



Navigating Disability at the Laurie M. Tisch Gallery

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When most people think of public art at local community centers, the response is often indifference at best. But this is anything but the case with the [Laurie M. Tisch Gallery](#) at the [JCC in Manhattan](#).

For the next two months, the Laurie M. Tisch Gallery will be showcasing art made by the disabled, with the focus of the work being the relationship the artist has with their disability. The resulting show, "[Navigating Disability](#)," is one of the most powerful collections of work we've seen all year.

Artist [Martin Cohen](#) uses his mental illness to elicit incredible emotion and power in his pieces. [Jacks Ashley McNamara](#)--a queer artist, writer, activist, organizer, poet, and performer from Oakland, CA--displays haunting yet extremely whimsical pieces. [Scott Ligon](#) uses digital art to tap into the relationship between his Attention Deficit Disorder and his overpowering creativity. [Emily Eifler](#) uses her art to bring her complex neurological disorder to life--to make the unseen, seen.

With this exhibit, the JCC has addressed a challenging topic with intensity and beauty that offers something for everyone. For this, the JCC and the Laurie M. Tisch Gallery are most certainly Character Approved.

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