List of Works: Ben Shahn, On Nonconformity

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ART AND ACTIVISM



The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti, 1931–32 Tempera on canvas mounted on composition board 84 x 48 in. (213.4 x 121.9 cm) Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, Gift of Edith and Milton Lowenthal in memory of Juliana Force



Bartolomeo Vanzetti and Nicola Sacco, from The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti series, 1931–32 Gouache on paper on board, 10 7/8 x 14 5/8 in. (27.6 x 37.1 cm) Museum of Modern Art, New York Gift of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, 1935



Vanzetti and Sacco and Their Guards, from The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti series, 1931–32
Gouache on paper
10 x 14 1/2 in. (95.4 x 36.8 cm)
Collection of Lawrence and Elyse Benenson, New York



The Lowell Committee, from The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti series, 1931–32 Gouache and pen and ink on paper 10 1/4 x 14 3/8 in. (26 x 36.5 cm). Collection of Lawrence and Elyse Benenson, New York



Judge Webster Thayer, from The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti series, 1931–32 Gouache and pen and ink on paper 13 1/2 x 10 in. (34.3 x 25.4 cm) Collection of Lawrence and Elyse Benenson, New York



Sacco's Family After the Verdict, from The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti series, 1931-32
Gouache and pen and black ink on paper 10 3/4 x 10 in. (27.3 x 25.4 cm)
The Spiro Family Courtesy of Debra Force Fine Art, New York



Three Witnesses, from The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti series, 1931-32
Watercolor on paper
10 1/8 x 13 1/2 in. (25.7 x 34.3 cm)
Montclair Art Museum, New Jersey
Bequest in the memory of Moses and Ida Soyer



Nicola Sacco's Mother and Father, from The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti series, 1931–32
Watercolor, gouache, and ink on paper mounted on Masonite
9 1/2 x 15 1/4 in. (24.1 x 38.7 cm)
Collection of Michael Berg, Fairfax Station, Virginia



My Son is Innocent, from The Mooney Case series,1932 Gouache on paper mounted on Masonite 16 5/16 × 12 in. (41.5 x 30.4 cm) Collection of Bruce and Robbi Toll, Rydal, Pennsylvania



Tom Mooney Handcuffed, from The Mooney Case series, 1932-33
Gouache on paper
16 1/2 x 14 1/4 in. (41.9 x 36.2 cm)
Governor of New Jersey Purchase Award, The Association for the Arts of the New Jersey State Museum Purchase Award, Art From New Jersey Four



Two Witnesses, Mellie Edeau and Sadie Edeau, from The Mooney Case series, 1932
Tempera on paper on board
12 1/8 x 16 1/8 in. (30.8 x 41 cm)
Museum of Modern Art, New York
Purchase, 1946



Rena and Tom Mooney, from The Mooney Case series, 1933
Tempera on paper mounted on Masonite 20 1/2 × 14 1/2 in. (52 x 36.8 cm)
Collection of Bruce and Robbi Toll, Rydal, Pennsylvania



Father Coughlin, 1939
Watercolor and ink
15 1/2 x 12 in. (39.4 × 30.5 cm)
Columbus Museum of Art, Ohio
Museum purchase, Derby Fund, from the Philip J. and
Suzanne Schiller Collection of American Social
Commentary Art, 1930–1970



East Side Soap Box, 1936
Gouache on paper
17 1/2 x 11 3/8 in. (44.5 x 28.9 cm)
The Jewish Museum, New York. Purchase: Deana Bezark
Fund in memory of Leslie Bezark; Mrs. Jack N. Berkman,
Susan and Arthur Fleischer, Dr. Jack Allen and Shirley
Kapland, Hanni and Peter Kaufmann, Hyman L. and Joan
C. Sall Funds, and Margaret Goldstein Bequest, 1995-61



Governor James Rolph, Jr. of California, from The Mooney Case series, 1932–33 16 1/2 x 12 in. (41.9 x 30.4 cm) Gouache on board Collection of Sally Kay and Scott Hochhauser, New York

ART AND ACTIVISM VITRINE #1



Photographer unknown

"Two Blood-Hunting Vultures, Mellie Edeau and Sadie Edeau, Self-Confessed Perjurers," Justice and Labor in the Mooney Case, January 1, 1919
San Francisco, International Workers' Defense League Exhibition copy of a pamphlet page
11 13/16 x 9 7/16 in. (30 × 24 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Photographer unknown, International News Photograph Service

"Mother' Mooney, 84, as She Waited with Miss Anna Mooney, Daughter, in the Corridors of the California Capitol at Sacramento for Governor James Rolph, Jr.'s Decision in the Motion Plea of Her Son, Thomas J. Mooney..." c. 1931–32
Exhibition copy of newspaper clipping 5 1/2 x 6 1/8 in (14 x 15.5 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Paul Thompson

"The Soap-Box Orator and His Auditors" National Geographic Magazine, July 1918 Closed: 10 x 7 x ¼ in. (25.4 x 17.8 x 0.64 cm) Private collection, United States



Photographer unknown
Sacco and Vanzetti, 1927
Gelatin silver print press photograph
8 x 10 in. (20.3 x 25.4 cm)
Collection of Michael Berg, Fairfax Station, Virginia



Photographer unknown
Nicola Sacco's Father and Mother, Are They Doomed?,
1920
New York, Workers Defense Union
Exhibition copy of a pamphlet page
9 x 6 in. (22.9 x 15.2 cm)
Tamiment Library and Robert F. Wagner Archives, New
York University



Ben Shahn: The Mooney Case, 1933
The Downtown Gallery, New York
Exhibition brochure
Closed: 8 9/16 x 5 7/16 in. (21.8 × 13.8 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



George Maurer "Amnesty! On Sacco-Vanzetti Day!," Labor Defender, August 1931 Closed: 12 x 9 1/2 x 3 3/4 in. (30.5 x 24.1 x 1.9 cm) Tamiment Library and Robert F. Wagner Archives, New York University



Marion D. Frankfurter and Gardner Jackson, eds. The Letters of Sacco and Vanzetti; Written During the Seven Years (1920–1927) of their imprisonment, 1929 London, Constable & Company LTD 7 1/4 x 4 7/8 x 1 in. (18.4 x 12.4 x 2.5 cm) Private collection, United States



E. E. Cummings, *Tom*, from ballet scenario based on *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, 1935 Frontispiece by Ben Shahn New York, Arrow Editions Closed: 8 3/4 x 8 1/4 x 3/8 in. (22.2 x 20.9 x 0.95 cm)

Open: 8 3/4 x 16 1/2 in. (22.2 x 41.9 cm) Private collection, United States

A NEW DEAL FOR ART



2002-34

Untitled [Artists' Union demonstrators, Division IX, May Day Parade, Communist Party Route, Fifth Avenue and Madison Square, New York City], 1935
Gelatin silver print
6 x 9 1/8 in. (15.2 x 23.2 cm)
Jewish Museum, New York
Purchase: Photography Acquisitions Committee Fund,



Untitled (Bleecker Street, Greenwich Village, New York City), 1932-35
Gelatin silver print
6 × 9 1/8 in. (15.2 × 23.2 cm)
Jewish Museum, New York
Purchase: Photography Acquisitions Committee Fund, 2002-33



6th Ave. [New York City], 1932–35 Gelatin silver print mounted 7 5/16 × 9 15/16 in. (20.1 x 25.3 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Greenwich Village [New York City], 1932-34 Gelatin silver print mounted 8 x 9 15/16 in. (20.3 x 25.2 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Untitled [Jewish Children, between First and Second Avenues, Lower East Side, New York City], c. 1931–32 Gelatin silver print mounted 7 5/16 x 9 3/4 in. (18.6 x 24.7 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Greenwich Village [New York City], 1932–35 Gelatin silver print mounted 8 x 9 15/16 in. (20.3 x 25.3 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Untitled [New York City Reformatory, New Hampton, New York], 1934
Gelatin silver print
6 1/4 x 9 3/8 in. (15.9 x 23.8 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Untitled [Lower East Side, New York City], April 1936 Gelatin silver print 7 15/16 x 10 1/8 in. (20.2 x 25.7 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



East Side Merchants [Lower East Side, New York City], April 1936 Gelatin silver print 8 1/4 x 10 1/8 in. (20.9 x 25.7 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Bowery [New York City], April 1936 Gelatin silver print mounted 7 15/16 x 10 3/16 in. (20.1 x 25.9 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Untitled [Bowery, New York City], April 1936, printed 1995 Gelatin silver print from original 35 mm negative; made with permission of Bernarda Bryson Shahn 6 1/4 x 9 1/4 in. (15.9 x 23.5 cm) Private collection, United States



Untitled [Lower East Side, New York City], April 1936 Gelatin silver print 6 13/16 x 9 11/16 in. (17.3 x 24.6 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Family of Rehabilitation Client, Boone County, Arkansas, October 1935
Gelatin silver print
7 15/16 x 9 11/16 in. (20.2 × 24.6 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Rehabilitation Clients, Boone County, Arkansas, October 1935 Digital exhibition print from 35 mm negative Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection



Music for the Square Dance, Skyline Farms, Alabama, 1937
Gelatin silver print
8 1/8 x 10 3/16 in. (20.6 x 25.9 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Children of Sharecropper, Little Rock, Arkansas, October 1935 Gelatin silver print 7 15/16 x 9 15/16 in. (20.2 x 25.2 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Cotton Pickers, Pulaski County, Arkansas, October 1935 Digital exhibition print from 35 mm negative Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection



Son of Destitute Ozark Family, Arkansas, October 1935 Gelatin silver print 8 x 9 13/16 in. (20.3 x 24.9 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Citizens of Camden, Tennessee, October 1935 Gelatin silver print 8 x 9 15/16 in. (20.3 x 25.2 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Bank in Smithland, Kentucky, October 1935 Gelatin silver print mounted approx. 7 1/2 × 9 1/16 in. (19 x 23 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Untitled [Steel Strike, Warren, Ohio], summer 1937 Gelatin silver print 7 15/16 x 9 15/16 in. (20.2 x 25.3 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



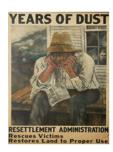
Watching Medicine Show, Huntingdon, Tennessee, October 1935 Gelatin silver print 7 15/16 x 9 15/16 in. (20.2 × 25.2 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Child of Fortuna Family, Hammond, Louisiana, October 1935 Gelatin silver print 8 1/16 x 10 in. (20.5 × 25.4 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Untitled [Steel Strike, Warren, Ohio], summer 1937 Gelatin silver print 7 15/16 x 10 3/16 in. (20.1 x 25.8 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Years of Dust, 1936 Lithograph 37 7/8 x 25 in. (96.2 x 63.5 cm) Museum of Modern Art, New York Gift of the designer, 1947



Bernarda Bryson Shahn (American, 1903-2004)

A Mule and a Plow, 1936
Photo-offset lithograph
38 1/16 x 25 in. (96.7 x 63.5 cm)
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Gift of Jake Milgram Wien in honor of the 95th birthday
of Bernarda Bryson Shahn



Scotts Run, West Virginia, 1937
Tempera on paper mounted on wood
22 5/8 x 28 1/4 in. (57.5 x 71.8 cm)
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Purchase



Puddlers' Sunday, 1937 or 1938
Tempera on paper mounted to board
16 x 23 3/4 in. (40.6 × 60.3 cm)
Collection of the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center,
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hackett (Frances Goodrich, class of 1912)



Unemployed, c. 1938
Tempera on board
13 1/4 x 16 1/8 in. (33.7 x 41 cm)
Schoen Collection



Contemporary American Sculpture, 1940
Tempera on paper mounted to hardboard
21 x 30 1/8 in. (53.2 × 76.5 cm)
Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois
Arts of the Americas Discretionary Fund; Wesley M. Dixon
Jr., Roger and J. Peter McCormick, Goodman, and Mr.
and Mrs. Frederick G. Wacker endowment funds; through
prior gift of Mr. and Mrs. Martin A. Ryerson; Ada Turnbull
Hertle, Stan and Polly Stone, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Puth,
and Jay W. McGreevy endowment funds; Luella Thomas
Fund; Delphine G. Schoen Trust and Dr. Julian Archie
endowment funds



Handball, 1939
Gouache on paper on board
22 3/4 x 31 1/4 in. (57.8 x 79.4 cm)
Museum of Modern Art, New York
Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Fund, 1940

A NEW DEAL FOR ART VITRINE #2



Untitled [Houston Street Playground, East Houston Street, New York City], 1932–35
Exhibition print; original: gelatin silver print
Harvard Art Museums/Fogg Museum, Cambridge,
Massachusetts
Gift of Bernarda Bryson Shahn
© President and Fellows of Harvard College



Houston Street Playground [East Houston Street, New York City], 1932–35
Exhibition print; original: gelatin silver print
Harvard Art Museums/Fogg Museum, Cambridge,
Massachusetts
Gift of Bernarda Bryson Shahn
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Photographs by Ben Shahn
"Scenes from the Living Theatre," New Theatre,
November 1934
Closed: 12 x 9 1/2 x 1 1/8 in. (30.5 x 24.1 x 2.9 cm)
Tamiment Library and Robert F. Wagner Archives, New York University



Untitled [Welfare Hospital, Welfare Island, New York City], 1934-35
Exhibition print; original: gelatin silver print
Harvard Art Museums/Fogg Museum, Cambridge,
Massachusetts
Gift of Bernarda Bryson Shahn
© President and Fellows of Harvard College



Cecil Beaton
Portrait of New York, 1948
London, B.T. Batsford
Closed: 9 x 6 x 7/8 in. (22.9 x 15.2 x 2.2 cm)
Private Collection, United States



Art Front magazine, November 1934
Published by the Artists' Union
Closed: 12 3/16 x 9 3/16 in. (31 x 23.3 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, DC, Hugo Gellert papers



Illustration by Ben Shahn "Jonas 'Patrick Henry' Lie," *Art Front* magazine, April 1935 Published by the Artists' Union Closed: 16 1/8 x 10 15/16 in. (41 × 27.7 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Art Front collection





Photographs by Lou Block (American, 1895–1969), Lucienne Bloch (American, born in Switzerland, 1909–1999), and Ben Shahn Art Front magazine, January 1935 Published by the Artists' Union Closed: 16 5/16 x 10 15/16 in. (41.4 x 27.8 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Art Front collection



Untitled [Artists' Union and Artists Committee of Action Demonstrations, NYC], 1934–35
Gelatin silver print
4 3/8 x 6 5/8 in. (11.1 x 16.8 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, DC, Bernarda Bryson Shahn papers



Untitled [Artists' Union and Artists Committee of Action Demonstrations, NYC], 1934–35
Gelatin silver print
4 5/16 x 6 1/2 in. (10.9 x 16.5 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, DC, Bernarda Bryson Shahn papers



Untitled [Artists' Union and Artists Committee of Action Demonstrations, NYC], 1934–35
Gelatin silver print
4 5/8 x 7 in. (11.7 x 17.8 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, DC, Bernarda Bryson Shahn papers



Untitled [Artists' Union and Artists Committee of Action Demonstrations, NYC], 1934–35
Gelatin silver print
5 15/16 x 8 3/4 in. (15.1 x 22.3 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, DC, Bernarda Bryson Shahn papers

A NEW DEAL FOR ART VITRINE #3



Payoff at Pursglove Mine, Scotts Run, West Virginia, October 1935 Digital exhibition print from 35 mm negative Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection



Striking Miners, Scotts Run, West Virginia, October 1935 Digital exhibition print from 35 mm negative Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection



Archibald MacLeish

Land of the Free, 1938

New York, Harcourt, Brace and Company
Closed: 9 3/8 x 7 1/4 x 3/4 in. (23.8 x 18.4 x 1.9 cm)

Private collection, United States



Edward Steichen

The Family of Man: The Greatest Photographic Exhibition of All Time—503 Pictures from 68 Countries—Created by Edward Steichen for the Museum of Modern Art, 1955 New York, Maco Magazine Corporation Closed: 11 3/16 x 8 1/2 x 7/ 16 inches (28.4 x 21.6 x 1.1 cm)

Closed: 11 3/16 x 8 1/2 x // 16 inches (28.4 x 21.6 x 1.1 cm)
Private collection, United States



Richard Wright and Edwin Rosskam

Twelve Million Black Voices: A Folk History of the Negro in the United States, 1941

New York, Viking Press

Closed: 10 1/4 x 7 1/4 x 5/8 in. (26 x 18.4 x 1.6 cm)

Private collection, United States



Cotton Pickers, 6:30 a.m., Alexander Plantation, Pulaski County, Arkansas, October 1935 Digital exhibition print from 35 mm negative Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection



Untitled [related to Cotton Pickers, Pulaski County, Arkansas], October 1935
Digital exhibition print from 35 mm negative
Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division,
FSA/OWI Collection



Cotton Pickers, Pulaski County, Arkansas, October 1935 Digital exhibition print from 35 mm negative Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection



Cotton Pickers, Pulaski County, Arkansas, October 1935 Digital exhibition print from 35 mm negative Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection

LABOR MOVEMENT



Study for Great State of Wisconsin mural, c. 1937 Gouache, ink, and graphite on illustration board 4 x 17 1/2 in. (10.2 x 44.5 cm) Collection of halley k harrisburg and Michael Rosenfeld, New York Courtesy of Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, LLC, New York



Carpenter's Helper #2, c. 1940-42 Gouache on cardboard 10 7/8 x 5 1/2 in. (27.6 x 14 cm) Columbus Museum of Art, Ohio Museum Purchase, Howald Fund



Steel Worker [study for The Meaning of Social Security mural, Washington, DC], 1940–42 Gouache on paper 10 7/8 x 5 1/2 in. (27.6 x 14 cm) Collection of Adam and Erika Berg, Washington, DC



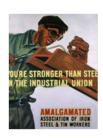
Harvesting Wheat [study for The Meaning of Social Security mural], 1941
Buon fresco on wall board
33 x 44 1/2 x 2 in. (83.8 x 113 cm)
D. Wigmore Fine Art, Inc., New York



Study for Jersey Homesteads mural, c. 1936
Tempera on paper on Masonite
19 1/2 x 27 1/2 x 2 in. (49.5 x 69.9 cm)
Collection of Marlene and Alan Gilbert, Greenwich,
Connecticut



Organize...Steel Workers Organizing Committee, 1930s Gouache on illustration board 40 x 29 7/8 in. (101.3 x 75.9 cm) New Jersey State Museum, Trenton Museum Purchase



You're Stronger than Steel, 1937 Gouache on board 38 x 28 1/4 x 1 in. (96.5 x 71.8 cm) D. Wigmore Fine Art, Inc., New York



Man, 1946 Tempera on board 22 13/16 x 16 5/16 in. (57.9 x 41.5 cm) Museum of Modern Art, New York Gift of Mr. & Mrs. E. Powis Jones, 1958



Bricklayers, 1951 Tempera on paper 14 x 11 in. (35.5 x 27.9 cm) Collection of Debra and Michael Skolnick, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania



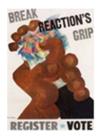
Our Friend, 1944
Offset photolithograph in colors
29 7/8 x 39 1/2 in (75.9 x 100.3 cm)
Collection of Michael Berg, Fairfax Station, Virginia



For Full Employment After the War, Register, Vote [Welders], 1944
Offset photolithograph in colors
28 3/4 x 39 in. (73 x 99.1 cm)
Collection of Michael Berg, Fairfax Station, Virginia



For All These Rights We've Just Begun to Fight, 1946 Photo-offset lithograph on paper 29 x 38 3/4 in (73.7 × 98.4 cm) Maier Museum of Art, Randolph College, founded as Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia



Break Reaction's Grip, 1946
Photo-offset lithograph on paper
41 7/16 x 29 1/8 in (105.3 × 74 cm)
Maier Museum of Art, Randolph College, founded as
Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia

THE LABOR MOVEMENT VITRINE #4



Ronny Jaques (British, 1910–2008)

Ben Shahn [CIO-PAC Office, New York City], c. 1945

Exhibition print; original: gelatin silver print

Private collection, United States; original: National

Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC



Photographer unknown Untitled [Ben Shahn's CIO Poster on Wall, East Harlem, New York City], c. 1944
Gelatin silver print
10 1/4 x 8 3/16 in. (26 x 20.8 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Sam Nichols, Tenant Farmer, Boone County, Arkansas, October 1935 Digital exhibition print from 35 mm negative Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection



Alfred T. Palmer (American, 1906-1993)
Their Helmets Hoisted Back on Their Heads, These Two
Welders Take Time Out for a Smoke and Breath of Fresh
Air. Hundreds of Welders are Employed in the Building of
Uncle Sam's New Navy Craft. Newport News, Va., October
1941
Gelatin silver print

Gelatin silver print 8 1/8 x 10 1/4 in. (20.6 x 26 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Ben Shahn papers



Ben Shahn and Muriel Rukeyser (American, 1913-1980)

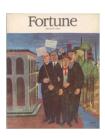
Our Manpower, c. 1943

Exhibition copy of poster

14 9/16 x 20 1/16 in (37 x 51 cm)

The New York Public Library

Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of English and American Literature, Muriel Rukeyser papers



Cover image by Ben Shahn
Fortune magazine, August 1947
13 x 10 1/2 x 5/16 in. (33 x 26.7 x 0.8 cm)
Private collection, United States



Cover image by Ben Shahn
Fortune magazine, January 1951
13 x 10 1/8 x 1/4 in. (33 x 25.7 x 0.64 cm)
Private collection, United States



Carl Mydans (American, 1907-2004)
Stone Masons at Work at Hightstown, New Jersey,
November 1935
Digital exhibition print from 3 1/4 x 4 1/4 in. or smaller
negative
Private collection, United States; original: Library of
Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI

WAR AND ITS AFTERMATH

Collection



We Fight for a Free World!, c. 1942 Gouache and tempera on board 13 1/2 x 29 3/4 in (34.3 x 75.6 cm) Collection of halley k harrisburg and Michael Rosenfeld, New York Courtesy of Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, LLC, New York



This is Nazi Brutality, 1942 Offset photolithograph in colors 37 x 27 3/4 in. (94 × 70.5 cm) Madison Art Collection, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia Gift of Michael Berg, 2013



We French Workers Warn You...Defeat Means Slavery, Starvation, Death, 1942 Offset photolithograph in colors 27 3/4 x 39 1/4 in. (70.5 x 99.7 cm) Madison Art Collection, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia Gift of Michael Berg, 2013



Blind Accordion Player, 1945
Tempera on board
25 1/2 x 38 1/4 in. (64.8 x 97.1 cm)
Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, State
University of New York
Gift of Roy R. Neuberger



Liberation, 1945
Gouache on board
29 3/4 x 40 in. (75.6 x 101.4 cm)
Museum of Modern Art, New York
James Thrall Soby Bequest, 1980



1943 AD, c. 1943
Tempera on pressboard
30 3/4 x 27 3/4 in (78.1 x 70.5 cm)
Syracuse University Art Museum, New York
Gift of Chancellor William Pearson Tolley '22



Italian Landscape, 1943–44
Tempera on paper
27 1/2 x 36 in (69.8 × 91.4 cm)
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
Gift of the T. B. Walker Foundation, Gilbert M. Walker
Fund, 1944



New York, 1947
Tempera on paper mounted on canvas and panel 35 15/16 x 47 15/16 in. (91.3 x 121.8 cm)
The Jewish Museum, New York
Purchase: Oscar and Regina Gruss Charitable and Educational Foundation Fund, 1996-23

WAR AND ITS AFTERMATH VITRINE #5



14th St. [New York City], 1932–34 Gelatin silver print 7 1/4 × 9 3/4 in. (18.5 x 24.7 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Photographer unknown
"His Victory, Her Loss," c. 1935-36
Newspaper clipping
11 11/16 x 6 11/16 in. (29.7 × 17 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Photographer unknown
"Spanish Refugees on Their Way to Madrid"
New York Times, November 3, 1936
Newspaper clipping
7 x 8 1/16 in. (17.8 x 20.5 cm)
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Photographer unknown, Times Wide World Photos, Paris Bureau
"Where the Horrors of War Go On. Women and Children

of Jaen, near Granada...Air Raids and Bombardments Which Destroyed Their Homes," c. 1936–37 Newspaper clipping 8 7/16 x 5 1/2 in. (21.5 × 14 cm) Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,



Photographer unknown, ACME Parade of Jeeps Through Cisterna Castle, Italy, June 9, 1944

Gelatin silver print with paper label

Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers

Print: 7 1/16 x 9 1/16 in. (18 x 23 cm), with label: 10 1/16 x 9 1/16 in. (25.5 x 23 cm)

9 1/10 III. (25.5 X 25 CIII)

Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers





The Royal Hellenic Government, ed.

Conditions in Greece: Confidential Photographic Record,

1942 Pamphlet

Closed: 4 3/4 x 6 1/2 in. (12 x 16.5 cm)

Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers

AGE OF ANXIETY: THE COLD WAR



Vandenberg, Dewey, and Taft, 1941 Screen print in colors 16 x 22 1/2 in (40.6 × 57.2 cm) Collection of Michael Berg, Fairfax Station, Virginia



A Good Man is Hard to Find, 1948 Lithograph in colors 43 5/8 x 29 3/4 in. (110.8 x 75.6 cm) Collection of Michael Berg, Fairfax Station, Virginia



Conversations, 1958
Opaque watercolor and brush and ink on paper mounted on board $38\ 3/4\ x\ 25\ 1/2$ in $(98.4\times64.8\ cm)$ Whitney Museum of American Art, New York Purchase, with funds from the Friends of the Whitney Museum of American Art



Everyman, 1954
Tempera and oil on canvas mounted to composition board
72 1/8 x 24 in (183.2 × 61 cm)
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Purchase



Existentialists, 1957
Watercolor on heavy paperboard
46 1/4 x 33 1/4 in (117.5 × 84.5 cm)
Brooklyn Museum, New York
Dick S. Ramsay Fund



Second Allegory, 1953
Tempera on canvas mounted on Masonite
53 3/8 x 31 3/8 x 1 in. (135.6 x 79.7 cm)
Krannert Art Museum at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Purchase through the Festival of Arts fund



Artist and Politicians, 1953 Ink on paper 23 1/2 x 18 1/2 in (59.7 × 47 cm) New Jersey State Museum, Trenton Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Merians



Blind Botanist #2, 1954
Tempera on canvas, mounted to board
21 1/8 x 17 1/4 in (53.7 × 43.8 cm)
Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, State
University of New York
Gift from the Dina and Alexander E. Racolin Collection



Head of Oppenheimer, c. 1954
Ink and brush drawing on paper
17 15/16 x 13 3/4 in. (45.6 x 34.9 cm)
The Jewish Museum, New York
Gift of Amy Madden and Griffin Taylor in memory of
Joseph Devernay, 2024-21



Lute and Molecules #2, 1958
Screen print in black with hand coloring
26 x 40 in (66 × 101.6 cm)
Collection of Michael Berg, Fairfax Station, Virginia

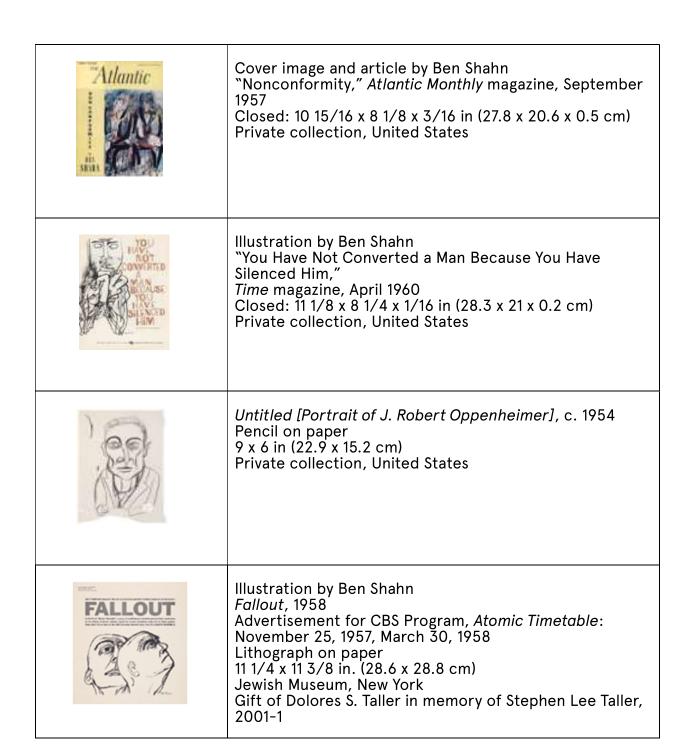


We Did Not Know What Happened to Us [from The Saga of the Lucky Dragon series], c. 1960
Tempera on wood
48 x 72 1/8 in (121.9 × 183.2 cm)
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC
Gift of S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.



Stop H Bomb Tests, 1960 Screen print in red, blue, and black 43 3/8 x 34 1/16 in. (110.1 × 86.5 cm) Madison Art Collection, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia Gift of Michael Berg, 2020

COLD WAR VITRINE #6	
THE SHAPE OF CONTENT	Essays and illustrations by Ben Shahn The Shape of Content, 1957 Cambridge, Harvard University Press Closed: 9 1/4 x 6 3/8 x 5/8 in (23.5 x 16.2 x 1.6 cm) Private collection, United States
PA A	Untitled [Portrait of Roy M. Cohn] c. 1954 Ink on paper 6 1/4 x 4 3/4 in (15.9 x 12 cm) Private collection, United States
	Edgar Kemler, with illustrations by Ben Shahn "Will Joe Bolt the G.O.P.? Ike Would be Delighted," Nation magazine, May 15, 1954 Closed: 11 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1 1/2 in (29.2 x 21.6 x 3.8 cm) Private collection, United States





Ralph E. Lapp, with cover and illustrations by Ben Shahn "The Voyage of the Lucky Dragon" Harper's Magazine, December 1957 Closed: 10 15/16 x 8 1/4 x 1/8 in (27.8 x 21 x 0.32 cm) Private collection, United States



Richard Hudson, with cover design and illustrations by Ben Shahn

Kuboyama and the Saga of the Lucky Dragon, 1965

New York, Thomas Yoseloff

Closed: 11 1/8 x 8 5/8 x 7/16 in (28.3 × 21.9 x 1.1 cm)

Private collection, United States

THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS



Martin Luther King, 1965 Ink and ink wash on paper 26 1/4 x 20 3/8 in. (66.7 x 51.8 cm) Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, Texas



Ben Shahn and Stefan Martin (American, 1936-1994)

Martin Luther King, 1965

Wood engraving in black
24 3/4 x 20 in. (62.9 x 50.8 cm)

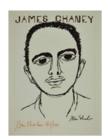
Madison Art Collection, James Madison University,
Harrisonburg, Virginia
Gift of Michael Berg, 2014



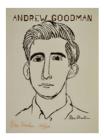
Ben Shahn and Stefan Martin (American, 1936-1994) Martin Luther King, 1968 Offset photo lithograph in black 27 1/2 x 21 in. (69.9 × 53.3 cm) Collection of Adam and Erika Berg, Washington, DC



The Church is the Union Hall, 1946
Tempera on board
20 x 16 in. (50.8 x 40.6 cm)
High Museum of Art, Atlanta
Purchase with funds from Sherri and Jess
Crawford, High Museum of Art Enhancement Fund, the
American Art Collectors, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwob, and
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Huber



James Chaney [from Human Relations Portfolio], 1965 Screen print on paper 22 1/8 x 16 7/8 in. (56.2 x 42.9 cm) The Jewish Museum, New York Purchase: Kristie A. Jayne Fund, 1999-169



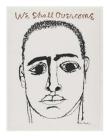
Andrew Goodman [from Human Relations Portfolio], 1965 Screen print on paper 21 7/8 × 16 7/8 in. (55.6 × 42.9 cm) The Jewish Museum, New York Purchase: Kristie A. Jayne Fund, 1999-169.2



Michael Schwerner [from Human Relations Portfolio], 1965 Screen print on paper 21 15/16 × 16 3/4 in. (55.7 × 42.5 cm)

21 15/16 × 16 3/4 in. (55.7 × 42.5 cm) The Jewish Museum, New York

Purchase: Kristie A. Jayne Fund, 1999-169.3



We Shall Overcome [from Nine Drawings Portfolio], 1965 Offset photolithograph in black and brown 22 1/4 x 16 1/8 in. (56.5 x 40.9 cm) Madison Art Collection, James Madison University Gift of Michael Berg, 2018



Integration, Supreme Court, 1963
Tempera on paper mounted on Masonite
35 1/2 x 47 1/2 in. (90.2 x 120.7 cm)
Des Moines Art Center Permanent Collections
Purchased with funds from the Edmundson Art
Foundation, Inc.



Gandhi, 1965 Screen print in black 40 1/8 x 26 in. (101.9 x 66 cm) Madison Art Collection, James Madison University Gift of Michael Berg, 2017



India, 1943
Tempera on board
20 x 36 in. (50.8 × 91.4 cm)
Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, State
University of New York
Gift of Roy R. Neuberger

CIVIL RIGHTS VITRINE #7



Cover illustration by Ben Shahn "Martin Luther King," *Time* magazine, March 19, 1965 Closed: 11 x 8 1/4 x 1/8 in (28 × 21 x 0.32 cm) Private collection, United States





Wendell Berry, with cover and illustrations by Ben Shahn November Twenty Six Nineteen Hundred Sixty Three, 1964 New York, George Braziller Closed: 7 1/8 x 8 3/4 x 1/2 in. (18.1 x 22.2 x 1.3 cm) Private collection, United States



Leo Rosten, with illustration by Ben Shahn "They Made Our World...Gandhi," 1964 Look magazine, August 25, 1964 Closed: 13 1/4 x 10 1/2 x 1/8 in (33.6 × 26.7 x 0.32 cm) Private collection, United States



Untitled [study for Gandhi's Hand], c. 1964
Pencil on paper
7 1/2 x 8 3/4 in. (18.8 × 22.2 cm)
Madison Art Collection, James Madison University,
Harrisonburg, Virginia
Gift of Ben Shahn Estate, 2015



Photographer unknown "Victims of India's Worst Famine in Decades. In Calcutta a Family, Ravaged by Starvation, Lies Helpless in the Streets," New York Times, October 20, 1943 Newspaper clipping 6 5/16 x 8 in (16 × 20.3 cm)

Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, Ben Shahn papers



Illustration by Ben Shahn
Report on South Africa, 1954
Advertisement for CBS Program, See It Now: December
14 and 21, 1954
Exhibition copy; original: offset lithograph on newsprint,
newspaper proof
15 5/8 x 13 3/4 in (39.7 × 34.9 cm)
Fine Arts Library, Harvard University, Cambridge,

Massachusetts, Stephen Lee Taller Ben Shahn Archive



Illustration by Ben Shahn
Report from Africa, 1956
Advertisement for CBS program, See it Now: April 23, 1956, and May 17, 1956
Exhibition copy; original: offset lithograph on newsprint, newspaper proof
12 1/8 x 7 3/4 in (30.8 x 19.7 cm)
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SPIRITUALITY AND IDENTITY



Etrog, Lulav, and Menorah, 1967 Gouache on board 30 × 50 in. (76.2 x 127 cm) The Jewish Museum, New York Gift of Dr. Stanley M. Mark and Miriam Gordon Mark, 1996-20



Decalogue, 1961
Gouache and gold leaf on paper
38 3/4 × 25 1/4 in. (98.4 x 64.1 cm)
The Jewish Museum, New York
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List Family, JM 136-72



Pleiades, 1959
Gouache and gold leaf on paper
21 5/8 x 26 5/8 in. (54.9 x 67.6 cm)
The Jewish Museum, New York
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List, JM 135-72a



Where Wast Thou?, 1964
Opaque watercolor and gold leaf on paper mounted on Masonite
51 3/4 x 42 in. (131.5 x 106.7 cm)
Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, Texas



Warsaw 1943, 1963 Screen print in black and brown on Japon paper 36 1/8 x 27 5/16 in. (91.8 x 69.4 cm) Madison Art Collection, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia Gift of Michael Berg, 2016



Alphabet of Creation, 1957 Screen print in black 32 1/8 x 24 1/4 in. (81.6 x 61.6 cm) Collection of Michael Berg, Fairfax Station, Virginia



Today Is the Birthday of the World, 1955 Ink on paper 22 1/2 x 31 in (57.2 x 78.7 cm) The Jewish Museum, New York. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List, JM 88-72



How Many Are God's Goodnesses to Us [from Haggadah series], 1931
Watercolor and ink on paper
11 13/16 x 8 7/16 in. (30 x 21.4 cm)
The Jewish Museum, New York
Gift of Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg, JM 153-47.9



The Reckoning of the Miracles [from Haggadah series], 1931
Watercolor and ink on paper
11 3/4 x 8 1/2 in (29.8 x 21.6 cm)
The Jewish Museum, New York
Gift of Edward M. M. Warburg, JM 153-47.8



In Every Generation Men Rise Up Against Us [from Haggadah series] 1931 Watercolor and ink on paper 11 3/4 x 8 3/8 in. (29.8 x 21.6 cm) The Jewish Museum, New York Gift of Edward M. M. Warburg, JM 153-47.4



The Bread of Affliction [from Haggadah series], 1931 Watercolor and ink on paper 11 3/4 x 8 3/8 in. (29.8 x 21.3 cm) The Jewish Museum, New York Gift of Edward M. M. Warburg, JM 153-47.1



Flowering Brushes, 1968 Lithograph on paper 39 3/4 x 26 5/8 in. (101 x 67.6 cm) The Jewish Museum, New York Gift of Mrs. Norma Green, JM 51-76

SPIRITUALITY VITRINE #8



Ben Shahn and Stefan Martin (American, 1936-1994) Maimonides with Calligraphy [Ecclesiastes], 1965 Wood engraving in black and sepia 14 1/2 x 10 1/4 in. (36.8 x 26 cm) Madison Art Collection, James Madison University Gift of Michael Berg, 2014



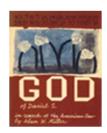
Adapted and illustrated by Ben Shahn Alphabet of Creation: An Ancient Legend from the Zohar, 1954

Pantheon, New York

Closed: 11 x 7 x 1/2 in. (27.9 x 17.8 x 1.3 cm)

The Jewish Museum, New York

Purchase: Gift of Lenore Klein, 1996-40



Alan W. Miller, with cover and jacket design by Ben Shahn God of Daniel S.: In search of the American Jew, 1969 London, Collier-Macmillan Ltd

Closed: 8 5/8 x 5 3/4 x 1 in (21.9 × 14.6 x 2.5 cm)

Private collection, United States



Lithographs and illustrations by Ben Shahn Hallelujah Suite [Psalm 150], 1970
New York, Kennedy Graphics, Inc.
Closed: 16 1/2 x 17 1/2 in. (42 x 45.5 cm)
Madison Art Collection, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia
Gift of Michael Berg and Dr. Laura Katzman, 2023



Handwritten and illuminated by Ben Shahn *Ecclesiastes* or, *The Preacher*, 1971
New York and Paris, Grossman Publishers / Trianon Press Closed: 12 1/4 x 9 1/4 x 5/8 in (31.1 × 23.5 x 1.6 cm)
Private collection, United States



Handwritten and illuminated by Ben Shahn *Ecclesiastes* or, *The Preacher*, 1967 Paris, Trianon Press

Slipcase: $13\ 1/2\ x\ 10\ 1/2\ x\ 1$ in. $(34.3\ x\ 26.7\ x\ 2.5\ cm)$ Closed: $11\ 3/8\ x\ 10\ 1/2\ x\ 1/2$ in. $(28.9\ x\ 26.7\ x\ 1.3\ cm)$ Collection of Michael Berg, Fairfax Station, Virginia



Copied and illustrated by Ben Shahn Haggadah, 1966 Paris and London, Trianon Press Deluxe edition folio in clamshell box Clamshell box: 16 3/4 x 13 in (42.5 × 33 cm) Book closed: 15 3/4 x 12 in (40 × 30.5 cm) Collection of Michael Berg, Fairfax Station, Virginia

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Arnold Newman (American, 1918–2006)

Ben Shahn, Roosevelt, New Jersey, 1951
9 15/16 x 8 in. (25.2 x 20.3 cm)

Gelatin silver print
The Jewish Museum, New York
Gift of Augusta and Arnold Newman, 2004–69