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*We Will Return to You*

Surrounded by environmental, human, and divine obstacles, Jews have shaped their folklore in order to make sense of their surroundings and transfer their memory. The images in *We Will Return to You* mirrors the ways that these stories are shared across generations by exploring lineage and storytelling through photographic narratives based in Jewish folkloric motif.

Embodied as multi-faced tales, the photographs consider the presence of tension, unease, and potency within Jewish mythos. The bright world within the images is fogged over by the hot breath of upheaval. The bodily performance of texts becomes a throughline that forms the photographic spine of Jewish storytelling.

Through images that explore Jewish narrative structures, iconography, and repetition, the photographs build worlds that are sowed from a turbulent past and grow outwards towards the rumbling world to come.