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Dear Friends of the Jewish Museum Milwaukee,

As the days continue to unfold and we are impatient to surround ourselves in the beauty of nature, the fragrances of our gardens, the sightings of migratory birds - JMM is bringing beauty into your homes with a focus on amazing artists and their diverse works. If you haven't yet viewed our first virtual exhibit, I urge you to view [Fired Up: The Pottery of Abe Cohn](#). You will not only see his remarkable works, but also learn about his contribution to the ceramics scene in Milwaukee and Door County.

Our Curator, Molly Dubin, is focusing on Jewish artists this week who work in 2-D. You can see her Facebook Live Museum Moments on Aaron Bohrod, Fred Berman, Alfred Sessler and Joseph Frieber all this week (watch Tuesday's episode below).

Molly will also conduct two interviews with Jewish artists with local connections. Contemporary artist David R. Harper, formerly of Sheboygan, will bring you on a journey to understand his work, including his solo exhibition "My Own Personal Ghost," and how his

installations grapple with the notions of loss, love and feelings of belonging as part of the Conversation Starters series released today (find the video below). This will be followed by a journey with sculptor Richard Edelman and textile artist Nina Edelman in their home studios discussing past and future pieces and projects on May 27.

I hope you enjoy a look at these amazing artists, the diversity of their mediums and the wonder that is art.
Stay safe and be well.

Warmly,

Patti Sherman-Cisler
Executive Director

Fired Up: The Pottery of Abe Cohn **A Virtual Exhibit - NOW ON VIEW**



Image courtesy Rachel Baron Heimovics

[View the Exhibit](#)

We are super excited about some of the stories you have been sharing with us about Abe Cohn and the impact he had on Wisconsin and beyond! Share your story and any Abe Cohn pottery you have collected with us via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or by emailing us at programs@jewishmuseummilwaukee.org. Use the hashtag **#FiredUpWithJMM** so we can find your story on social media and share it with our visitors.

Excerpt from Rachel Baron Heimovics in Maitland, FL:

"We made a point of visiting the [Potter's Wheel] studio because my mother (Bernice Baron) urged us to do so. She was a friend of Ginka's, especially admired her dancing, and spoke highly about Abe. When we went to the studio, I felt that it was important that I leave with something of Abe's. These pictures show my selection and I have treasured it ever since."

Considered by many to be the father of east coast Wisconsin ceramics, Abe Cohn was a pioneering icon. Collaborating with local musician and clay enthusiast Steve Cohen along with Abe's children, and featuring pieces from their private collections, *Fired Up* explores the work, life and legacy of potter, artist, and educator, Abe Cohn. The beloved instructor inspired students of all ages, leaving indelible marks on Milwaukee and Door County.

"The Jewish Museum Milwaukee provides our Jewish community and greater Milwaukee with a valuable resource for education and social action. The exhibits, events and educational opportunities available at JMM encourage the critical dialogue and subsequent understanding we so desperately need at this time."

-Marley Stein, JMM Board Member

Museum Moments via Facebook Live Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 2:00 PM



This week, Jewish Museum Milwaukee celebrates artists of the past and present! Molly Dubin takes on her first week of Museum Moments to recount the artists featured in the special exhibit *Founders & Visionaries: Wisconsin Jewish Artists from the Milwaukee Art Museum* displayed at JMM in 2015.

On Tuesday, Molly spoke about artists and educators Aaron Bohrod and Fred Berman. Bohrod was known for his 'Magic Realism' still lifes, and Berman is credited with helping to introduce abstract painting to Wisconsin audiences.

On Thursday, Molly will explore Alfred Sessler, one of the most prolific lithographers and muralists under the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Friday's feature will be a pharmacist turned painter and long time faculty member and beloved professor at the Milwaukee State Teacher's College – now UWM, or the great Joseph Frieber.

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[Past Museum Moments](#)

From the Archives with Jay Hyland
The Judaic Art of Annette Hirsh



In this week's From the Archives, learn more about Annette Hirsh, an accomplished local metalsmith specializing in Judaic art. A *special connection* between an Alfred Hitchcock movie and the Settlement House will also be discussed!

Conversation Starters: Artist David R. Harper

Wednesdays at 1:30 PM
via [Facebook](#) or [Youtube](#)



Having an imaginative mind is an incredible asset, especially in these isolating times. Known for his captivating and thought-provoking multi-media installations, **David R. Harper** works daily in an 'out of the box' mindset and provokes viewers to experience his creatively stimulating environments in much the same way.

Continuing to work amid a landscape that feels uncertain and surreal, David discussed meditative and creative practices of the studio, recent endeavors like the solo exhibition, 'My Own Personal Ghost,' which was displayed at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center, as well as current and upcoming projects.

More Conversation Starters on the horizon:

- [Kosher Catering with Amy Ferrante-Gollwitzer](#), May 20
- [Artist Talk with Richard & Nina Edelman](#), May 27
- [Gun Violence Awareness with Anneliese Dickman](#), June 3

[Past Conversation Starters](#)

Online Programs and Other Resources



[The Jews of Tin Pan Alley w/ Lil Rev on Facebook Live](#)
Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Join Wisconsin's award-winning Jewish folksinger and storyteller, as Lil Rev presents his one man show, The Jews of Tin Pan Alley, live via his Facebook Feed from Sheboygan, WI. Performing in costume, Lil Rev will share a night of songs, stories, artifacts, humor and poetry from the bygone era of Tin Pan Alley and Broadway.



[Is There More Antisemitic Activity than Ever?](#)

Thursday, May 14, 1:30 PM | Offered by ADL

On Tuesday, ADL released the results of their [40th annual Audit of Antisemitic Incidents in America](#). Join ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt and our Center on Extremism team for this conversation about the results, and ways you can take action to fight antisemitism.



[The Holocaust and Primary Sources: Using Rywka's Diary](#)

Friday, May 15, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[On HERC's Facebook page via Facebook Live](#)

Nathan & Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center (HERC) and JMM are partnering for a professional development opportunity geared towards educators but open to all. Join Education Directors, Dr. Dan Haumschild and Ellie Gettinger for an exploration of the Holocaust through primary sources from the era, including the diary of Rywka Lipszyc found at Auschwitz during liberation in 1945.



Christopher M. Belkofer, PhD, LPC, ATR-BC

[The Embodied Response: The Feeling of Viewing Form](#)

Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 - 3:30 PM | Haggerty Museum of Art

Dr. Belkofer will revisit philosopher Susanne Langer's seminal work, "Feeling and Form: A theory of art" (1953) through the lens of contemporary relational aesthetics, neuroscience, and art therapy theories. What are the phenomenon and therapeutic potentials of how pieces of art evoke sensations, thoughts, and feelings in the mind and the body.



[Jewish & Yiddish Song Fest #2 w/ Lil Rev on Facebook Live](#)

Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

A lively evening of Jewish & Yiddish Folk songs with Wisconsin's Award-Winning Folksinger Lil Rev, performing on guitar, mandolin, ukulele, tenor, dulcimer, harmonica and banjo. Expect an eclectic night of Israeli, Hasidic, Yiddish and Original songs of the American Jewish Experience.



[Virtual Book Club- Creative Care with MacArthur Genius Fellow Anne Basting](#)

Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Join Anne Basting for a book reading and discussion to hear the touching stories that inspire and guide us all—family, friends, and health professionals—in how to connect and interact with those living with dementia. Basting will also discuss how TimeSlips has adapted to this critical moment in history, and how the ideas in the book can help us use the arts to reach each other in this moment of distancing and quarantine.



[The Hollywood Red Scare and the Shifting of American Culture | Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust](#)

Online NOW

JMM Education Director, Ellie Gettinger spoke about the 1947 House Un-American Activities Committee hearings that led to the Hollywood Blacklist. Famously, the film, radio, and early television industries complied with government pressure to keep suspected Communists from getting hired. Less explored is how these mediums changed in response to the Blacklist.



[Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month on PBS WIS](#)

Online NOW

In May the United States celebrates Jewish American Heritage Month to honor the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans and their over 365-year history. PBS Wisconsin is highlighting programs exploring the past and present of Jewish Americans and Jewish Wisconsinites who have shaped and enriched our communities.



[Kar-Ben/Lerner Digital Bookshelf for Kids](#)

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Kar-Ben Publishing is offering free eBooks to synagogues, schools, libraries and individuals! Their books are aimed at children through age 9. Access the digital bookshelf using the link above and these credentials:

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