



# Jewish War Veterans of the USA

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### Minutes of the 21 April 2024 Department Meeting

Approved by EXCOM 9 June 2024

- The meeting, conducted at the Zekelman Holocaust Center (ZHC)i, was called to order by DC Weiss at 1105.
- OOD Adler prepared the Altar.
- DC Weiss led JWV-MI in Honors to the Nation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- CH Gartner read the opening prayer.
- SrVC Glogower introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Perry Ohren, CEO of Jewish Family Service (JFS) who provided an in-depth description of the history and services of JFS. Of particular note were the following:
  - Current operating budget (\$28 million) is subsidized \$17 million by the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany (<https://www.claimscon.org/regions/north-america/united-states/>) which oversees reparations payments from WWII.
  - JFS provides for basic needs, mental health and wellness support, and support to the elderly to allow them to “age in place.”
  - Bottom Line: JFS was established to help you in your time of need.
- No Quartermaster report.
- Programs—SrVC Glogower reported on the following upcoming activities:
  - Memorial Day Ceremonies on 26 May 24 at Machpelah (1030) and Hebrew Memorial (1300). He will serve as OIC.
  - Memorial Day Parade on 27 May 24 in Royal Oak (0900)
  - No speaker at June’s Annual Convention (23 Jun 24)
  - Independence Day Parade in Oak Park on 4 Jul 24. (Time TBD)
  - 21 Jul 24 speaker is Paul Gould who will discuss his experiences as a participant in an “Honor Flight”
- Membership & Public Relations—JrVC Schenk)
  - Orientation meeting in Ann Arbor, 11 Apr 24. No new attendees, but did meet with current JWV-MI member Sid Lichter, recent transfer from Florida Larry Harris, and the Ann Arbor *shaliach* to discuss potential meeting with IDF soldiers on 16 May
  - Community Activities of note
    - Flag Collection Reminder
    - Michigan Veterans Summit, 1-3 May 24
    - Yom HaShoah, 5 May 24
    - JWV-MI is host at GLNC for Memorial Day
- Reports from Posts
  - Post 135
    - Post is solvent with investments continuing to generate cash
    - 63 Members/Patrons
    - Upcoming visit to JHSM at DHM (9 May 24)
    - Elected Schenk/Breshgold; Installed Mike Breshgold as Post 135 SrVC
    - Two members (Cook and Kaufman) honored at “8 Over 80” on 19 May
  - Post 474
    - Solvent
    - Reed/Adler/Gulick elected and/or installed as PC, SrVC, and JrVC

- Post 510
  - Solvent
  - Glogower/Garbeil elected/installed as PC and SrVC
- Old Business
  - Post Election Results as reported by PCs; DC Weiss reminder to submit Installation Form (Warrant) in timely fashion.
  - JWV-MI By-Laws Review is ongoing. Expect to distribute to all members for comment not later than 1 May 24. Vote to ratify and submit to JWV-USA as part of 23 Jun 24 Annual Convention.
  - Has received poppies and distributed to posts as requested. Require labels to be affixed, and they were also distributed.
  - Fisher House Gala was attended by DC Weiss, Sr VC Emeritus Fishman, and Schenk, Berry, and Reed. Candelabras in process of engraving for presentation to Fisher House Detroit at a future date (closer to its actual opening).
- New Business
  - Yom HaShoah ceremony at ZHC, 5 May 24 at 1300. Winter parade uniform.
  - Grave Flagging to occur on 6 May 24 at Machpelah at 1100. Inclement weather date is 8 May 24
  - No meeting on 19 May due to conflict with "8 Over 80."
  - Project Maggid speakers at Hillel Day School on 23 May 24.
  - Members with flags to be retired at GLNC should bring them to the JWV-MI EXCOM meeting on 9 Jun 24.
  - Next JWV-MI meeting is 23 Jun 24 at ZHC at 1100. Department elections and installation of officers will occur as will vote to ratify revised By-Laws.
  - Annual Meeting of JWVMHA will occur on 23 Jun 24; includes election of officers.
  - Otto Dube described a Flag Retirement event to occur on 16 Jun 24 (Father's Day) that is being coordinated with Hebrew Memorial Chapel. Flag burial will occur at Hebrew Memorial Cemetery.
  - Mark Segel announced upcoming trip to Israel sponsored by Temple Shir Shalom (16-22 Jun 24).
  - Ethan Gross announced upcoming trip to Israel sponsored by Aish Detroit (either 7 or 15 Jul 24 departure).
- There being no further business, DC Weiss adjourned meeting at 1200 without objection. CH Gartner read the closing prayer and OOD Adler secured the Altar. DC Weiss led JWV-MI in Honors to the Nation.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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