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St. Louis Glass Artist Batya Rich Commissioned to Create *Mezuzot* for JCC Staenberg Family Complex

(St. Louis) - The JCC is proud to announce that it has commissioned local St. Louis glass artist Batya Rich to design twenty new colorful glass fused *mezuzot* to be installed in the new JCC Staenberg Family Complex. Batya Rich currently serves on the faculty of Craft Alliance teaching glass fusing and lampwork bead making to adults and teens. She has a particular passion in creating designer quality, glass *mezuzah* covers.

The *mezuzot* are made through a process called fusing. The glass, which comes in the form of sheet, is cut, decorated with various colored glass pieces and then kiln-fired at a very high temperature, melting the glass together, so that it fuses together permanently. It is then kiln-fired again, in a process called "slumping", in which the flat *mezuzah* is placed over a mold and given its curved shape for the *mezuzah* scroll. The JCC Staenberg Family Complex will open to the community on May 4, 2009. For more information about Charter Memberships contact our Membership Sales Team at 314-442-3422.

Samples of Mezzuzot Attached

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