasures
Jerusalem Stone – Roots and Tradition
The word “Or” – Light



Made especially for anchoring, protection and success. 64



Red coral necklace with pearls, rubies, amber and gold.

“Hamsa” pendant with rough aquamarine. On the back is a heart and etched into the gold is a special prayer for a newborn child. It was ordered by the parents for the birth of their daughter.



Pendant made of ruby,
gold and pearl.





A spiral pendant made of 24k gold. Carved on the back is a prayer for abundance.

Fire Pendant

Prepared as a birthday gift, this gold loveheart pendant was first engraved with part of a love song written by the husband to his wife. It was then fired into the love heart shape.



Turquoise and ruby set in gold.



A gift from a husband to his wife.

Fire Pendant

This fire pendant was engraved with the Prayer of the Way before being finally fired and shaped into a love heart.





Necklace made with rubies, garnets, corals, turquoise, gold, silver, amethyst and more.

Pearl Pendant

A pearl pendant on necklance of turquoise, amethyst and gold. Carrying it's own sacred intention. A gift from a husband to his wife.



Necklace of red coral
with a raw diamond
encased in gold.



Necklace
with
amber,
turquoise,
red corals
and gold.





Necklace of corals, pearls, turquoise, garnets, lapis and gold.

Gold coin with gold beads
specially ordered for its
frequency of simplicity
and modesty.



Red Coral Necklace

Made with 5 intention rings, amber, pearls and gold, this red coral necklace was ordered for a special occasion.



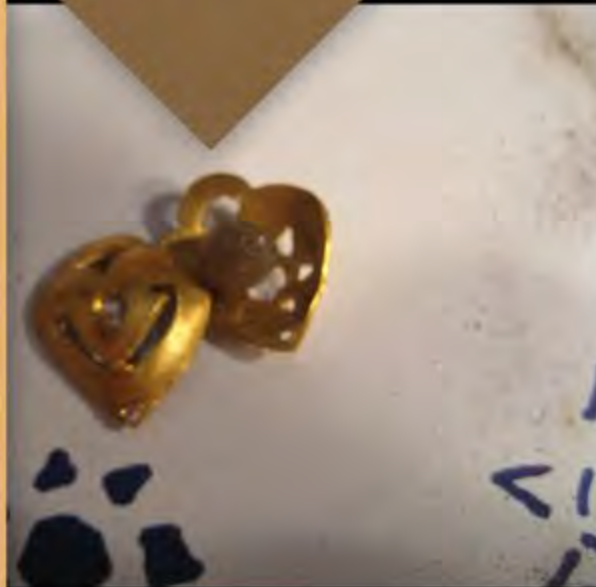


Engagement necklace

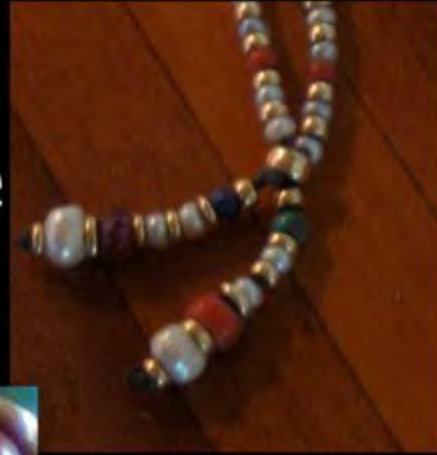
A raw diamond within a love heart. Carved on one side is the letter "Shin" representing peace, protection, tranquility and joy. On the other side is a Star of David, symbol of protection and stability.

The gold spiral joining and hanging from the point of the 2 symbols represents the spiral and movement of life.

On the necklace are 18 gold beads (Hai) and the raw diamond represents the essence of the man's intentions for their future life together.



Red coral necklace
with gold, pearls,
flower shaped crystal,
rubies, cytrin, turquoise
and lapis.





Pendant made of gold with 3 times the letter Aleph, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Three times the letter Aleph represents the name of god.

Intention Bead



The gold piece is first carved with the intention and then burned by fire into the form of a bead.

Pendant



24K gold pendant
with raw
diamond.
It carries a
blessing for
strength and
health.
Made by
special order
for a person in
poor health.



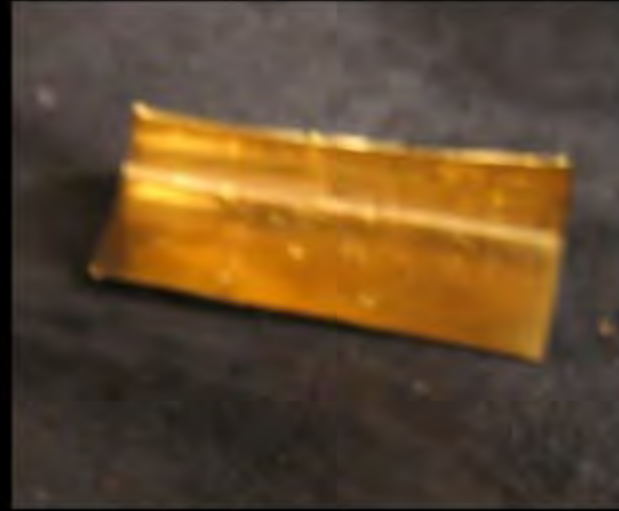
1. The gold is prepared into a sheet.
2. The sheet is folded.
3. It is then bent into a cylindrical shape.
4. & 5. Fire forms the shape of the intention beads.
6. The final bead.

Intention Beads

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Made especially for a Bat Mitzvah from parents to their daughter. The heart shape represents her parents heart and etched into it are the Hebrew words “forever with you” – together forming “our heart is forever with you”. The first letter of each word forms her name. The heart is comprised of two halves which can be opened and inside is a wish pocket in which she can place any wish or intention she desires.





Bracelet

Bracelet with ruby, jade, turquoise, 24k gold and intention beads. Made for a pregnant woman. Within the intention beads there are blessings for welcoming the newborn and for an easy birth.



Anklet for Baby

Made from turquoise, coral, lapis, pearls and gold, this anklet carries some intention beads and turquoise for protection.





Bracelet of red coral, turquoise and gold. Two sided stone center pieces. One side with opals the other with ambers.

A heartshaped necklace
with raw diamond and pearls.

The pendant
holds a
message
from a
husband
to his wife
on her
birthday.



Necklace



A silver flower with gold and pearl made for a little girl by her father.

Necklace ordered for a Bat Mitzvah.
Made of gold, pearl, amber, agat
and turquoise.
Special and pure, like a 12 year old
child.



Bracelet made of
rubies, turquoise and pearls.





Anklet

Ordered by a husband for his wife.
The gold heart carries a special blessing to her.



Earrings

Gold earrings with sky blue sapphires.
Four intention balls carrying the word 'love' together with the sky blue sapphires representing a “meant to be” love from the skies.



Earrings made of red gold.



Gold Earrings

Gold centerpiece with silver spiral and red coral. Specially ordered by a husband for his wife.



gold earrings





24k gold earring with amethyst.

24k gold earring with blue sapphire, ruby, pearl and turquoise.



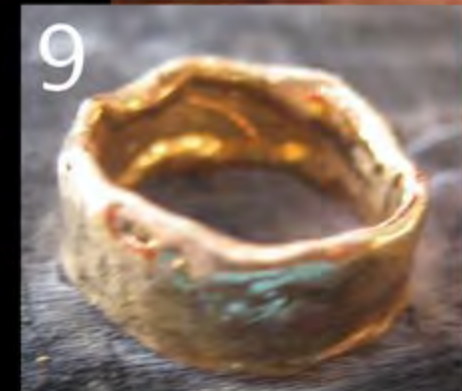
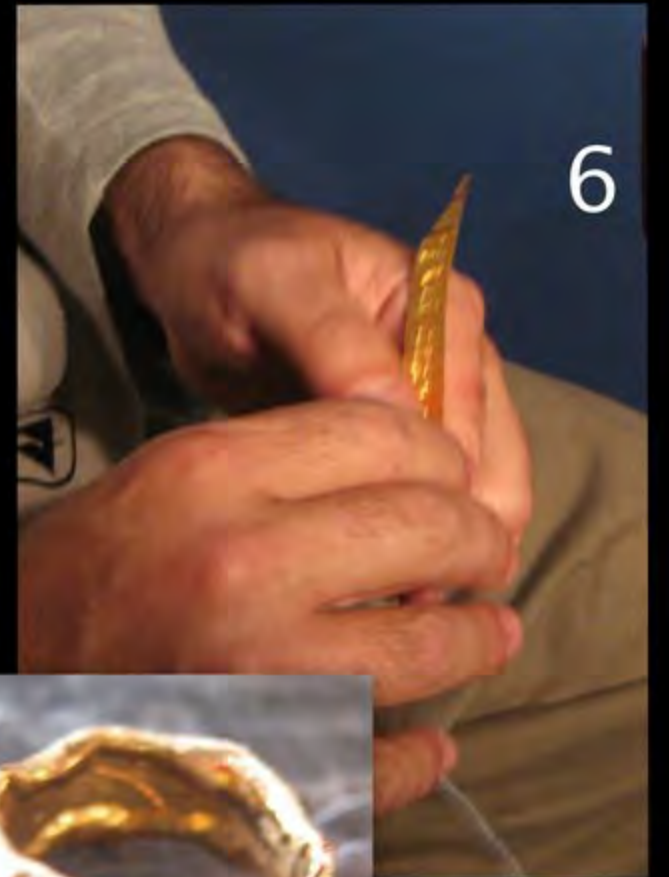
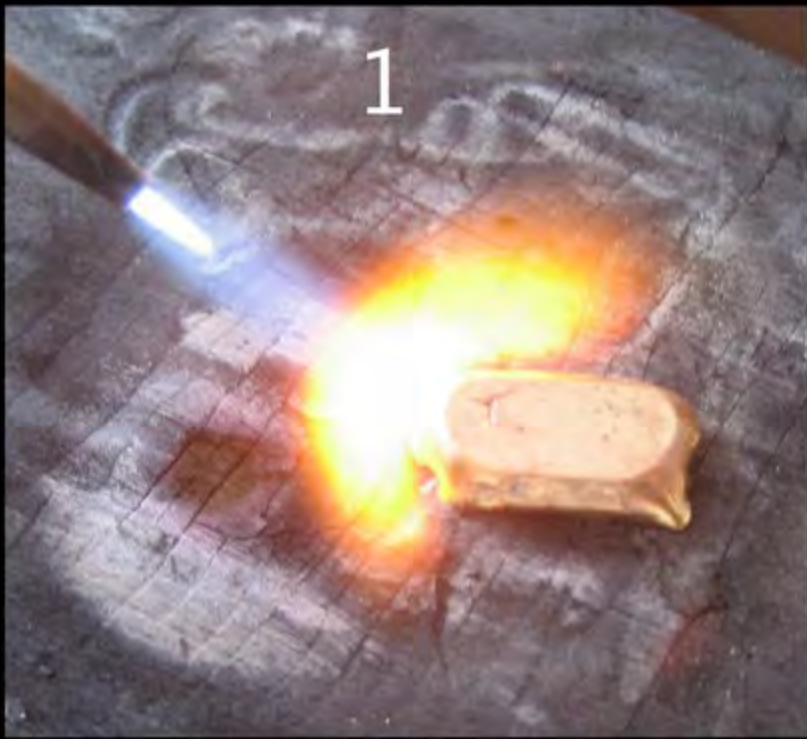
Preperation
of intention
beads.





Specially prepared for a family about to relocate, with a specific blessing for each family member to support them through the changes to come.





Intention bead carrying the prayer of

“Shma”



שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד וְאֵחָד
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּכֹל לְבָבְךָ וּבְכֹל לְפִשְׁךָ וּבְכֹל מְאֹדְךָ
הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתָּ הַיּוֹם עַל לְבָבְךָ וְעַל
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וּבְשֹׁכְךָ וּבְקוֹמְךָ וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל יָדְךָ וְהָיוּ לְטוֹ
בֵּינְךָ עֵינֶיךָ וְכִתְּבָתָם עַל מַזְזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעֲרֵיךָ
וְהָיָה אִם שָׁמַעַתְּ תִשְׁמָעוּן אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲשֶׁר
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A selection of pockets and key rings with prayers and intentions contained within them.



Jerusalem stone surrounded by 24k gold. Engraved with a Star of David and set with an emerald, the piece was created for protection of someone who travels frequently.



The necklace was created as a gift for a boy on his Bar Mitzvah. Based on a story about a boy whistling in a synagogue, much to the annoyance of the congregation. The rabbi however saw the whistling as the boy's beautiful and innocent way of praying. Within the flute is a parchment containing the Prayer of the Way, symbolising his way from childhood to manhood – Bar Mitzvah.



Intention Beads for a Bride and Groom

Carrying the essence of their agreement, a bead was made from 24K gold in the shape of a heart. It was then cut in half, each half carrying half of the agreement, and fired into intention beads to be worn on a necklace close to their hearts.





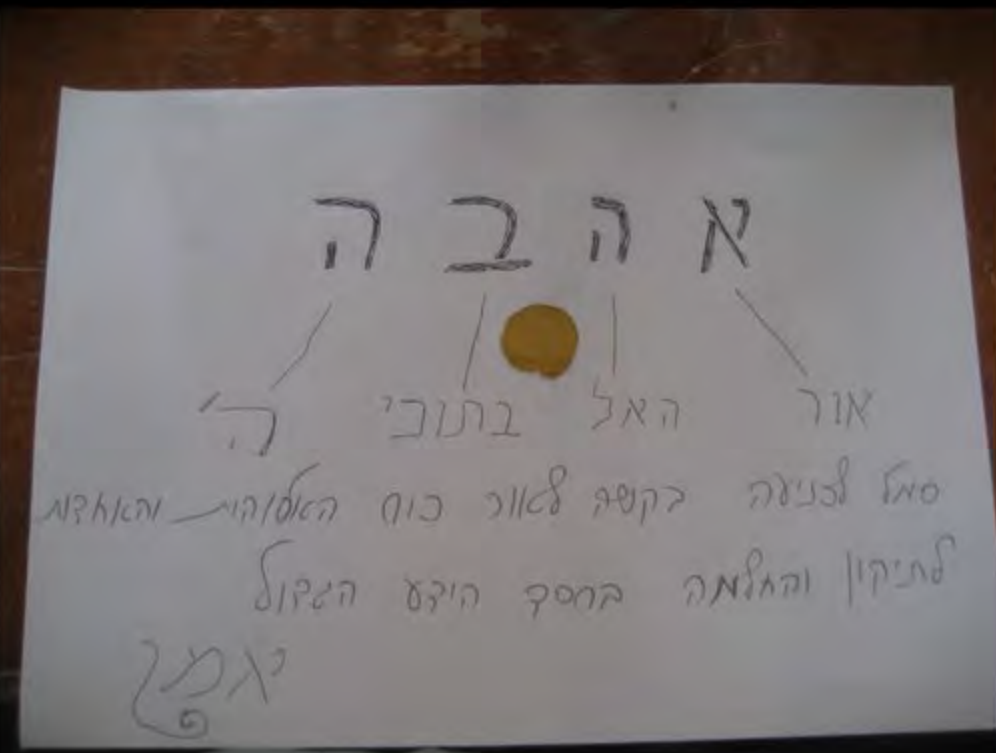
Anklet for a newborn baby with blessings and protection.

Wishing Pocket



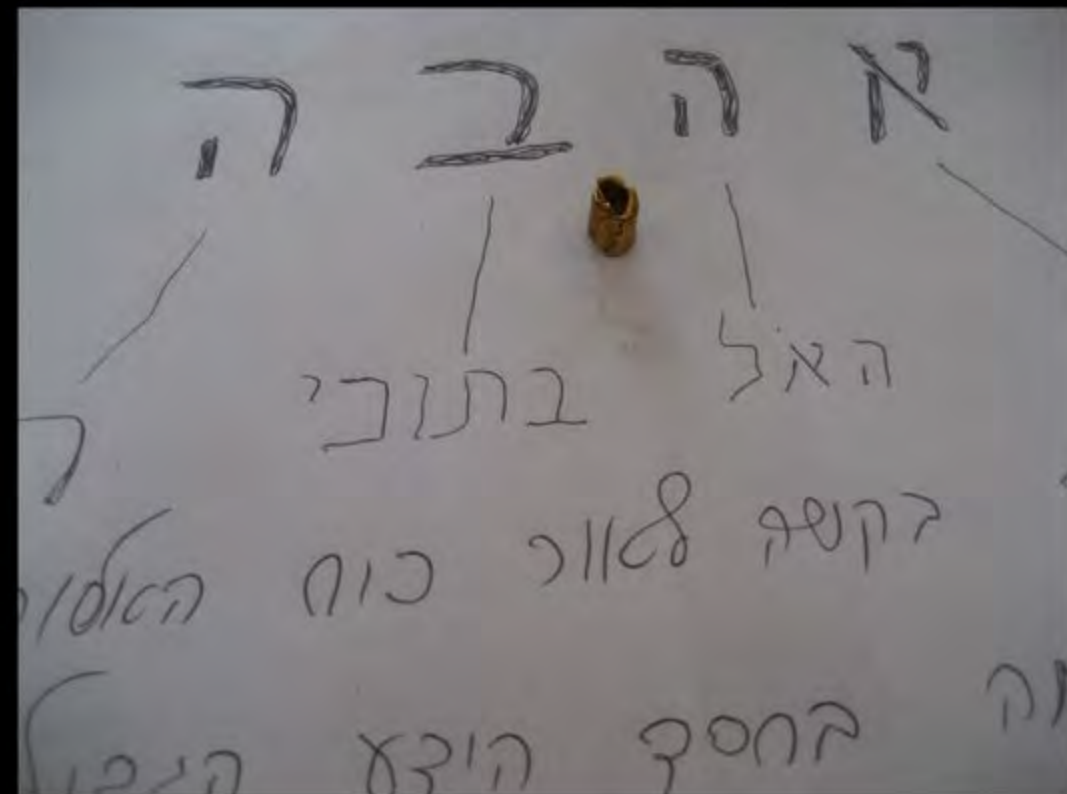
Made from 24k
gold with a Prayer
of the Way inside.



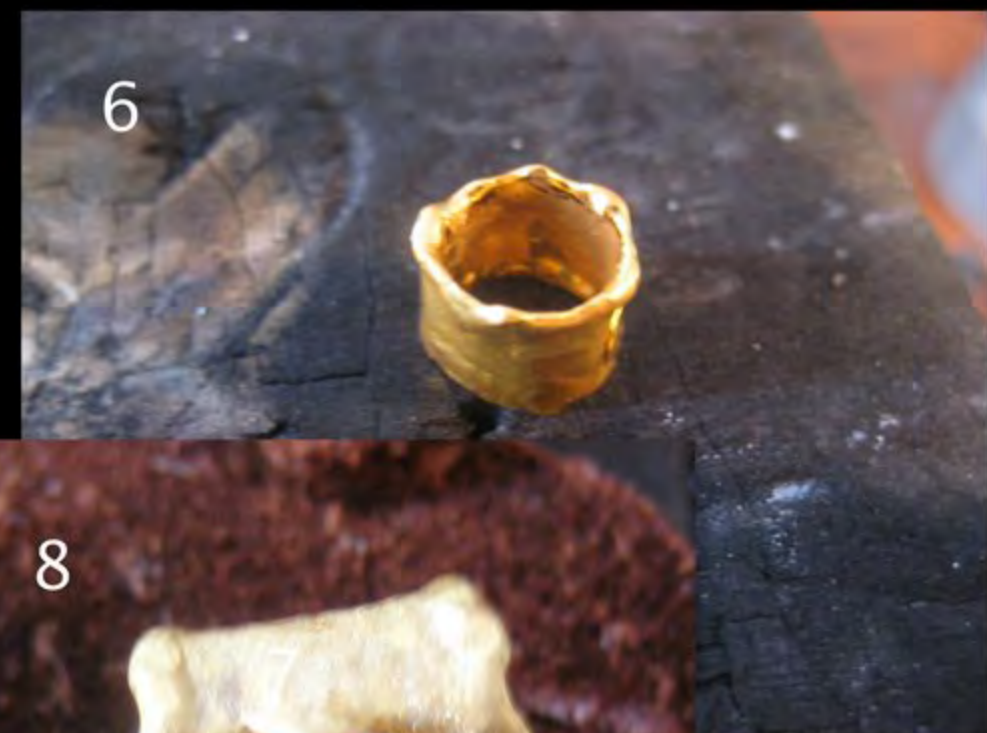


Intention Bead

Made for a man before undergoing major surgery.







Intention beads
with diamonds.
A gift from a mother
to her 2 daughters.

Bracelet made of various stones and an intention bead. A gift from a woman to her husband during a time of transition and new business beginnings.



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Made of red gold symbolising its connection to the earth, helping to ground and anchor for the work ahead. Engraved with a prayer for abundance.

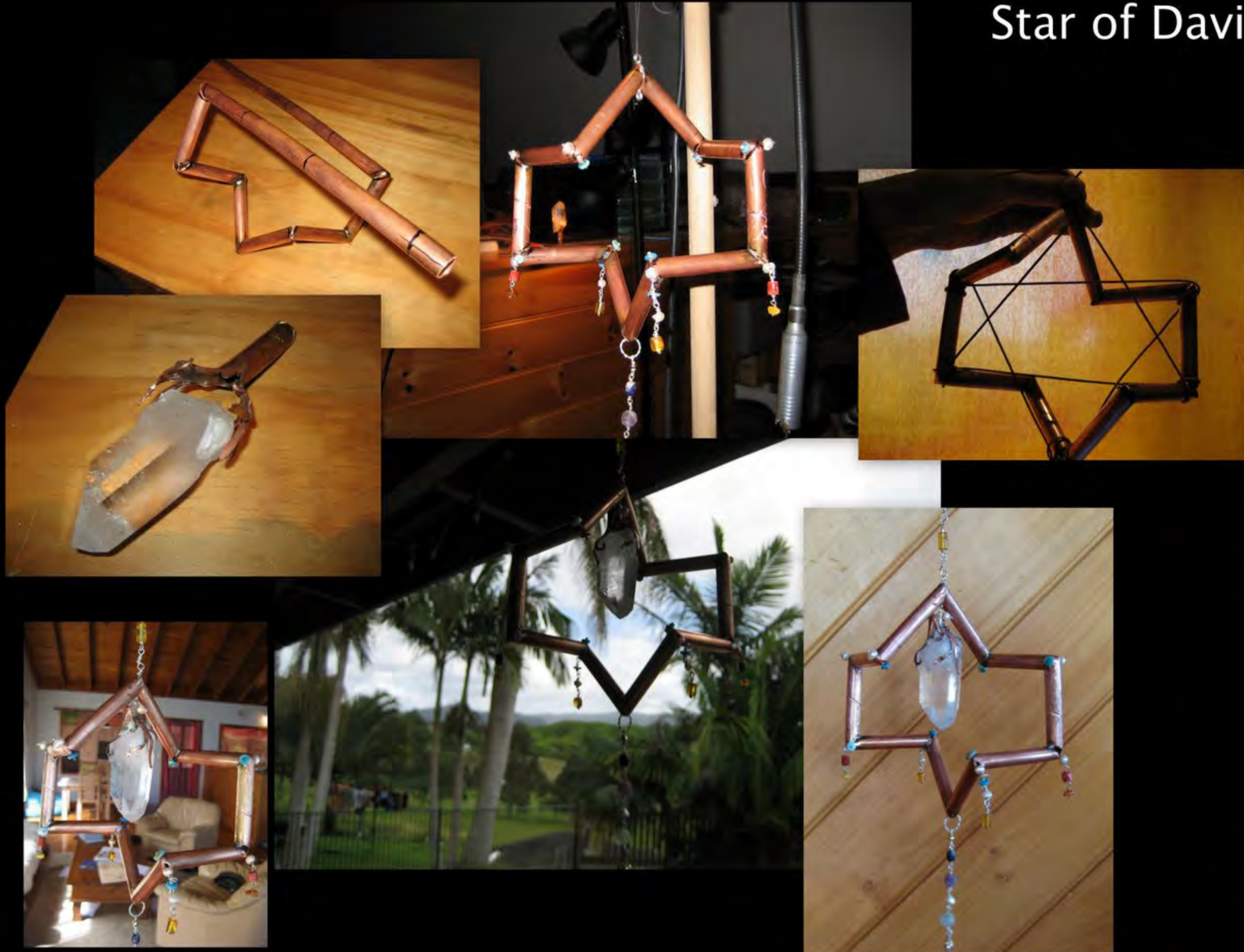


Intention bead made of 24k gold from a husband to his wife on her birthday.



Star of David

This unusually shaped Star of David was ordered for the entrance to a new home. A play with numbers in the stones, hamsa (5), hai (18) and more to protect the owners and their guests.





A pendant made from silver, gold emerald and hand carved ebony. Three different prayers written on parchment are set into specially created pockets within the ebony.





The lawns, rockeries and garden beds were designed and executed by Ami.

Rockerries, garden beds and steps to the house designed and executed by Ami.



Front entrance paved with raw Jerusalem Stone and rockery for plants alongside front steps.



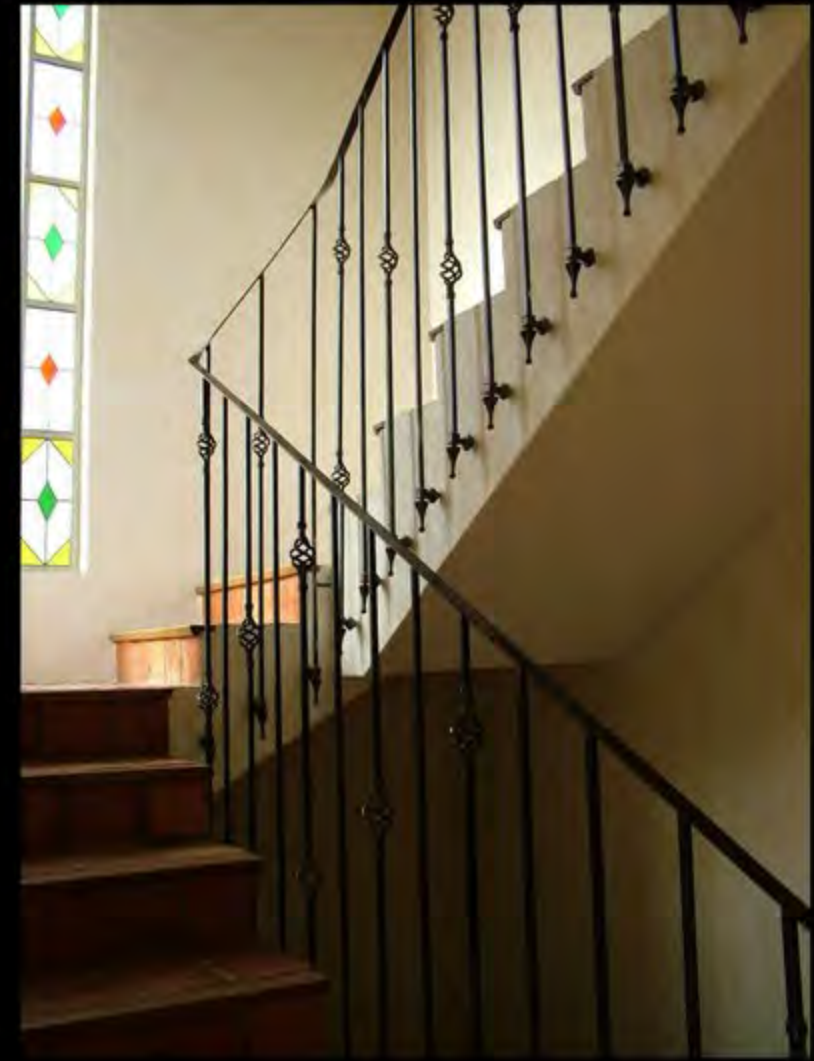


Entrance pathway and courtyard paved in Jerusalem Stone with 4 hand made mosaic inserts representing air, fire, water and earth, the 4 elements of the universe, inviting their presence into the home.



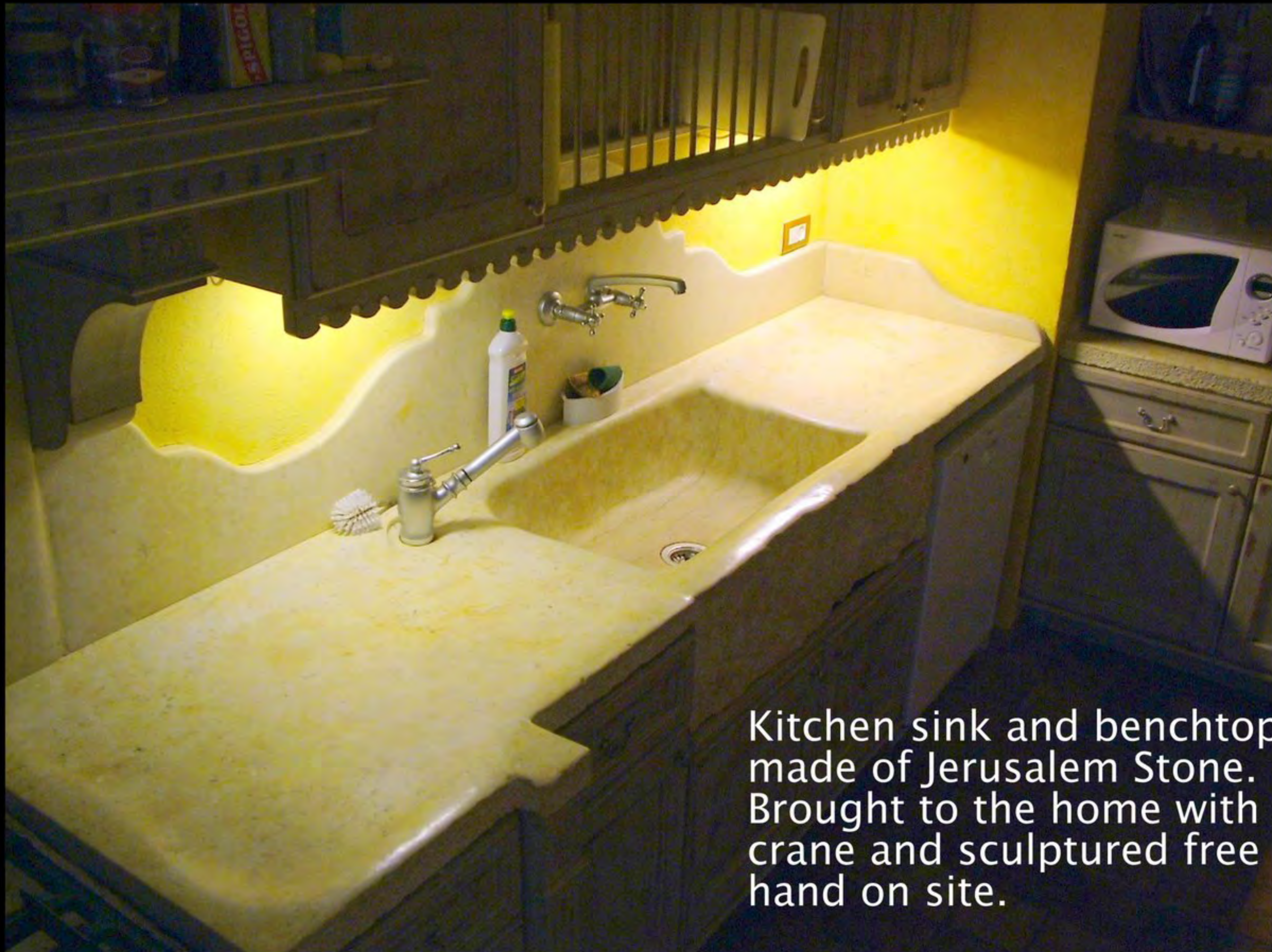


Terracotta and wood stairs . Wrought iron handrail hand crafted and individually attached to each step, joined together only at the top. Front entrance hand crafted from wrought iron and fence from wrought iron and straw.





Stain glass window with elements of the 'hamsa' (5 panels on each side) and in the upper panel are elements of the number 1, (oneness) number 3 (procreation) and the number 7 (7 days of creation).



Kitchen sink and benchtop made of Jerusalem Stone. Brought to the home with a crane and sculptured free hand on site.



Designed so that all excess water from anywhere on the benchtop will flow to the sink.



Gate from wrought iron. The design work represents moving branches turning into spirals, symbolising development and growth for all passing through. In the gate is a heart which, whenever opened, represents the heart of the owners opening up to their visitors.



Metal
fence
designed
and
executed
by
Ami.



A house renovated to meet the needs of a disabled woman, making it fully accessible for her with her wheelchair.

The floor is made of Jerusalem Stone and each piece was cut and polished on site.

The kitchen cabinets were all hand made by Ami as were all the designs decorating the wood.







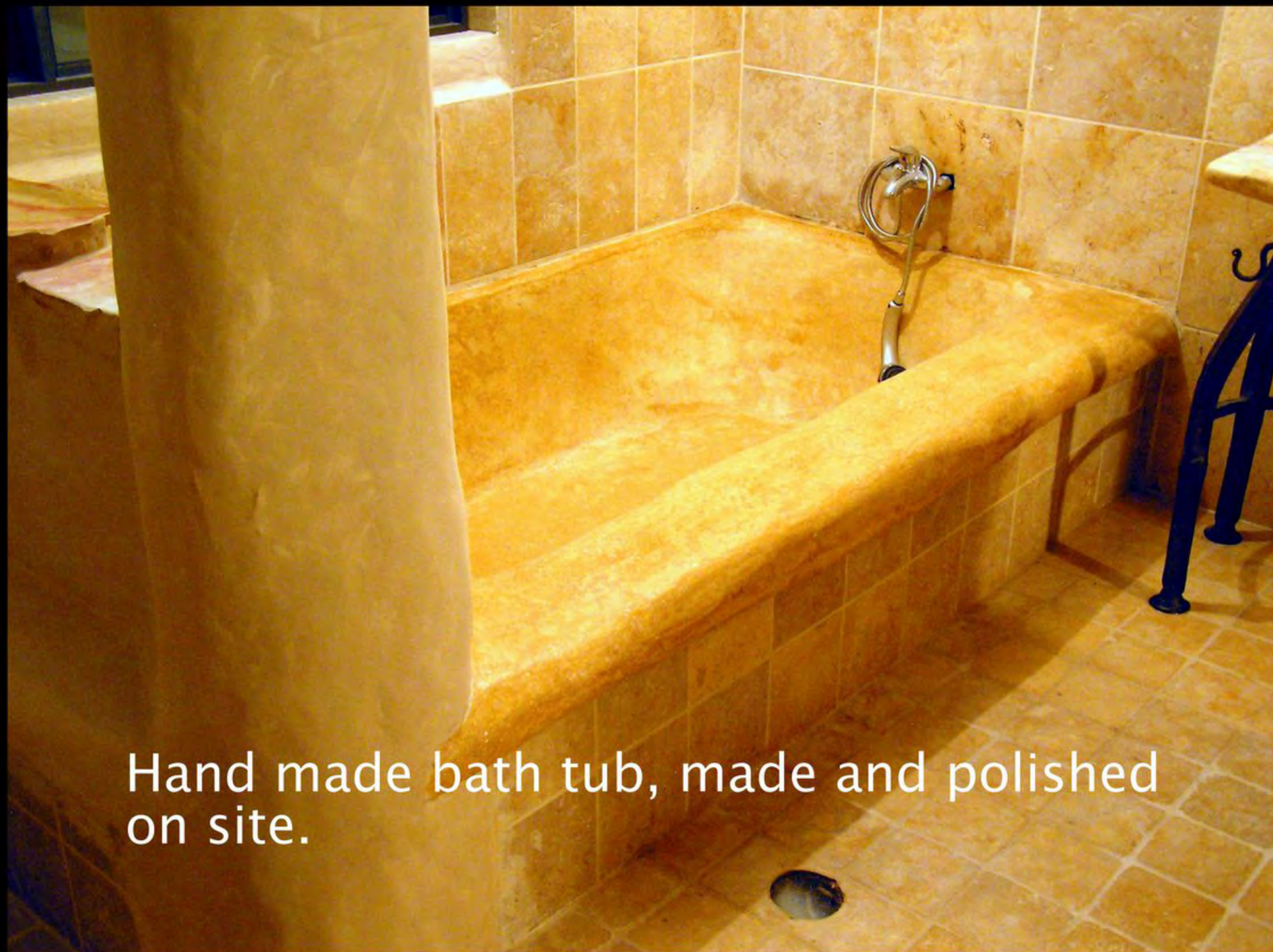
Bathroom basin made from Jerusalem stone. Carved by hand and set on copper legs designed and executed by Ami, as is the copper tap.



The mirror was specially designed to rotate on a hinge so that it can suit the needs of the woman, as well as other members of her family.

All the tiles on the floor and the walls are made of Jeruslaem Stone and were cut and polished by hand on site.





Hand made bath tub, made and polished on site.

Courtyard paved in Jerusalem Stone with additional elements of old pavers from the Old City of Jerusalem. A rough cut stone fence and metal pergola covered with grape vines.



Renovation of a house.



The internal rock wall, woodwork, kitchen with all its stone elements, dining bench top and render work around plumbing pipes.







Stairs leading to back garden in Ami's house in Israel. Made from Jerusalem Stone and pieces of pavers collected from old homes in the Old City of Jerusalem. Ami was the owner-builder of the entire house.

The outdoor paved area of the house covers 500 sq mts and is made of huge stone pieces, each ranging in size from 1m x 2m up to 2m x 2.5m and weighing between 500kg to 1 ton. They were all leveled and polished on site.



All outdoor
structures
and
pergola
made by
Ami.



Ami's
jewelry
workshop
with
adjacent
outdoor
kitchen and
toilet.





Backyard
driveway
paved in
rough cut
Jerusalem
stone.



Part of
the outdoor
area paved
in the huge
Jerusalem
Stones.





Internal ceiling made from timber strips 9m long which descend from a height of 6m to 3.5m. Constructed by Ami.

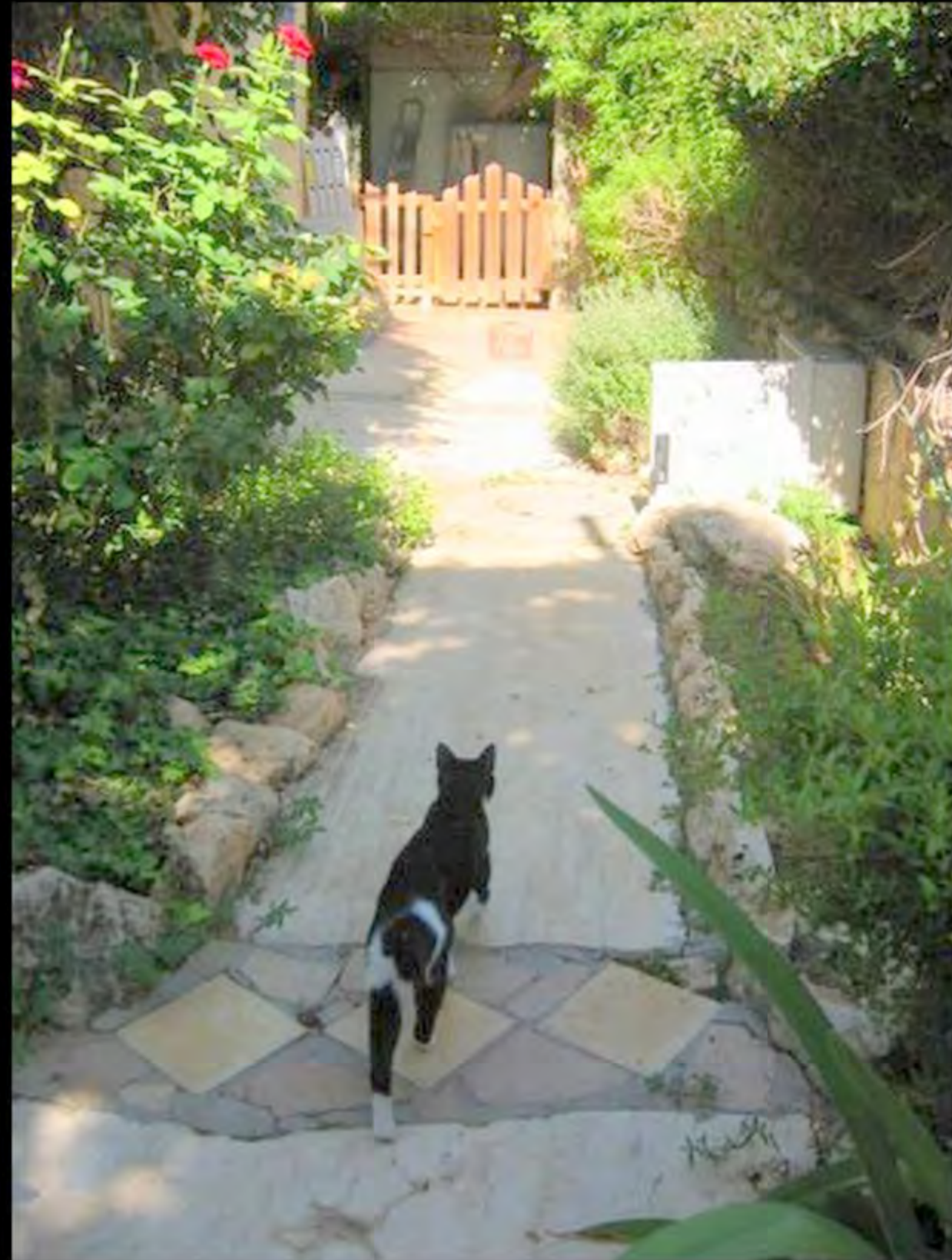




Front entrance and courtyard.

Side path paved in
Jerusalem Stone.

Ami's jewelry workshop
and outer deck.



Wooden gate, paths and parking area.



Concrete bench with old tiles set within.



Outer patio made of Jerusalem Stone with old tiles set within.

A huge rock on the property which Ami carved out to create a pool. The work was done slowly and carefully so as not to damage the rock or to create any cracks which could lead to leakage. This pool was used as a relaxation pool for up to 10 people at a time.



Rock steps.



Rock pool.
The upper pool carved out of a large rock. The lower pool built from rocks.





THIS PIECE OF JEWELRY WAS CREATED FROM JERUSALEM STONE, WHICH EMBODIES THE ESSENCE OF THE HOLY CITY AND BEARS ITS BLESSING.

IT IS A UNIQUE DESIGN BY THE JERUSALEM ARTIST AMIHAI BEN-HUR.



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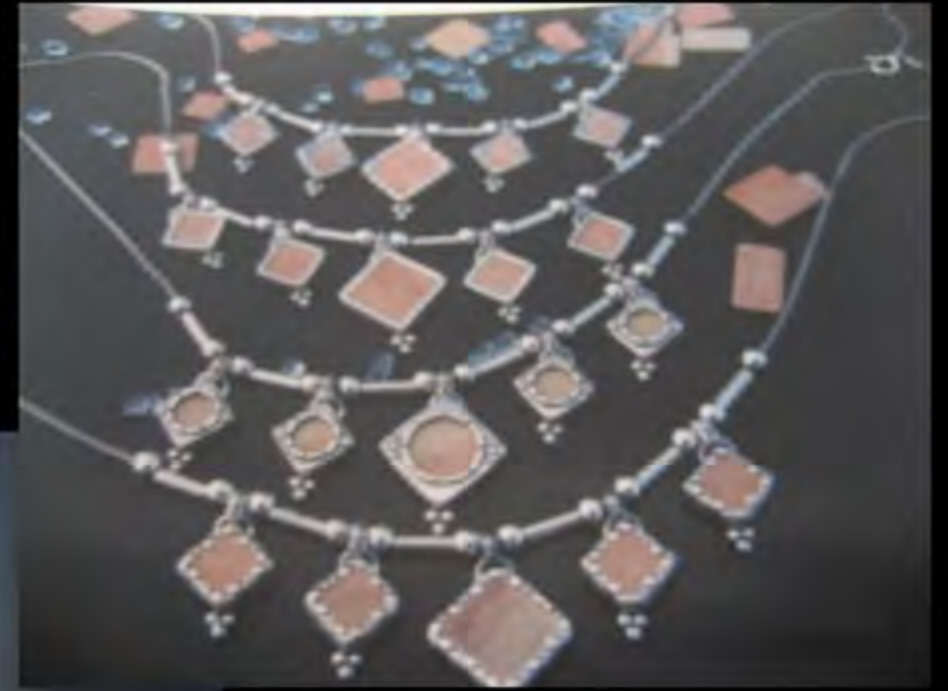
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jerusalem stone

commercial line



Has been sold in around 400 shops in Israel to tourists as a souvenir.

Ami designed and built the equipment to cut and polish the Jerusalem stone to be fit for silver and gold jewelery. Ami was the first person to create jewelery with Jerusalem stone.

