Udi Merioz

Udi Merioz is one of Jerusalem's premier artists. His father was the first Israeli Jew to re-inhabit the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City when it was liberated and restored to Israel in 1967. Udi is well-known in Israel for his family's historic art gallery in the Old City of Jerusalem, the Blue and White, of which he is the owner. Previously the curator of the Israeli Prime Minister's Art Collection, Udi is a graduate of the Edinburgh College of Art and a specialist in the field of developing new methods of art as a communicative language.

Udi has taught and lectured art in several academic institutes in Israel. In 1967, he created the artwork for the 200-Year Celebration of the Independence of the United States which is now hanging permanently in the White House. In 1979, Udi was commissioned by the Israeli Airforce to create an artwork to commemorate the Peace Treaty between Israel and Egypt. Udi's vibrant work reflects the enduring spirit of hope and courage that is part of Israel's national belief code, and he is a close friend of CUFI's.