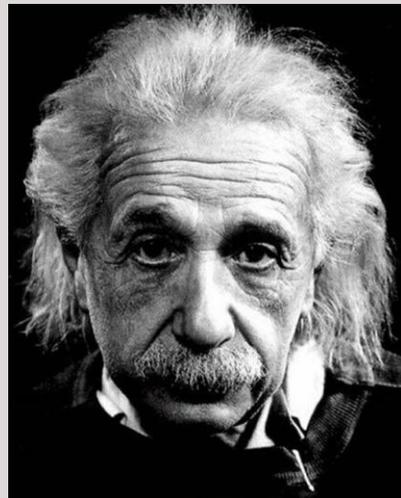


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The Meaning of Life?

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Now that our lives have been put on hold and we've got this socially distancing thing down, never has the urge been so great to share mostly humorous video clips, pictures, jokes, GIFs, blogs, etc. Not a bad thing, since we can all use a good laugh, especially during these pandemic times. But for many, this pause has also given us an opportunity to turn inward and consider some of the mysteries of life, the universe and everything else. OK, so even that's a little tongue in cheek, but for those who would like to see some of our fellow Jews wax philosophical over more cerebral matters -- *like the meaning of life* -- then this article is for you. We'll start with our resident, go-to genius, Albert Einstein, who said :



A human being is a part of the whole, called by us the "Universe," a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separate from the rest—a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to

us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

For a broad spectrum (12 more) of Jewish reflections on the meaning of life, click [HERE](#)

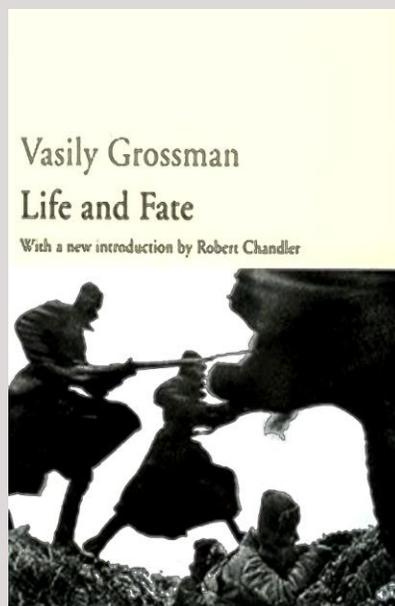
CBA Book Club Recommendation

By Sharon Nosenchuk

***Life and Fate* by Vasily Grossman**

Are you looking for something to read while stuck at home during the global pandemic of Covid-19?

Life and Fate is the perfect book to read while you have a large chunk of time before you. At over 800 pages, Life and Fate requires time to read, but it is a worthwhile effort to take the time to read this book that has been called the the greatest World War Two novel ever written...



Please Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.

Holocaust Remembrance Day

4/21/2020

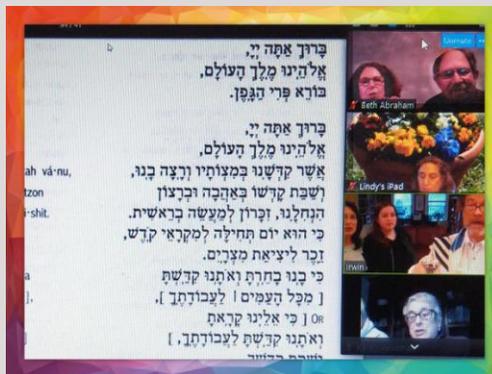
Please take a moment on Tuesday, April 21, Holocaust Remembrance Day to reflect on those who perished in the Shoah. If you would like to view a film in keeping with the commemoration, please click on the link below. "No. 4 Street of Our Lady" tells the true story of the Polish woman who risked her life by hiding and saving 16 Jews, and one resistant German soldier in her house during the war. (submitted by Lloyd Gerbush



Click [HERE](#)

FRIDAY NIGHT ZOOM SERVICES

We had well over 30 people participating in our Zoom Friday night service,



led by Cantor Gelman on April 17. It was great being able to see one another after such long time. Don't sweat it if you couldn't make it this past Friday. We will be doing it again soon (details to be announced) To give you a taste of what it was like, here's a screen-capture video of V'shamru. Take note of the thumbnail images to the right of the siddur/ The screen only displays 4 thumbnails at a time but if you remain patient, you'll eventually see more participants pop in.

Click [HERE](#)

POST PASSOVER NEWS

Because of the Covid 19 situation, a large shipment of bitter herbs destined for Passover Seders was stranded at Madrid airport. So unfortunately, the chrain* in Spain stays mainly on the plane.

*("chrain" is Yiddish for horseradish --
as our Bubbes and Zaydes used to say!)*

WE NEED YOU!!

... to submit articles, links (*video, musical, informational*), personal thoughts, comments, etc. for future issues of the CBA



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Final Thoughts

In the “time of the Covid,” one of the mantras we hear people repeating is, “I can’t wait until things get back to normal again.”



Perfectly understandable. We

want our jobs, we want our health we want our

schools. We want our social, cultural and religious

interactions. We want to shop, wine, dine and travel

where we want, when we want. Right now we've hit the collective pause button. After this is over we will hit reset. But is that good enough? Click [HERE](#) for the full essay.

STAY TUNED

Our next issue will feature items from the CBA archives, with reflections by George Schwartzman on the Jewish presence on Elmwood Ave (in its heyday) and surrounding areas.

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