

THE CATHOLIC-JEWISH CONFERENCE OF MILWAUKEE

presents



*A Year-long Celebration,
Affirming our Past, Building our Future*

Overview

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| January 30, 2005 | Reflections on <i>Nostra Aetate</i> , Bishop Richard Sklba,
Dr. Amy-Jill Levine |
| February, March, April, May | Study / Film Sessions |
| June, July | Architectural Tours of Local Churches and Synagogues |
| September 18, 2005 | Musical Concert, The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist |
| September 25, 2005 | Dr. Eva Fleischner on Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel |
| November 6, 2005 | Culminating Event and Dinner with Archbishop Timothy
Dolan, Dr. Mary Boys and Rabbi David Sandmel, Pfister Hotel |

Purpose

2005 marks the 40th anniversary of the release of *Nostra Aetate*, one of the most significant documents of the Second Vatican Council. *Nostra Aetate* (In Our Time) laid the groundwork for a rethinking of Jews and Judaism within the Roman Catholic Church and provided the foundation for new relations between Christians and Jews.

Faithful to the commitments promulgated by Vatican II in *Nostra Aetate*, the Catholic and Jewish communities in Milwaukee began the process of forging a formal relationship (see History, pg. 4) with the founding of the Catholic-Jewish Conference. The Conference is dedicated to the premise that understanding is the bedrock of mutual respect.

Entering into this 40th anniversary year, we celebrate our past achievements and look forward to reaffirming the ongoing local commitment built over the last 30 years.

Opening Event

Reflections on Nostra Aetate: The Catalyst for Conversation

presented by



The Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba
Auxiliary Bishop,
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Bishop Sklba and Dr. Levine will examine the history of the relationship between Catholics and Jews prior to Vatican II and discuss the significance of *Nostra Aetate* on Catholic-Jewish relations – past, present and future.

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine
E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter
Professor of New Testament Studies,
Vanderbilt University Divinity School



Sunday, January 30, 2005
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue
2909 W. Mequon Road, Mequon, WI

*A wine and cheese reception will follow the program.
The event is free and open to the public.*

Space is limited and registration is required.
To register, please call Jeri at 414-390-5781.

Study/Film Session Opportunities

THE JEWISH AND CATHOLIC WORLD PRESENTED IN FILM, MEMORY AND DIALOGUE



While Catholics and Jews have lived in the United States since its earliest days, they have, in many ways, inhabited separate worlds which have given rise to misunderstanding, prejudice and even hatred. Since *Nostra Aetate* was written, at least in part, to overcome these misunderstandings and prejudices, and abolish the hatred, four study sessions have been planned to gain insight into these worlds, explore historic misunderstandings and share our common challenges. The study/film sessions will provide opportunities for participants to use film as a way to gain insight and understanding into specific events in history that have had lasting impact on Catholics and Jews in America. Discussions will be facilitated by local Catholic and Jewish scholars and educators. Each study session will be offered twice:

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

February 13, March 13, April 17, May 22

Sacred Heart School of Theology, 7335 S. Hwy. 100, Hales Corners, WI

WEDNESDAY EVENING

February 16, March 16, April 13, May 25

Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, 2020 W. Brown Deer Road, River Hills, WI

Session 1 *Gentleman's Agreement*

Sunday, February 13, Sacred Heart School of Theology, 3:00-6:00 PM OR

Wednesday, February 16, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, 6:30-9:30 PM

This session will examine the Jewish and Christian reality in the United States prior to *Nostra Aetate*. Using portions of the acclaimed film, *Gentleman's Agreement*, participants will be invited to reflect upon the prejudice faced by Jews in American society in the years immediately following World War II.

Session 2 *The Faithful Revolution: Vatican II and Israel: A Nation is Born*

Sunday, March 13, Sacred Heart School of Theology, 3:00-6:00 PM OR

Wednesday, March 16, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, 6:30-9:30 PM

Session 2 centers on the tumultuous 60's, a turning point in history for Catholics and Jews. After viewing portions of two films, *The Faithful Revolution: Vatican II* and *Israel: A Nation is Born*, participants will become familiarized with the forces that gave rise to the Second Vatican Council, and to the events leading to Israel's Six Day War. These defining moments in history will provide the backdrop as participants choose to share memories, identify continuing struggles and reflect upon the lasting impact of these two significant events.

Study/Film Session Opportunities

Session 3 *Stolen Summer*

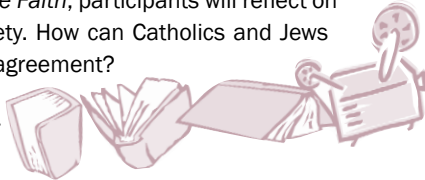
**Wednesday, April 13, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, 6:30-9:30PM OR
Sunday, April 17, Sacred Heart School of Theology, 3:00-6:00PM**

Session 3 will examine the relationship that has emerged between Catholics and Jews in America in the aftermath of *Nostra Aetate*. Using portions of the film, *Stolen Summer*, which tells the story of friendship between two young boys (one Catholic, one Jew), participants will be asked to sort through the stereotypes and reflect upon the difficulties faced by the parents of these boys as they attempt to deal with their friendship.

Session 4 *Keeping the Faith*

**Sunday, May 22, Sacred Heart School of Theology, 3:00-6:00PM OR
Wednesday, May 25, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, 6:30-9:30PM**

Session 4 will focus on how Catholics and Jews can find common ground in contemporary society. Using portions of the popular film, *Keeping the Faith*, participants will reflect on strategies for meaningful dialogue in a diverse society. How can Catholics and Jews respectfully explore areas of agreement and disagreement? Facilitators will lead a discussion centered on the necessary ingredients and available resources for fruitful cooperation and mutual respect.



Passover Seder

Passover is the holiday that commemorates the Israelite redemption from slavery and exodus from Egypt. Celebrated as a festival of freedom, Passover is perhaps the pre-eminent Jewish home holiday.

The ritual most observed by American Jews, according to surveys, is not lighting Hanukkah candles or fasting on Yom Kippur, but attending a seder – a festive spring meal full of symbolism and good food – on Passover. The Passover seder has endured and evolved, carrying with it some ancient symbols, ethnic foods, and bold universalistic declarations wrapped in the particulars of the Jewish experience.

The seder will be led by Dianne Spector, who has coordinated Passover seders at Alverno College for the past nine years, helping Christians to understand the meaning and rituals associated with a traditional Jewish Passover. We welcome your participation at this joyous event.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005 • 7:00 - 9:30 PM

CONGREGATION SINAI • 8223 N. PORT WASHINGTON ROAD

*The Seder service will be followed by a dessert reception.
Registration is required.*



Architectural Tours

Explore the connections between Catholic and Jewish places of worship. Discover how art and architecture influence the life of the faith community in both contemporary and historic settings. Docent-led tours will be offered at each of the following sites:



SUNDAY, JUNE 26 • NOON-5:00PM

**1:00-2:00PM • HELENE ZELAZO CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
(formerly Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun)**

2419 E. Kenwood Blvd Milwaukee, WI 53211

3:00-4:00PM • CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

812 N. Jackson Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Transportation: Buses will leave Cardinal Stritch University at noon, returning to Stritch between 4:30 and 5:00PM. Bus loads in North Central Parking Lot 8, in front of the Communications Center. Cardinal Stritch is located at 6801 N. Yates Road, just south and east of the Good Hope Exit off I-43N.

SUNDAY, JULY 10 • 1:00-5:00PM

1:00-2:00PM • BETH EL NER TAMID SYNAGOGUE

2909 W. Mequon Road, Mequon, WI 53092

3:00-4:00PM • ST. MATTHIAS PARISH

9306 W. Beloit Road, Milwaukee, WI 53227

Transportation: Meet at Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue. Buses will leave from Beth El for St. Matthias and return to Beth El by 5:00PM.

SUNDAY, JULY 24 • 1:00 - 5:00PM

1:00-2:00PM • CONGREGATION SHALOM

7630 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53217

3:00-4:00PM • THE BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT

2333 S. 6th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53215

Transportation: Meet at Congregation Shalom. Buses will leave from Shalom for St. Josaphat and return by 5:00PM.

Pre-registration is requested and required if you will be taking the bus. Transportation fee is \$5.00 per tour. Please no children under 12.



Catholic-Jewish Conference History

The Catholic-Jewish Conference was established in 1975 at the initiative of the Ecumenical Commission of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in response to the documents of Vatican Council II, particularly, *Nostra Aetate*. The Conference is a joint committee of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Office of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations, and the Wisconsin Council of Rabbis.

Since its inception, the Conference has issued joint statements on issues of common concern, offered lecture series on topics of interest to Catholics and Jews, sponsored significant community-wide events, initiated home dialogues as well as a dialogue between rabbis and priests, hosted interfaith seders in conjunction with local synagogues, and co-sponsored several interfaith missions to Israel.

Shortly after its founding, the Conference issued a statement against Christian proselytizing of Jews. In 1977, a delegation from the Council of Rabbis and the Synagogue Council attended the ordination of Archbishop Rembert Weakland. In 1981, Milwaukee was the host of the 6th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations. These early events set a firm foundation for the growth of Catholic-Jewish relations in Milwaukee.

Through the years, lecture series featuring local and national speakers have touched on such topics as: public service, the Holocaust, forgiveness, justice, ritual and practice, church and state, scripture, the land, racism, the creation of sacred texts, and many others.

Significant community events of the Conference included the Hartmann-Weakland lecture that took place as a part of the Jewish Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1994 and the Proclaim Jubilee program featuring Rabbi Yitz Greenberg, in preparation for the 25th anniversary of the Conference and the beginning of the Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church. At this event, Archbishop Rembert Weakland, retired Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, made an historic apology to the Jewish people for actions of the church which helped make events such as the Holocaust possible.

Most recently the Conference made headlines with its response to the Mel Gibson movie, *The Passion of the Christ*. The Conference responded to the film through media interviews, the creation of educational materials for congregations, and a forum at Congregation Shalom that attracted over 350 Catholics and Jews to learn about the movie and Christian/Jewish perspectives on passion portrayals.

Programs of the Catholic-Jewish Conference are open to all.

Founding and Early Members

Bob Bartfelt	Rabbi Harry Pastor*
Florence Bern	Jerry Petushak
Leslie Bern	Cal Shildkraut
Ateret Cohen	Alan Shafrin
Jake Cohen*	Claire Shafrin*
Judith Cohen	Rabbi David Shapiro*
Archbishop William E. Cousins *	Rabbi Francis Barry Silberg
Margie Flanagan*	Melvin Sinykin
Joseph Flanagan	Saul Sorrin*
Sister Maureen Hopkins	Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland
Sister Joan Kohler	Michael Weber
Rabbi Issac Lerer	Sylvia Weber*
Dr. Richard Lux	Reverend Laurin Wenig
Sister Mary Michna	Nita Zukrow*
Judy Monday	Edward Zukrow
Rabbi Herbert Panich	

* Of blessed memory



Celebratory Concert

Sunday, September 18, 2005

7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
812 N. Jackson Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202**

*A sacred concert
featuring Psalm settings*

performed by Catholic and Jewish voices and choirs,
spanning the generations.

*Behold, how good it is, and how pleasant,
where brethren dwell as one!
It is as when the precious ointment upon the head
runs down over the beard, the beard of Aaron,
till it runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is dew like that of Hermon,
which comes down upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the Lord has pronounced his blessing,
life forever.*

Psalm 133

Reception immediately following



Fall Lecture



Dr. Eva Fleischner

presents

*The Role of Abraham Joshua Heschel
on Christian-Jewish Relations*

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907 - 1972) was a famous Jewish philosopher and theologian. He developed an influential philosophy and theology that sought to renew the ability to grasp the reality of the relationship between God and humans, and of the holiness of life. Rabbi Heschel played a significant role in the civil-rights movement and in the Christian-Jewish dialogue.

Dr. Eva Fleischner will discuss Heschel's role in Christian-Jewish relations, with a special emphasis on Vatican II. A leading interfaith and Holocaust scholar, Dr. Fleischner will share her personal insights on Abraham Joshua Heschel and the lasting impact of his work.



Respondent: Dr. Herzl Spiro

Dr. Spiro will respond to Dr. Fleischner's remarks from a Jewish perspective. Dr. Spiro holds both an M.D. and a Ph.D and has taught Bible and Jewish studies for decades.

Sunday, September 25, 2005

7:00 - 9:00 PM

**St. Matthias Parish
9306 W. Beloit Road
Milwaukee, WI 53227**

This program is free and open to the public. Dessert reception immediately following.

Culminating Event

Sunday, November 6, 2005

**Pfister Hotel - Grand Ballroom
424 E. Wisconsin Avenue**

On Turning Forty: Visions for a New Generation

presented by



Rabbi David Sandmel
Rabbi, K.A.M. Isaiah Israel
Congregation,
Chicago, IL



Dr. Mary Boys
Skinner and McAlpin
Professor of Practical Theology
Union Theological Seminary, NY

Rabbi David Sandmel and Dr. Mary Boys, two of the nation's leading interfaith scholars, will join us for the concluding event of our year-long celebration. Rabbi Sandmel and Dr. Boys will share their individual perspectives on the future of Christian-Jewish relations. These renowned theologians have devoted an enormous amount of effort to the cause of interfaith relations; their rich contributions, both past and present, continue to provide the framework for further Christian-Jewish dialogue and to ensure a strong and vital relationship between Christians and Jews in the future.

5:00 PM Cocktails
6:00 PM Dinner
8:00 PM Keynote Address

Opening remarks by
The Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of Milwaukee



*Invitations for this program will be mailed closer to the time of the event.
Please watch your mail for further details.*

Registration

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Congregation _____

Please register below for the programs you plan to attend. A separate registration is required for each person. Your early registration helps us to better plan for these important events. Please read the brochure carefully for full details of each event.

	I will Attend	Cost
Jan. 30th, Reflections on <i>Nostra Aetate</i>: The Catalyst for Conversation	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
Study Session I: <i>Gentleman's Agreement</i>		
Sunday, February 13, Sacred Heart School of Theology	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
Wednesday, February 16th, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
Study Session II: <i>The Faithful Revolution: Vatican II and Israel: A Nation is Born</i>		
Sunday, March 13, Sacred Heart School of Theology	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
Wednesday March 16, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
Study Session III: <i>Stolen Summer</i>		
Wednesday, April 13, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
Sunday, April 17, Sacred Heart School of Theology	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
Study Session IV: <i>Keeping the Faith</i>		
Sunday, May 22, Sacred Heart School of Theology	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
Wednesday, May 25, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
March 14, Passover Seder, Congregation Sinai	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00
Architectural Tours		
Sunday, June 26, Cathedral/Helene Zelazo Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
I will be riding the bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00*
Sunday, July 10, Beth El Ner Tamid /St. Matthias Parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
I will be riding the bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00*
Sunday, July 24, Congregation Shalom/Basilica of St. Josaphat	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
I will be riding the bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00*
* fee applies only if transportation will be used		
September 18, Cathedral Concert & Reception	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
September 25, Dr. Eva Fleischner Lecture on Abraham Heschel	<input type="checkbox"/>	free
I would like to donate for the ongoing work of the Conference.	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
		Total enclosed: \$ _____

November 6th, Culminating Banquet, Pfister Hotel *Watch your mail for invitations.*

For more information, call the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations, 414-390-5781
or visit www.archmil.org/cjc

Please return this form with any payment due to:
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1360 N. Prospect Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202

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