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Dear Friends of the Jewish Museum Milwaukee,

We're in this together.

As difficult as it has been not to see the staff, board, docents, interns, colleagues, members and visitors in-person, this crisis has demonstrated that physical distance cannot keep us apart. From daily staff meetings, to Zoom meetings with docents; from Milwaukee museum directors' meetings to museum round tables with individuals from Jewish, art, natural history and history museums nationally, and even internationally; we come together in support, sharing of ideas, challenges and successes. From virtual board and committee meetings, to Jewish Federation staff meetings, we share, learn and plan. From virtual *Museum Moments* to book talks; from *Conversation Starters* to #TogetherWeRemember, from content expert presentations to the virtual exhibit *Fired Up: The Pottery of Abe Cohn*, members and audiences have come together to learn, share and engage.

Your gifts for **#GivingTuesdayNow** resulted in \$7,140.32 from 37 people and show the power of coming together in times of crisis to share and support Jewish Museum Milwaukee. We are extremely grateful for your fiscal support, your viewership, your words of support and your friendship.

Thank you all for making a difference. We look forward to the day we can thank you in person.

Stay safe and be well.

Warmly,

Patti Sherman-Cisler
Executive Director

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Fired Up: The Pottery of Abe Cohn

A Virtual Exhibit - NOW ON VIEW



Image: Abe Cohn at work. Image courtesy Tamar Cohn.

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.

Get #FiredUpWithJMM

We know that there are many Abe Cohn pieces, experiences, and stories in the greater Wisconsin community and beyond, and we want to collect those experiences! Share your story and any Abe Cohn pottery you have collected throughout the years 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.

[View the
Exhibit](#)

Read more about the exhibit from:

- Shepherd Express' Dave Luhrssen, "[Abe Cohn Brought a Painter's Touch to Pottery](#)", and
- The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle's Rob Golub, "['Visit' with the legendary Abe Cohn's pottery.](#)"

"I have been a Board Member since the beginnings in the mid-1980s at the Milwaukee Jewish Archives which became the Milwaukee Jewish Historical Society, and finally the Jewish Museum Milwaukee. This facility is like no other in Milwaukee's Jewish community. It enriches our community culturally, entertains us, and saves our collective memories so they aren't lost or forgotten."

-Jody Sussman Steren, JMM Board Member

Museum Moments via Facebook Live

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 2:00 PM



Jewish Museum Milwaukee officially celebrated its **12th Anniversary** on April 28, 2020 - that means we have started our bat mitzvah year! Education Director Ellie Gettinger kicked off this week's Museum Moments by exploring bat mitzvah with Annie Polland, native Milwaukeean and director of the American Jewish Historical Society.

On Thursday, Ellie will develop the story of how a committee of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation became a museum that welcomes thousands of visitors annually. She will end this week with the story of the Chagall Tapestry, the largest artifact in the Museum.

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From the Archives with Jay Hyland
Jewish Museum Milwaukee's First Artifact Donation



Did you know that the Jewish Museum Milwaukee's roots date back to 1986 when it was called the Milwaukee Jewish Archives? Learn more about the first artifact donated to the Archives in 1986 and the Wa-Na-Ko-Gee Club's connection to Lapham Park in Milwaukee.

Polish Jewish Rebirth and the Rise of Nationalism



Learn more about **Polish Jewish Rebirth and the Rise of Nationalism** with Jonathan Ornstein, the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Centre of Krakow, and Dr. Neal Pease, History Professor at UW-Milwaukee who specializes in Poland. During this program, which took place Tuesday, May 5, Jonathan and Neal highlighted the conditions present in contemporary Poland which make the Jewish rebirth and rise of nationalism possible.

Online Programs and Other Resources



[Conversation Starters: Artist David R. Harper](#)

Wednesday, May 13, 1:30 - 2:00 PM

Working amid a landscape that feels uncertain and surreal, David R. Harper will talk about 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.



[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.



[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.



[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.



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

FREE through June 3

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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