



Kineret (Sea of Galilee)

Gad Keren
Watercolor
42 × 30 cm

Gad Keren was born in Israel. He holds a BA degree in philosophy and earned his medical degree from the Tel Aviv University School of Medicine.

In the early 1980s Keren served in the medical corps in the Israel Defense Forces, mainly in Sinai. He specialized in cardiology at Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center and continued his studies in New York and in Washington, DC, mainly in areas of heart failure and imaging. He returned to the department of cardiology at Tel Aviv Medical Center. In 2002 he became the head of the department of cardiology and initiated the development of a new heart center. He retired from that position in 2018 and is currently the director of cardiology at Assuta Medical Center. He is also a professor of cardiology (emeritus) at Tel Aviv University and was in the past the president of the Israel Heart Society. He is the deputy editor of *IMAJ* and *Harefuah*.

From early childhood Keren was interested in figurative drawing and painting; however, due to the demands of his career, he could not devote time to this hobby. As he was reaching retirement, he decided to concentrate on pencil drawing and water color painting. The current painting is a water color drawing of the Kineret (Sea of Galilee) from the northern shore where he likes to travel and spend time.

Keren's drawings are realistic and he enjoys painting seashores and mountains using watercolor paints in addition to using pencils to draw faces. In *Kineret (Sea of Galilee)*, Keren feels that he was able to express the sense of quietness and calm of the northern shore of the lake with distant mountains of the Golan. Moreover it expresses his joy of seeing the Kineret full of water and surrounded by grass and vegetation that not long ago grew on dry terrain.



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