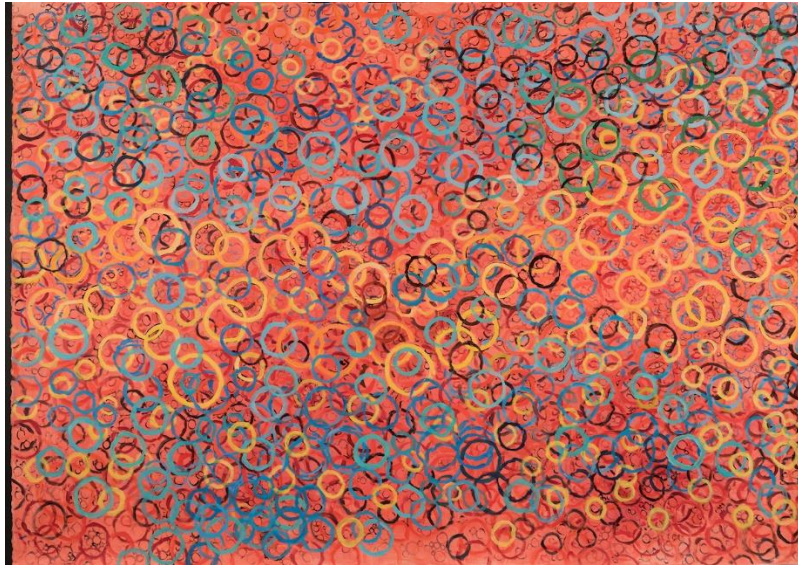


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*My themes are the oneness of natural phenomena – similar patterns at the cellular and astronomical levels – and of fragmentation leading to wholeness.*

### FRAGMENTATION LEADING TO WHOLENESS

1. He [Lot] hesitated (וַיִּתְמַהֲמַה) ... (Genesis 19:16)  
He [Abraham's servant] said (וַיֹּאמֶר) ... (Genesis 24:12)  
He [Joseph] refused (וַיִּמְאָן) ... (Genesis 39:8)  
He [Moses] slaughtered (וַיִּשְׁחָט) ... (Leviticus 8:23)
2. God rebuked Moses: "I had intended to make you the Kohen, and Aaron would be a Levite. Now (because of your resistance to lead), you will be a Levite and he will be a Kohen."  
(Talmud, Zevachim 102a)
3. When everyone finds their place in the world, there will be great singing and rejoicing.  
(Rebbe Nachman)