

Jonathan Hirschfeld Life of Joseph

1.12.23 - 6.1.24

This series, which ranges from large canvases to small papers, has been painted for the past two years and is the extraction and culmination of the dominant processes which have always been in my painting. Simply put, my painting has always dealt with the dissonance between Old Masters painting and Israeli Modernism, in search of the epic and mythological in the combination of the autobiographical and in the Jungian idea of death and rebirth.

This series harnesses the biblical story of Joseph as a surrogate myth for an autobiographical burden: I am Joseph the dreamer (the artist), I am Joseph the dream solver (the art interpreter), I am Joseph who is thrown into the pit and comes out of it in order to forgive.

This is one of the series that I agonized the most while working on it and many paintings were changed, deleted, and repainted time and time again. Some plunged into the flesh, the black and the pit, others soared into the abstract and the dream.

Jonathan Hirschfeld, 2023



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Joseph Solves the Dream of the Finance Minister, 2023
Oil on canvas, diptych, 120x160 cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Skull and Flowerpot, 2023, oil on canvas, 180x100 cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Egypt, 2023, oil on canvas, diptych, 140x100 cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Joseph Solves Pharaoh's Dream, 2023, oil and graphite on canvas, diptych, 180x180 cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, The Brothers Show Jacob the Shirt, 2023, oil on canvas, diptych, 180x180 cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Joseph Tells His Dreams to the Brothers, 2023
Oil on canvas, diptych, 140x100 cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Life of Joseph, 2023, mixed media on paper, 65x75cm (each)



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Life of Joseph, 2023, oil and graphite on paper, 65x75cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, I Feel Sorry for You My Brother Jonathan, 2023
Mixed media on paper, 38x32cm



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Mixed media on paper, 38x32cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Life of Joseph, 2023, oil on canvas, 100x100 cm



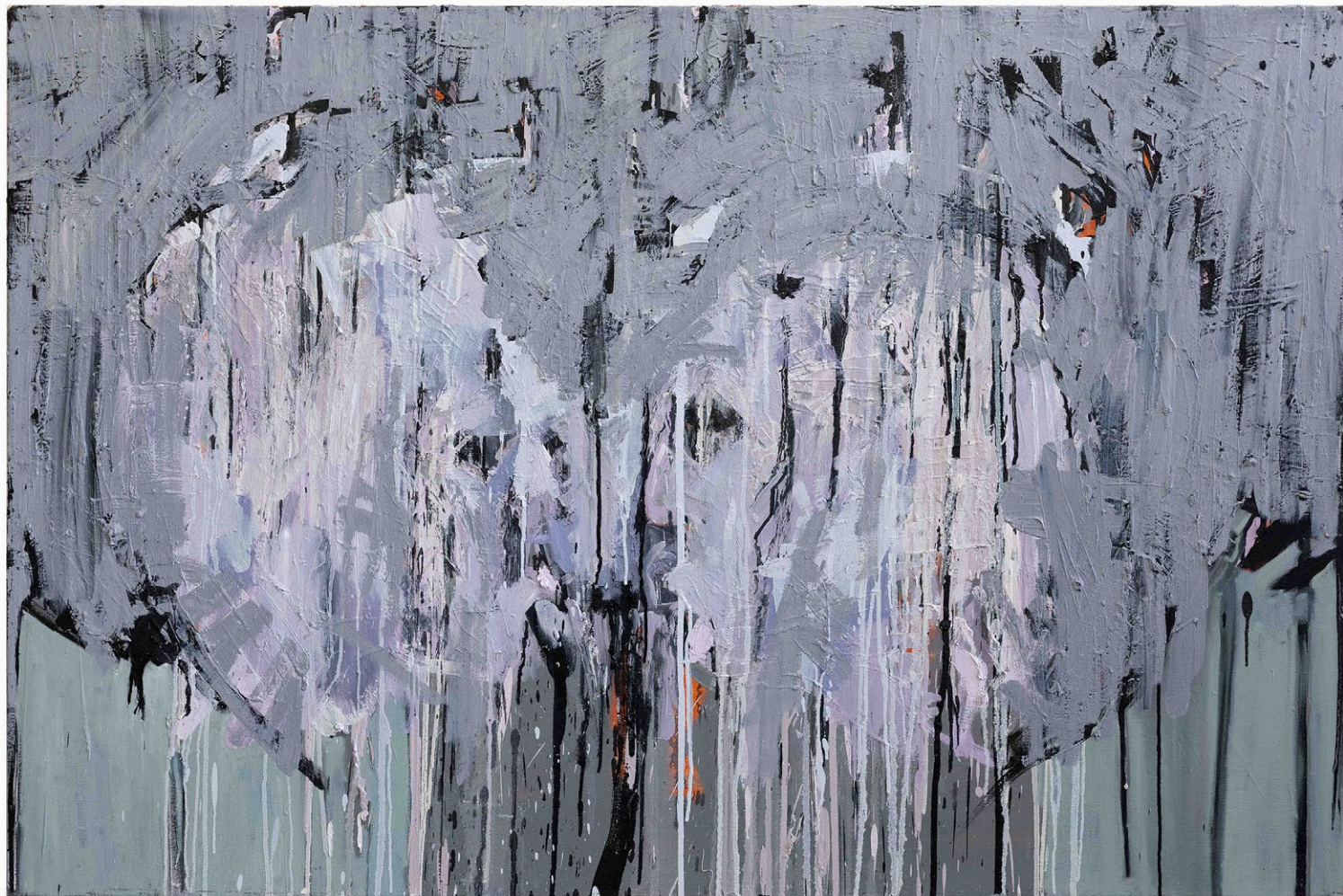
Jonathan Hirschfeld, Life of Joseph, 2023, oil on canvas, 100x100 cm



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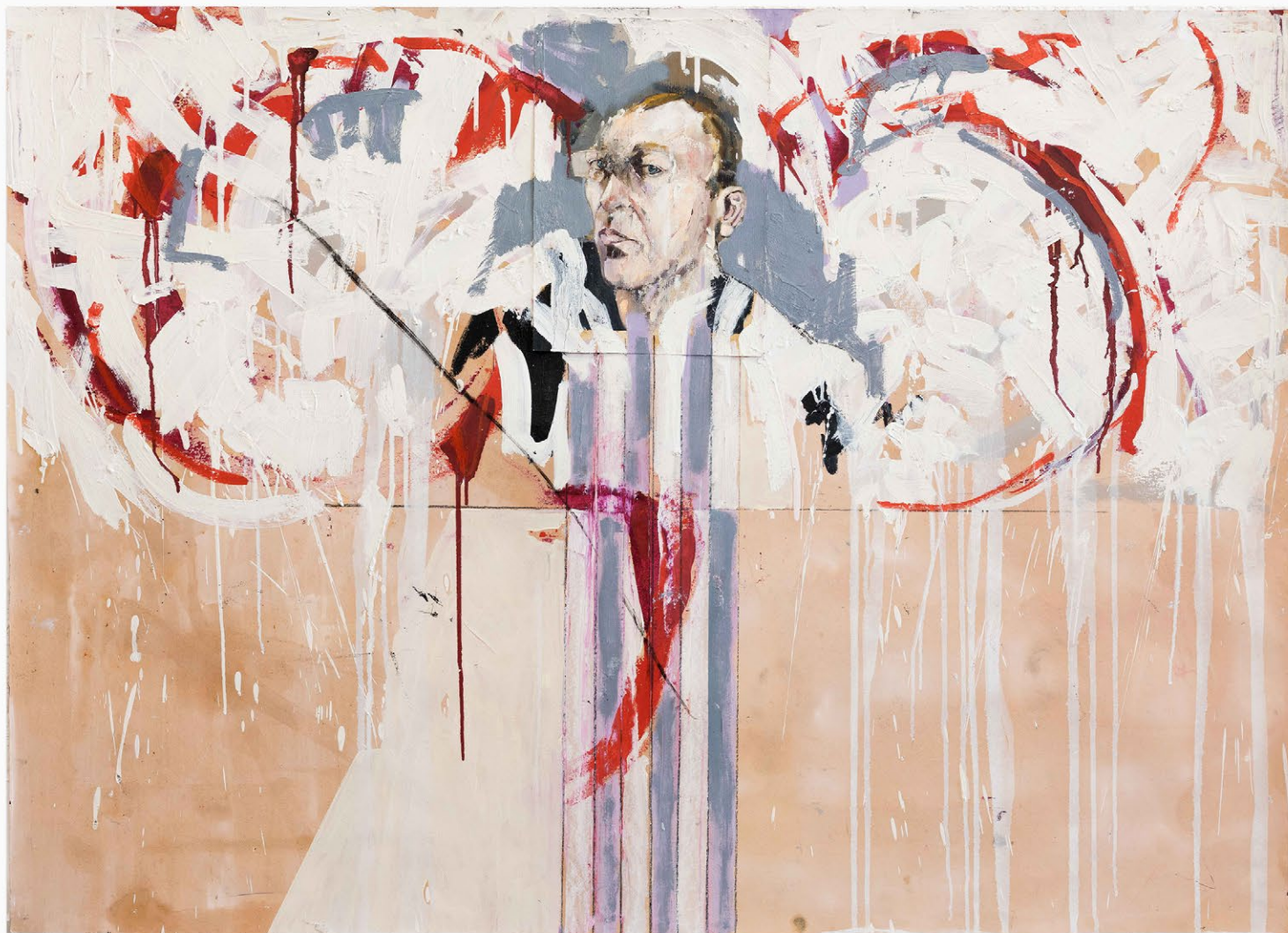
Jonathan Hirschfeld, Life of Joseph, 2023, oil on canvas, 100x100 cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Life of Joseph, 2023, oil on canvas, diptych, 150x100 cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Life of Joseph, 2023, oil on canvas, diptych, 150x100 cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Life of Joseph, 2023, oil and collage on paper, diptych, 140x100 cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Life of Joseph, 2023, oil on paper, diptych, 140x100 cm



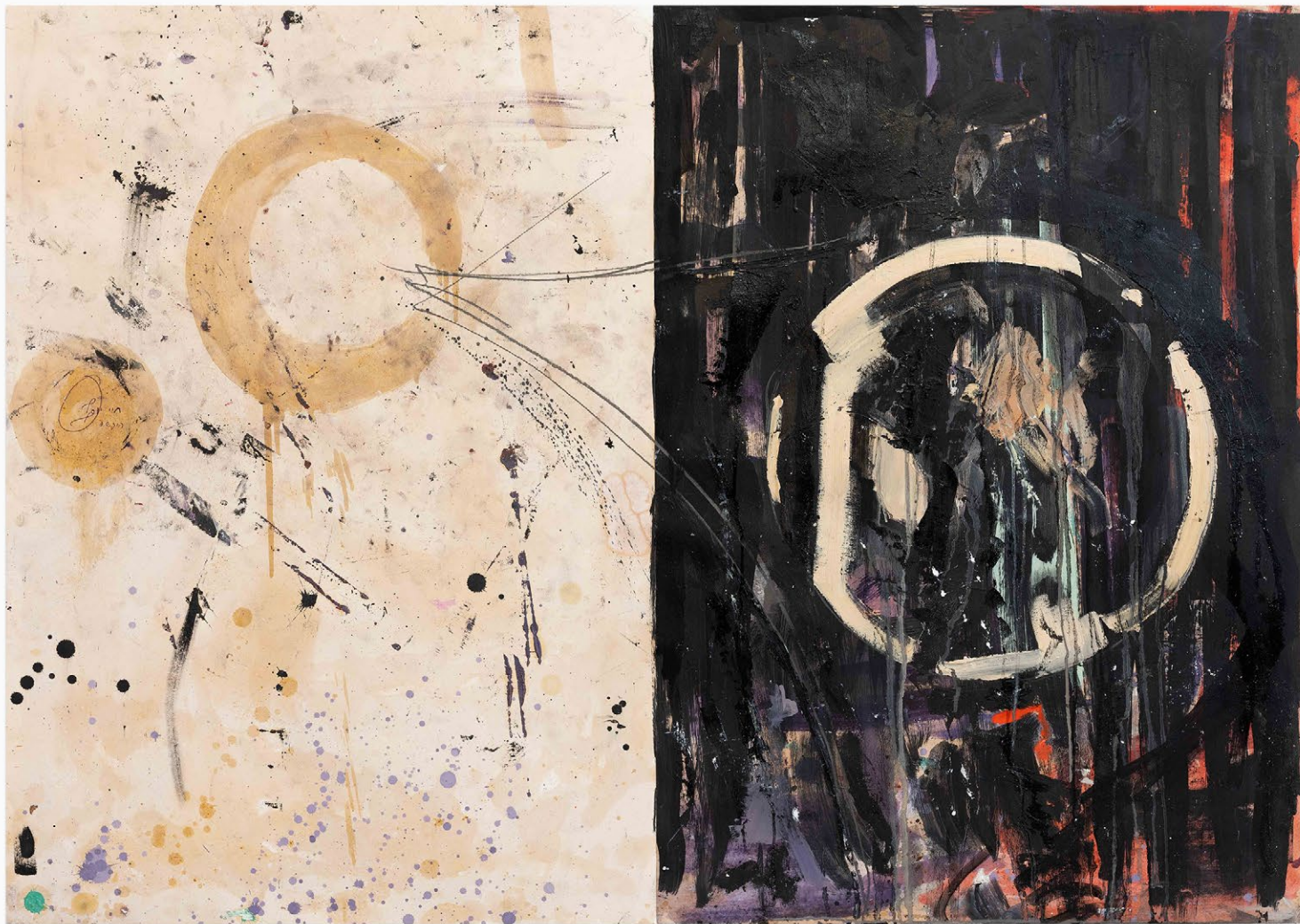
Jonathan Hirschfeld, The Reichstag is Burning, 2023, oil and collage on paper, 100x70 cm



Jonathan Hirschfeld, Life of Joseph, 2023, oil and graphite on paper, 65x75 cm

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Jonathan Hirschfeld, Life of Joseph, 2023, oil and graphite on paper, diptych, 140x100 cm