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Zoya Cherkassky Portrays Lives of Soviet Immigrants in Israel in Solo Exhibit "Pravda" at Israel Museum

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Born n Kiev in 1976, Zoya Cherkassky immigrated with her family to Israel at age 15. Currently on view at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem is the gifted artist's first solo exhibit, *Pravda*, reflecting on her personal experiences and the collective experience of the over one million Russians who have immigrated to Israel. Pictured above is *Eat Shit and Die*, 2016, rendered with oil on linen. What follows are several more largely sardonic images — all meticulously rendered in Zoya Cherkassky's folksy aesthetic.

The Chemical Warfare, 2016, Oil on linen



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Passover in Bat Yam, 2016, Oil on linen — where the prohibited foods are sought!



The Rabbi's Deliquium, 2016, Oil on linen — another commentary on the lack of religiosity among so many Russian immigrants, as the Rabbi checks to see if this kitchen is Kosher and discovers a pig's snout in the fridge



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The Circumcision of Uncle Yasha, 2013



Featuring 50 paintings and 50 works on paper — accompanied by a comprehensive trilingual catalogue in Hebrew, English, and Russian — *Pravda* remains on view through October, 2018 at the <u>Israel Museum</u> at Derech Ruppin in Jerusalem.

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