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As an artist and family historian, I use artwork, video and text to explore stories of family, cultural and community history. Memory is my material, imagination my lens.

Projects

2011-present The Jewish Identity & Legacy Project / We Spoke Jewish

A multi-stage project exploring identity and legacy among a largely immigrant population:

1) interviewed Jewish elders and their families, 2) developed artwork and video around these stories, 3) art exhibitions and public speaking and 4) published a book of artwork and oral history in 2017 titled *We Spoke Jewish: A Legacy in Stories*. Those interviewed spanned those raised in early MN immigrant communities, survivors, and immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

Interviews and book were funded by the Minnesota Historical Society with funds from the State of MN Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund. Interviews were sponsored by Sholom and the Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest (JHSUM) and the book was published by JHSUM.

2012-20 Jewish Artists' Lab –Writer Residency– Sabes JCC, Minneapolis, MN

Participant in initiative of the Sabes JCC of artists exploring selected themes through study and art making. Participant in annual group exhibition. Resident Writer 2013-2020.

2012 Artist Residency – Bet Shalom, Minnetonka, MN

Exhibition of three series of work on the Holocaust, lost Jewish communities and identity and legacy. Developed programming for different groups including a series of talks with congregants, students and the public. Programming included video, artwork, teaching and lectures.

2010-11 A Hole in Time: The Former Jewish Community of Radom, Poland

Coordinated a body of my artwork on my ancestral town with the pre-war and war-time photos of a Twin Cities survivor of that community. Created a series of interviews with her, later published in Poland and on-line. Developed accompanying text for selected photos and traveled with survivor to Poland for the exhibition where we spoke about the Jewish history of the town. Together have given many talks in conjunction with exhibitions of related work. In 2014, I began a series of paintings based on her stories.

Solo Shows & Exhibitions of Bodies of Work

2019 Jan-April, artwork, both recent and earlier series, Level, Minneapolis

2018 March-April, Im/migration and the Other, Tychman Shapiro Gallery, Minneapolis

2018 Kramer Gallery at The Kenwood, We Spoke Jewish artwork, Minneapolis

2017 Pop-up show – The Silence Speaks Loudly- The Russian Museum of Art, Minneapolis

2017 Pop-up show - We Spoke Jewish, Jewish Historical Society of Upper Midwest Annual Mtg

2017 Pop-up show- We Spoke Jewish, Books & Brew Event sponsored by St Paul & Mpls JCCs

2017 Pop-up show – We Spoke Jewish, Family History Fair, Minneapolis Public Library

2012-2017 California Dreamin', California Building, Minneapolis, MN

2002-2017 Art-a-Whirl, California Building, Minneapolis, MN

2016 Sharei Chesed, Capturing the Stories, Jewish Identity and Legacy Project, Minnetonka, MN

2015, Keeping the Spirit Alive Conference, The Memory Jar Project, Minneapolis, MN

2015 A Hole in Time, Peoria Jewish Federation Yom HaShoah, Peoria, IL

2015 Collecting the Stories, St. Paul JCC Gallery Walk, St. Paul, MN

2013-14 Jewish Identity and Legacy Project, Sholom East, St. Paul, MN

2013 Jewish Identity and Legacy Project, Sholom West, St. Louis Park, MN

2013 Art and Legacy, Jewish Identity and Legacy Project, sponsored by the MN Jewish Theatre Co at Mount Zion, St. Paul, MN

2012 It's All About Story, Artist Residency, Bet Shalom, Minnetonka, MN

- 2012 Telling the Story, 3 bodies of work related to the Holocaust and legacy, Eiger-Zaidenweber Holocaust Resource Center, Minneapolis, MN - sponsored by Talmud Torah, U of M's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest and Tychman Shapiro Gallery
- 2011 The Silence Speaks Loudly/A Hole in Time, JCC Gallery Walk, St. Paul, MN
- 2011 A Hole in Time, Resursa Obywatelska (Arts & Culture Center), Radom, Poland
- 2011 The Silence Speaks Loudly- Woolfson and Tay Gallery, London, England
- 2010 Sholom Home West- Family History series, St. Louis Park, MN
- 2009, Family History, Off the Wall, Hopkins Center for the Arts, Hopkins, MN
- 2009 Yunnan Explorations, Lake Harriet Spiritual Community, Mpls, MN
- 2008 An Exploration: Works by Susan Weinberg– Peoria Art Guild Peoria, IL
- 2008 show, Putting a Face on Family History -Tychman Shapiro Gallery, Mpl, MN

Selected Group Shows and Exhibitions

- 2019 Art and Re-Art, Tychman-Shapiro Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 Jewish Artists' Lab, Crossing the Threshold, Tychman-Shapiro Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 Israel @ 70: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Tychman-Shapiro Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Israel Celebrates 70, Minkov Citrus Orchard Museum, Rehovot, Israel- Israel and Minnesota artist partnership
- 2017 Jewish Artists' Lab, Boundaries and Otherness, Tychman-Shapiro Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 [Re]Telling, Holocaust Art, Narratives and Contemporary Response, Tychman-Shapiro Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017, 2006-2012, 2014-2017 NEMAA Fall Fine Arts Show- Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 Jewish Artists' Lab, Voices of Wisdom, Tychman-Shapiro Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015, Jewish Artists' Lab, The Waters of Creation, Tychman-Shapiro Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014, 2009-2011 Hopkins Center for the Arts Juried Member Show – Hopkins, MN
- 2014 Jewish Artists' Lab, Or-Chadash, A New Light, Tychman-Shapiro Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 Northside Noir, Homewood Studios, Minneapolis, MN
- 2013 Jewish Artists' Lab, Text-Context-Subtext, Tychman-Shapiro, Minneapolis, MN
- 2010 Foot in the Door Minneapolis Institute of Arts- Minneapolis, MN
- 2008 Spiritual Art Show- Minneapolis, MN
- 2007 Memories of France- California Building Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2006 30 Years of Figure Drawing- California Building Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2004 Hopkins Center for the Arts Juried Members Show – Hopkins, MN
- 2002 Hopkins Center for the Arts Juried Members Show – Award of Merit, Hopkins, MN
- 2002 100 Figures and Florals, Wilcock Gallery, 40 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN
- 2002 The Figure, Mill City Cafe, 2205 NE California Street, Minneapolis, MN

Teaching, Lectures and Presentations

- 2019 Talks in NC, Wisconsin, California, Illinois, Ohio and Arizona on artwork and book WSJ
- 2018 Extensive public speaking on book *We Spoke Jewish*, details at wespokejewish.com
- 2018 Rimon P'Chotchka, 8 artists present on their work in 18 slides, 18 seconds/slide
- 2018 Hadassah, It's All About Story
- 2018 Rimon Salon, A Life in Transit: Immigration Through an Artist's Lens
- 2018 Or Emet: A Historical View of US Immigration and the Lives Affected
- 2017 A 3-D View of Immigration, Minneapolis Public Library
- 2016 Int'l Assn of Jewish Genealogical Societies, Capturing the Stories
- 2016 Sharei Chesed –Evolution of artwork and story
- 2016 Dunwoody- Holocaust related artwork and story
- 2015 St. Louis Park Library and Sumner Library: Jewish genealogy
- 2015 Polish Genealogical Society- Capturing the Stories
- 2015 St. Paul JCC – Collecting the Stories, two versions for adults and teens on oral history
- 2014-2015 Family History Collage through Mn libraries through the MNHS (multiple talks)
- 2015 Talmud Torah/St. Paul JCC Engage program- Family history as told through artwork
- 2015 Five State Sisterhood, Family history as told through artwork

2014 Jewish Federation-Peoria, IL – Family history as told through artwork
2014 Ameriprise - Holocaust related artwork
2014 Dunwoody– Holocaust related artwork
2014 Women’s Roundtable St. Paul JCC- Jewish Identity and Legacy Project
2014 Or Emet- Jewish Identity and Legacy Project
2013 Sholom East- Jewish Identity and Legacy Project
2013 Sholom West- Jewish Identity and Legacy Project
2013 Sabes JCC Senior Group – Jewish Identity and Legacy Project
2013 Mount Zion and the Minnesota Jewish Theatre – Art and Legacy
2012-2013 Bet Shalom Artist Residency – a series of 7 talks and programs
2012 Mt. Sinai Foundation board– It’s All About Story
2012 Ameriprise- on Holocaust Center exhibition
2012 Holocaust Resource Center- talk on Holocaust exhibition
2012 Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest-family history told through artwork
2012 Adopt a Survivor program – Telling the Story
2012 Multiple talks with Talmud Torah faculty & students on exhibition
2012 Multiple talks with Dunwoody College of Technology faculty & students on exhibition
2012 Or Emet, artist talk – Telling the Story
2012 Talmud Torah, artist talk – Telling the Story
2011 St. Paul JCC artist talk on work based on Poland and Lithuania
2011 Shalom Havera Survivors Group, talk on Radom collaboration
2011 Resursa Obywatelska (Arts & Culture Center), Radom, Poland, artist talk
2011 Woolfson & Tay Gallery, London, England, artist talk
2010 Jewish Federation-Minneapolis, Family history as told through artwork
2010 Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Family history as told through artwork
2010 CHAIM, Family history as told through artwork
2010 Tychman Shapiro Gallery Sabes JCC- Synagogues of Eastern Europe
2009 Dunwoody College of Technology – Family history as told through artwork
2009 Hadassah- Henrietta Szold and Herzl-Shalom Groups – family history
2009 Czechoslovak Genealogical Society Int’l –Family Story Through Collage
2009 Lake Harriet Spiritual Community- artist talk
2008 International Jewish Genealogy Conference Workshop
2008 Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest- Family History Collage Workshop
2008 Peoria Art Guild, artist talk
2008 Tychman Shapiro Gallery Sabes JCC, artist talk
2007 Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest – Intro to Jewish Genealogy