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National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Detroit Section

*Celebrating 125 Years of Social Change*

# Join Us!

## Spring Happening Installation Luncheon Thursday, May 19, 2016 10:30 a.m.

**Wabeek Country Club**

### Installation of New Officers, Board & Advisory Directors

**Luncheon:**

**\$45.00**

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**Sandi Matz**  
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Hannah G. Solomon Award

**SANDY WEITZ**  
Ann Rubin Award

**JACQUELINE ELKUS**  
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**KATHRYN LAMB**  
Staff Recognition

### Guest Speaker

**NANCY KAUFMAN,**  
CEO, NCJW, INC.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Susan Marwil**

My past two years as President of Greater Detroit Section have been filled with fun, challenges, and successes. It is my honor and privilege to work with so many of you: NCJW's compassionate, committed, and caring women. As I look back on all of the activities that have taken place, I realize how much we have accomplished together.

We began our first Back 2 School Store in August, 2014 with our Honorary Chair, Suzanne Simon. It was a huge undertaking, but our section organized and brought about a success. Our second Back 2 School Store in August, 2015 was modeled upon the original and succeeded in bringing smiles to over 380 children who enjoyed "shopping" for their new outfits for school. Soon after the first Back 2 School Store, our Fall Focus featured Theresa Flores, who spoke about her experiences as a victim of sex trafficking. That event and National's initiative on sex trafficking motivated me to encourage our SPAs (State Policy Advocates) to create a Human Trafficking Awareness Committee, now planning a Human Trafficking Symposium for October 30. In addition to our advocacy that includes Action Alerts, we formed a Public Affairs committee. Kym Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor addressed our Fall Focus audience in October, 2015.

Some of our members were concerned that we do not do enough for our Jewish Community youth and elderly. Upon a visit to Jewish Family Service to investigate, I discovered the Orthodox day schools could use assistance. Thus, our tutoring, reading at Darchei Torah became part of our already well-established, highly regarded and successful program at Coleman A. Young Elementary School. Our Backpack volunteers packed almost 1000 backpacks for Jewish children in need and homeless children in Oakland County. And our Wrapped in Love volunteers made 800 fleece blankets for children taken from their homes by Protective Services and for children receiving chemotherapy treatment in several hospitals. In addition, we partnered with Jewish Senior Life for a Nosh and Knowledge in February, 2016 where 36 Meer residents and NCJW members combined welcomed Rabbi Joseph Krakoff as the speaker. Our section also contributed 12 welcome kits to the Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at Jewish Senior Life. Our Meals on Wheels program delivered 26,000 Kosher Meals this year thanks to our dedicated and caring day chairs, packers, and drivers.

Education is an important aspect for NCJW; thus, our trip to Quicken Loans to see how Detroit has grown, our Public Affairs evening events on the Court System and Immigration, and our two new Book Clubs. Our Teen Yellow Pages, another educational source, became 4 pages thicker with some new information; we have orders for well over 5000 copies. The Baby Yellow Pages, one of the newest educational projects, began its research early in 2015 to establish a booklet, website, and perhaps an app. These pages will enlighten Detroit parents with the phone numbers and agencies for numerous problems a parent to be and a new parent would encounter. We have also partnered with Jewish Community Center's Jewish Book Fair and the Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival that have brought another aspect of education to our Section and the community.

In January, 2015, the Board of Directors set up two goals: increasing membership with at least 125 new members in a year's time and making NCJW more visible in the community. Our membership co-chairs and their committee have been working to attract, increase, and maintain members, and they are succeeding. Our visibility has come from our monthly Jewish News sidebars and the personal notes each new member receives from the co-chairs. But our 125th Anniversary celebration is capturing much of the present community attention with plans for a High Tea on May 11th and a memory book open for you to record your NCJW memories.

Relatively new branches of NCJW/Greater Detroit may well take on another spotlight: GROW, Girls Reaching Outward, has taken on a new look with its capable advisor, Rachel Matz. It is planning an Art Expo that will be showcasing its winners at the Human Trafficking Symposium. Carol Klein and Randie Levin are spearheading a come back of a Business and Professional Women's Branch of NCJW/Greater Detroit.

The Court Watchers' Pilot Project, new to NCJW, will take its volunteers into District Courts and Circuit Oakland County to observe trends in the courtroom to help preserve the dignity of domestic abuse victims. NCJW Children's Advocates continue to be the "eyes and ears of the courts"

by giving their recommendations to the judges concerning guardianship in order to protect the rights of children.

Our fundraising goals were realized through planning and hard work: our Women Of Vision events featuring Kate Edwards and our Fashion Show, that gave focus to National's Israel Granting Program for Turning Tables, a vocational training and economic empowerment program for women in Israel exiting the cycle of prostitution and sex trafficking, our revived Hannah's Heroine campaign adding 9 new Hannah's Heroines (Penny Blumenstein, Dale Frankel, Carol Freedman, Marlene Goodman, Susie Jacob, Randie Levin, Barbara Mayer, Marilyn Sabin, and Bluma Schechter) from June, 2014 to date whose funds for NCJW's future will add to the already 26 women who had become Hannah's Heroines at its inception in 2008. Our newly formed Name Fund Committee has added one new Name Fund, the Ruth L. Frank Project Friendship Fund. The success of the Stay at Home Tea and Annual Support will ensure the continuance of our programs, projects, and advocacy efforts here, in Washington and in Israel.

How fortunate I am to work with so many incredible women! My Vice-Presidents--Susie Jacob, Sandy Lada, Jennifer LoPatin, Sandi Matz, and Judy Robinson have guided their committees with skill. Our State Public Advocates, Cathy Cantor, Irma Glaser, and Sharon Lipton have worked hard to keep our Section abreast of on-going legislation that affects the lives of women, children, and families. Our committee chairs and committee members have kept all of our many projects and programs active and productive. The Board officers, Marian Littman, Jacqui Elkus, Deede Auster, and Maxine Sherman have made sure our Board and I are on task and informed. In addition, the remarkable NCJW/Greater Detroit office staff continues to amaze me with their loyalty and capability. I am grateful to Susan Gertner, Executive Director for her guidance and dedication.

My best wishes to Sandi Matz, our incoming President. Her expertise and enthusiasm will strengthen our Section and help us continue making a positive impact on our community.

On a personal note, serving as President of NCJW/Greater Detroit has been one of my most satisfying and rewarding experiences of my life. This position has reinforced my commitment to helping those who cannot help themselves. I appreciate your trust and dedication, and I am proud of all we have accomplished. Together we have worked to build a promising future.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Susan Gertner**

As our Installation nears, I want to thank our President, Susan Marwil, and her Board of Directors, for all they have done this past year. The many hours they gave of themselves is incredible, in continuing to make NCJW an organization that makes a difference in the lives of women, children, and families. They were a very dedicated group of amazing women. I welcome Sandi Matz as incoming President and her new officers and Board members. I look forward to all we will accomplish together.

A major part of my job is to write grants, find donors and corporate sponsors who will support our projects. If you know of a company or individual who would be interested in supporting our work, please give me a call. I would be happy to contact them to explain what we do.

I invite all of you to join me in our celebrations of our 125th Anniversary: our Celebratory High Tea, sharing your NCJW memories in our online memory book, visiting our exhibit at the JCC next November and inviting your friends and family to join NCJW with our special \$25 annual membership. We are proud to be celebrating 125 years. That in itself is a proud accomplishment.

Over 1300 of our members are life members. You might be one yourself and perhaps joined 30 years ago but are now no longer involved in NCJW. We do not hear from so many of you. I encourage you to attend a program like Nosh and Knowledge, volunteer for just one day at our Backpack project, or purchase a tribute card in honor of someone special. Instead of purchasing a \$5.00 birthday card at a store, think about purchasing a package of five tributes for \$25. You will be supporting NCJW projects and your recipient will know your gift was special. Whichever way you chose to connect to NCJW, I am sure you will enjoy your connection and we will appreciate your support. If we do not have your email please email it to [mail@ncjwgds.org](mailto:mail@ncjwgds.org) so that we can update you on what's new in between receiving our bulletins.

As you browse through the Bulletin, I hope you will find something that peaks your interest. Enjoy the upcoming spring and summer months.

### **Need Credit in Your Own Name? Apply for a Secured Credit Card!**

If you are recently divorced, separated or widowed, have never had credit in your own name, have a bad credit history or are a victim of domestic abuse, empower yourself by establishing credit in your own name with a loan from NCJW.

This offer is available to Jewish women, 18 years old or older. These loans are provided by National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section, through funding from Jewish Women's Foundation.

For information, call the NCJW/Greater Detroit office.

# Installation Luncheon WABEEK COUNTRY CLUB

Thursday, May 19, 2016 -- 10:30 a.m.

Installation of New Officers and Board

Honoring  
Carol Freedman  
Hannah G. Solomon Award

Sandy Weitz  
Ann Rubin Award

Jacqueline Elkus  
Emerging Leader Award

Kathryn Lamb  
Staff Recognition

Luncheon: \$45.00

Guest Speaker  
Nancy Kaufman, CEO, NCJW, Inc.



This year we are delighted that Nancy Kaufman, CEO of NCJW, will be our keynote speaker. Nancy is an advocate, public policy expert, and non-profit leader specializing in social justice issues in the U.S. and Israel.

## INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 19, 2016

RSVP by May 9, 2016

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In an effort to "go green" a separate invitation will not be sent for this event. To RSVP with payment, visit our website [www.ncjwgds.org](http://www.ncjwgds.org); send a check with this form payable to NCJW/Greater Detroit, 26400 Lahser Rd., Suite #306, Southfield, MI 48033-2675; or pay by credit card by calling the office at 248-355-3300 ext. 0.

Installation Chairs: **Myrna Edgar, Barbara Rosenthal** Vice President: **Judy Robinson**

## Who are the NEW NCJW/Greater Detroit Officers?



### President - Sandi Matz

Sandi received her Bachelor of General Studies degree from the University of Michigan and her Master of Library Science degree from Wayne State University. She was a medical librarian at Sinai Hospital before retiring to raise her children.

Sandi began volunteering many years ago when her children were in elementary school; she was PTO President at the

elementary, middle, and high school levels. When her children graduated from high school she continued to volunteer for many different organizations. In addition to NCJW, Sandi is a life member of Hadassah, ORT, is on the board of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), and is also an associate chair of the JCC Book Fair. In 2006, Sandi was pleased to receive the Sinai Guild Distinguished Service Award.

Sandi began volunteering for NCJW as the co-chair of Fall Event (predecessor of Women of Vision) for two years. She was asked to join the board in 2006 and became a vice president from 2010 to the present. Sandi was co-chair of the programming committee and has been actively involved in many different projects throughout the years. She was instrumental in creating the popular Nosh and Knowledge series, the Stay at Home Tea, as well as the Card Party. Sandi was very proud to have been honored with the Emerging Leader Award in 2008.

Sandi has been married to Steve (an attorney by vocation and an adventurer by avocation) for almost 39 years. Their children are Jared (Semonna), Danny, and Rachel (NCJW GROW liaison). Sandi and Steve are thrilled to be expecting their first grandchild this summer.

Sandi is looking forward to the challenge and opportunity of the next two years as the president of the Greater Detroit Section, hoping her efforts will make a difference in the lives of women, children, and families.

We welcome Sandi to her 1st year as our section's 59th President!



### Vice President - Susie Jacob

Susie became an NCJW Life Member in 1975, but what drew her to become active in NCJW in 2012 was her role at Coleman A. Young Elementary School in Detroit. Starting as a tutor and reader, she soon became a Literacy Outreach co-chair and helped to expand NCJW's partnership with CAY by involving more volunteers to tutor

more children, as well as helping in the renovation of the school library. Susie is also a member of the resale Sub Committee and co-chairs the Logistics Committee of the Back 2 School Store. Through her first term as Vice President, she has become involved in Baby Yellow Pages, Teen Yellow Pages, Jewish News on Tape and GROW.

Susie's academic background is in education. She was an elementary school teacher, taught children of alcoholics, as well as neglected children in a Family Empowerment Program in Oakland County, and had a twenty year private practice tutoring children with learning disabilities. In between her teaching experiences, Susie also had a career in retail, first with her sister in a custom gift basket store, then in a gift balloon business. Her community work prior to NCJW was with Women's Philanthropy Department of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit and Sinai Guild.

Susie and Michael, her husband of 45 years, have a son, Jeffrey; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Dan; 3 grandchildren, Eliana, 7, Sammy, 5 and Rosie, 10 months; and 2 golden retrievers, Bella, 9 and Charlie, 5. When she is not in New York visiting her grandchildren, Susie enjoys knitting, playing tennis and traveling.

We welcome Susie to her 2nd term as Vice President!



### Vice President - Sharon Leider

Sharon was born and raised in Detroit. She graduated from Wayne State University. She worked at the Detroit Medical Center as a registered Medical Technologist for 40 years, retiring in 2012. She was

supervisor of the Special Hematology Laboratory working with the Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant teams.

Sharon joined NCJW/Greater Detroit as a member of the Business & Professional Group and was a co-chair of the Advocacy Committee. After retirement she became active again as co-chair of Public Affairs Education committee – a full circle.

She is also a volunteer at Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield every Friday morning. Community service is an important part of her life, so is reading, music, theater, travel, taking classes, and spending time with family and friends.

Sitting still is not for Sharon, and she is sure that for the next two years (at least) NCJW/Greater Detroit will make sure she doesn't get much of a chance to sit.

We welcome Sharon to her 1st term as Vice President!



### **Vice President Randie Levin**

As a longtime member of NCJW, Randie is very pleased to become a Vice President. Her involvement started through her late husband, Jerry Levin, CEO of Orchards Children's Services which was started by NCJW. Randie was President of the former Greater Detroit Section,

Business and Professional Branch.

Randie has an MSW and worked for over 22 years at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit before retiring. She then served as chair of the Jewish Women's Foundation which reviews and awards grants for programs serving Jewish women and their families. She has extensive knowledge of the services offered in the local Jewish community

Randie is co-chair of the Bookstock Fund and a board member of Orchards Children's Services. She especially appreciates NCJW's outreach to the broader community and programs for underserved populations.

We welcome Randie to her 1st term as Vice President!



### **Vice President Jennifer LoPatin**

Jennifer is a native of Waterbury, Connecticut and a graduate of Case Western Reserve University, where she also received a Masters Degree in Social Service Administration. She worked as a medical social worker at Ford and Beaumont Hospitals before

retiring to raise her children.

After her retirement, Jen began volunteering, serving on many levels in the PTO's of her children's schools, including president at most levels, and as president of Variety FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts. She is an associate chair of the JCC Book Fair and is the NCJW/Greater Detroit liaison to the Orchards board.

Soon after joining NCJW/Greater Detroit, Jennifer began devoting her time to NCJW, serving on many committees and chairing many events and activities, including Jewish Youth Awards and Women of Vision (and its predecessor, Fall Event) for 4 years.

Jennifer has been married to Mark for 40 years. They have 3 children, Sarah who lives here in Metro Detroit, Hanna in California and Jon in Hawaii. Last September, Sarah & her husband Eric made her a Nana to Lillian Elizabeth, known as Lily.

We welcome Jennifer to her 4th term as Vice President!



### **Vice President Judy Robinson**

Judy Robinson retired from teaching in 2012 and immediately became involved in NCJW/Greater Detroit. Her passion has always revolved around young children and NCJW has offered her many opportunities to continue in that direction: reading at Coleman A.

Young Elementary School, purchasing for and volunteering at the B2SS, working on the backpack project, collecting and sorting shoes for Shoes to Share, and much more.

In addition to these, Judy also serves on the Steering Committee for Bookstock, chairing the writing contest for DPS 4th graders, volunteers at the JCC Jewish Book Fair, works with Repair the World, the University of Wisconsin/Oshkosh, and many aspects of Urban Education.

Judy has two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Scott in San Francisco and Lori and Mike in Los Angeles. The star of the family is Max in SF, soon to be up-staged by his cousin, due in late March, in LA.

Judy is looking forward to continued involvement on many levels, promising endless energy, and meeting more of the amazing women of NCJW.

We welcome Judy to her 2nd term as Vice President!



### **Treasurer - Haven King**

Haven King is a native born and raised "Detroiter" who attended Henry Ford High School, earned a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University in Education, a Master's Degree from Wayne State University in educational psychology/counseling and earned certification/licensure in Social

Work, Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Counseling. Her work career involved both private practice and non-profit community work including Oak Park Community Services, Northwest Community Services and Common Ground where she started a federally funded Victim Assistance Program. Her last position brought her to NCJW as coordinator of SPACE. She has been married for 47 years to her high school sweetheart Dennis, has two wonderful daughters who both thankfully live nearby, and two perfect granddaughters!

We welcome Haven to her 1st term as Treasurer!



### **Recording Secretary- Sharyn J. Gallatin**

Sharyn has been involved with National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section since moving to Michigan almost four years ago. During that time, she has been a member of the Board of Directors, is currently co-chairing the Back 2 School Store for the third year and is co-chair of the Human Trafficking Awareness Committee. Sharyn has also served on numerous other committees including Membership, Fundraising and Women of Vision to name just a few. She is a part-time attorney with a solo practice specializing in special needs advocacy, where she has over fifteen years experience.

Sharyn is also active in numerous other organizations in our community including the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit where she is a member of Women's Philanthropy Board and Executive Committee, the Board of Jewish Family Service and holds numerous PTA/PTSA positions in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. Sharyn is a member of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. She resides in West Bloomfield with her husband, Alan and two children, Joshua and Rose.

We welcome Sharyn to her 1st term as Recording Secretary!



### **Assistant Recording Secretary - Lynn Lieberman**

Lynn has been active in NCJW/Greater Detroit for several years. She has served on NCJW/Greater Detroit's Board of Directors. She has helped with the Backpack Project and served on the Back 2 School Store's Steering Committee as a co-chair for the Volunteer Committee. Among other things, she was instrumental in setting up the site for volunteers to sign up to work, in sending correspondence to volunteers, and in posting and reviewing the project evaluation and feedback form. She has also supported the Jewish News on Tape project.

Lynn grew up in Bay City, Michigan and attended the University of Michigan. She holds Bachelor and Master Degrees in mathematics and education. Prior to working at Oakland Schools (a regional educational service agency), Lynn was a classroom teacher in the Grand Rapids and the Wayne-Westland School Districts. She taught mathematics, computer programming, and data processing. Lynn served on the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) Board of Directors for nine years. She held the positions of President, Annual State Conference Co-Chair, Recording Secretary, and Director.

Lynn is married to Paul, and they have three married children and seven grandchildren, ranging in age from 16 to 1 years of age. They are members of Temple Israel. Lynn likes to travel, swim, sail, and play golf. Lynn also plays Euchre, Mahj, and Canasta. She enjoys attending theatrical productions, the symphony, and lectures.

Now that Lynn is retired, she is involved in volunteer work. In addition to the NCJW/Greater Detroit work, she has participated at Bookstock. Lynn looks forward to future involvement with NCJW/Greater Detroit.

We welcome Lynn to her 1st term as Assistant Recording Secretary!



### **Corresponding Secretary - Dottie Wagner**

Dottie's involvement in NCJW continues her career and participation in both education and charitable activities. After receiving her master's degree in special education from Columbia University and teaching in the public sector, Dottie became the reading consultant for the Fairfax Virginia School District, and then for many years was a special reading consultant through the Jewish Federation Open Doors program. While continuing her profession, she also became increasingly involved in the charitable community. In addition to numerous committee chairs and Board memberships, Dottie was a member of the Israel Bonds Executive Board, Jewish Federation Co-Chair of Education, as well as the first woman President of Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. Her interests in

educational training together with her dedication to helping others, particularly in the areas of both adult and children's education, led her to NCJW. At NCJW she has participated in Women of Vision, Back 2 School Store, and she was instrumental in the creation of the reading program at Darchei Torah School. Dottie is looking forward to her new role as Corresponding Secretary for NCJW/Greater Detroit. Dottie and her husband Don have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren living in Chicago, Illinois, and South Orange, New Jersey.

We welcome Dottie Wagner to her 1st term as Corresponding Secretary!



## Hannah G. Solomon Award Carol Freedman

*"To me the National Council of Jewish Women is the only organization that offers a wide range of opportunities for women to serve both the Jewish and general communities."*

Carol's accomplishments have proven her to be a most qualified recipient of the Hannah G. Solomon Award. Her

ability to connect with people on a personal level, her humility and humanity have enabled her success throughout the sphere of NCJW/Greater Detroit.

Carol Joined NCJW/Greater Detroit in 1995 and promptly became involved in advocacy and community service programs. Soon becoming co-chair of the Social Action Committee, she organized forums on domestic abuse in the Jewish community, bullying in schools, ballot issues and discussions with candidates. Her research at the 52-1 District Court enabled the formation of the first domestic violence/alcohol abuse program. She worked in the Oakland County Circuit Court with victims of domestic abuse to help them obtain personal protection orders. For four years Carol served as Vice President for the Greater Detroit Section. Her portfolio included SPACE, introducing the popular Teen Dating Abuse Awareness Program, Meals on Wheels, Jewish Youth Awards, and Up and Out. Currently Carol co-chairs the by-laws and policies committee and personnel practices, as well as Agency Relations for the successful Back 2 School Store.

For six years Carol was an NCJW/Greater Detroit representative to JCRC where she served as co-chair of the Government Affairs Committee.

Carol and her husband Jerry have been married for 60 years. They have two married sons, five grandchildren and two incredible great grandsons.

## Staff Recognized for Longevity Kathy Lamb



Kathy has been a dedicated employee at council re|sale for 25 years. You will recognize her when she greets you as you are bringing in your donations. She engages each guest and is very energetic. She goes through each donation that arrives and sorts through the items to make sure they are not torn or stained but are appropriate to sell. It is a never ending job but we thank Kathy for her many years of work with us.

## Ann Rubin Volunteer Award Sandy Weitz



No one does NCJW better than Sandy Weitz. Not only does she step up to do everything she can when asked, but when it comes to our council re|sale store, she has stepped up to be extraordinary. Sandy went into the re|sale store about 25 years ago to shop. She noticed how crowded it was and asked if they needed some help and they said yes. Sandy

volunteers there many days a week and does everything the employees do and then some. Sandy has co-chaired the Board Hospitality Committee for many years and keeps us all fed and happy. She is also on the following committees: Personnel Practices, re|sale Team, Operations, Women of Vision, just to mention a few. Sandy has been married to Bob for 55 years. She has two daughters and four grandchildren. She and Bob love to travel, and they have visited places all over the world.

## Emerging Leader Award Jacqui Elkus



Jacqui Elkus, NCJW/Greater Detroit's Emerging Leader for 2016, joined NCJW/Greater Detroit in 2011. She served as co-chair of the Back 2 School Store Site Committee and became a board member. Later, she was elected Assistant Recording Secretary, her current position. She also serves as co-chair of our Section's 125th Anniversary Committee.

Jacqui, a retired dental hygienist, was born and raised in West Branch, Michigan.

Jacqui and her husband of 35 years, Larry, have two children, Bryan (Melissa) and Lauren (Sam). Jacqui recently became a first-time Grandmother to a beautiful baby girl, Josephine Liora. Jacqui is currently on the board of the Jewish Historical Society, and formerly served on the boards of Congregation Shaarey Zedek and The Sinai Guild. Jacqui was named Shaarey Zedek's Woman of Distinction in 2013.

Those who have worked with Jacqui recognize her ability to make people feel comfortable in expressing their views and suggestions, and she inspires others to volunteer and follow through with what they promise to do. She runs meetings in an organized, timely, respectful manner, asks questions when appropriate and helps when needed. A perfect choice for emerging leader.



**Save the Date**

## **Game Day Luncheon**

by Snowbirds Committee

**Wed., July 20, 2016**

**11 am - 4 pm**

**\*Congregation Beth Ahm,  
West Bloomfield**

**Cost: \$45**

**\*Note new venue**

**SAVE THE DATE**

## **WOMEN OF VISION**

### **Benefit Luncheon**

**Sept. 8, 2016**

**Jenna Bush Hager**

Journalist and Contributing  
Correspondent of the  
Today Show

**“Making a Difference:  
How the Power of  
Compassion Changes Lives”**

Josephine S. Weiner Honoree:  
**ELLIE SLOVIS**

Woman of Vision Honoree:  
**ALICIA STILLMAN**

## **GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP**

Share your passion for NCJW/Greater Detroit with a gift of membership to your daughters and granddaughters. Shopping could not be easier! Life membership is \$350. See our special annual membership rate in honor of our 125th Anniversary. Your contributions are vital to the success of our programs. We thank you for your support and are grateful to have you as a member.

Chairs: **Jan Goldfarb, Sallyjo Levine**

### **WE WELCOME OUR...**

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Joyce Kaczander  
Lynn Margolis  
Marion Menczer  
Rosalie Rishavy

#### **NEW LIFE MEMBERS**

Enid Bienstock  
Margie Winston

### **We Remember**

Carol Cooper  
Rita Levy  
Charlotte Miller  
Phyllis Tyner

**Dec. 2, 2015-Feb. 29, 2016**



### **MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL!**

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY NCJW/ GREATER DETROIT!**

Help us celebrate our 125th Anniversary with a new annual membership perk.

Any NEW member who joins from March 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 will pay only \$25 for an annual membership through June 30, 2017.

Please encourage your friends and family to join NCJW/Greater Detroit during our Spectacular Anniversary year.

A great gift idea for those who want to be a part of a wonderful organization. Offer good through December 31, 2016.

## STATE POLICY ADVOCATES



**Cathy Cantor**

### **The Time for Equal Pay is Overdue! Join Us to Rally in Lansing!**

Friday, January 29th, marked the 7th anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. NCJW was there for that momentous occasion – the signing of President Obama's first major piece of legislation. Our National NCJW President and Washington Office Director were asked to attend the ceremony because of the hard work that NCJW has done for many, many years to try to eliminate the gap in pay between men and women who do the same jobs. The Ledbetter Act extended the time period in which claimants can bring pay discrimination claims, enabling victims of pay discrimination to seek redress when they otherwise could not.



**Irma Glaser**

Lilly Ledbetter's story was not unlike that of many women. In 1979, Lilly Ledbetter worked as a supervisor at Goodyear Tire and, although her salary started at the same level as her male

counterparts, over the next 18 years her salary did not increase as did the salaries of male supervisors. By the end of 1997, Ledbetter was earning \$3,727 per month while the lowest paid male manager received \$4,286 and the highest received \$5,236. Ledbetter was the only woman working as an area manager.

Once she discovered the pay discrepancy (purportedly through an anonymous note from a co-worker), Ledbetter sued Goodyear in a lawsuit that eventually made it to the Supreme Court, where she lost because she had not filed suit 180 days from her first pay check – even though the court acknowledged she couldn't have done so because she didn't know it at the time!

Because of the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, women who discover pay discrepancies now have more time to file their claims of discrimination.

Unfortunately, despite the Ledbetter Act and other actions taken by the current administration, the wage gap still exists – and has only improved marginally over the past several years. In 2014, a woman's pay was 79% of that of a man doing the same job. In Michigan that number is 77%. And the statistics for women of color are worse. Since women make up nearly half of the labor force, this inequity severely impacts the lives of women, children, and families.

On the anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Act, President Obama took another step toward solving this problem. He announced a plan requiring companies with over 100 employees to annually report salary data by race, gender,

and ethnicity. Having real and accurate pay data collection would provide the ammunition needed to finally move this fight forward. Too often, pay discrimination goes undetected because of a lack of accurate information about what people are paid. This new requirement expands on an executive order of President Obama's from April of 2014 that called for federal contractors to submit salary information for women and men. The new plan affects all companies with more than 100 employees.

Here in Michigan, we have been fighting the pay equity fight for many years. The Michigan Equal Pay Coalition, of which NCJW is a member, has been rallying once a year at the Capitol on Equal Pay Day. Equal Pay Day is always in April and symbolizes how far into the year a woman must work, on average, to earn as much as a man earned in the previous year.

This year, the Michigan Rally to Support Equal Pay is Tuesday, April 12th. Women – and men – from all over the state will gather in Lansing to show our legislators that the time for equal pay for equal work is long overdue. Wearing red (to symbolize women workers are "in the red"), we will stand united in our fight!

NCJW has arranged for a bus to Lansing on that day. We will meet in the Adat Shalom Synagogue parking lot at 8:15 am to go to Lansing. The day will consist of training, visits with legislators, the rally on the State Capitol Steps, and speakers in the Rotunda. When we meet with our legislators, we will be urging them to pass a package of House and Senate bills on pay equity. The cost for the bus, training and lunch is \$15.

**JOIN US!** Stand with our colleagues from around the state to let our legislators know that this is an issue we care about – for ourselves, our daughters, our granddaughters, and for every working woman in Michigan! Women cannot wait any longer for equity. To sign up for the bus to Lansing, please contact the office at 248-335-3300, ext. 0 or [Weitzman@ncjwgds.org](mailto:Weitzman@ncjwgds.org).

### **Jewish Youth Awards**

**Please join us on Tuesday, May 3rd, 7:00 p.m. at the NCJW office as we honor 8 outstanding high school seniors who are finalists in the annual Jewish Youth Awards. The 1st place winner will receive \$3000, 2nd place \$1500, 3rd and 4th \$500 each and 4 honorable mentions will each receive \$250. These accomplished students are our bright future and we are so proud of their participation. These awards are generously funded by Mrs. Dina and Mr. Herman (z'l) Brodsky and the family of Mr. Nathan (z'l) and Mrs. Esther (z'l) Katz.**

## Spotlight on...

# Children's Advocates

We spoke with Liz Bank (one of our Chairs) and Beverly Stone (an advocate for 17 years). Here is what they had to say:

### When did our Children's Advocates program begin?

The program began in 1980 when NCJW/Greater Detroit began working with the Oakland County Probate Court.

### Can you please explain a bit about the program and what you do?

The purpose of this program is to be involved in minor guardianships, advocate for children, and make sure they are in a healthy guardianship situation. The court assigns cases to the chairs of Children's Advocates, and they distribute them to the volunteers. There are always two advocates for every case. There are two kinds of cases: one, the team goes out to the homes to make sure the case is working well, and then they complete a report for the court. The other type of case requires a home visit with a team of two. They evaluate the situation, write a report to the court, and bring the case to a judge in a hearing. They then follow up with the case.

### How does one get involved?

We recruit volunteers by word of mouth and we are listed on the NCJW/Greater Detroit website for those seeking this kind of work. You do not have to be a member of NCJW/Greater Detroit to join the program. One calls the NCJW office and a form is sent to them, and returned with a resume containing background and experience. Going forward, there will be interviews in order to be an advocate. Many of our Children's Advocates have been teachers, school counselors, social workers, and therapists. There is a training every year.

### What has been your most rewarding experience being involved in this program?

Beverly: Being a resource to the guardian with regard to information that would help make the guardianship more successful.

### Any additional information you'd like to provide about the program?

It is an extremely rewarding opportunity to help children and families. If you would like to get involved, please contact the office for more information.

## CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES

Holidays, celebrations, weather; never stops the Children's Advocates from working on cases. These cases are about minors in guardianship some of which require investigations, reports, court appearances and recommendations to the judge in the minors best interest. The Children's Advocates can also assist minors and guardians should they need support and service resources. We are looking forward to our May in-service. It is being planned to provide relevant information and resources to our members so we are able to better serve our clients, the minors and their guardians, in the greater Oakland County area.

Chairs: **Lori Abel, Liz Bank, Nancy Raimi, Libby Sherbin**

## Project Friendship

Project Friendship volunteers create a fun and meaningful event on Sundays. Twice a month we create a program for our Kadima friends, who have mental challenges. These clients live in Kadima homes and apartments and find themselves alone most Sundays.

Our Kadima friends are most appreciative of our efforts and always leave saying a warm thank you to NCJW. It is a most rewarding project to be involved with, as one gets immediate satisfaction in being able to impact another's life.

We've had marvelous programming during the winter; we've bowled with 37 cheering clients, followed by a pizza lunch. Our February 7th event was a Travel Israel event where we taught Kadima clients the geography of Israel. This was followed by teaching the famous "Jerusalem of Gold," and a delicious Middle Eastern lunch. Our clients and volunteers made a sun with rays describing events they participated in and were most meaningful to them during an NCJW 125th Anniversary Celebration. This project will be hung in the NCJW office for all to see.

We enthusiastically welcome new volunteers! To volunteer, please call the office.

Chairs: **Barbara Berger, Sandy Weiss, Carol Wiseman**

### Future events include:

**April 3: Music Day**

**April 17: Passover Brunch**

**May 22: DJ and Brunch**

**June 26: Annual Picnic**

## WHY ANNUAL PROGRAM SUPPORT?

**Each year you receive a request to Support NCJW/Greater Detroit.**

### Have you wondered why?

Your membership dues **do not** fund all of our projects.

Your contribution helps NCJW continue to be at the forefront of social change-championing the needs of women, children, and families while courageously taking a stand on issues like child welfare, women's rights, and reproductive freedom.

Our programs need your annual support!!

### Here's a glimpse of where your support dollars go:

#### LOCALLY

- 26,000 kosher meals delivered annually to homebound elderly adults by over 100 dedicated volunteers
- 1,000 fleece blankets made annually and given to children removed from their homes who are placed in foster care and for children receiving medical treatment in a hospital
- Over \$100,000 in educational loans and grants given annually to Jewish college students
- Outfitting over 400 Detroit children in need with clothing and school supplies at our Back 2 School Store
- 1000 backpacks assembled and distributed each year to homeless students in Oakland County

#### NATIONALLY

- Benchmark: NCJW's Campaign to save Roe v Wade
- Plan A: NCJW's Campaign for Contraceptive Access
- Higher Ground: NCJW's Domestic Violence Campaign, a national effort to end domestic violence by improving the economic status of women
- Promote the Vote/Protect the Vote
- Exodus: Anti-Sex Trafficking Initiative

#### IN ISRAEL

- Advocacy and Action Coalition Work
- Israel Granting Program
- Gender Equality in Israel Initiative

***As we celebrate our 125th Anniversary,  
your gift supports our continued success  
locally, nationally, and in Israel.***

***TOGETHER WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
TURN OUR BELIEFS INTO ACTION!***

***Thank you for your support!!***



### Back 2 School Store 2016

The sub-committees are busy working on our third annual Back 2 School Store, which will be held for the children on Sunday, August 7, 2016. Last year we served almost 400 children, and we are planning to increase that number this year. The children will leave the store with a complete set of new clothing including underwear, socks, pants, shirts, a winter coat, gloves, shoes, and a hat. They will also receive a backpack filled with school supplies, personal care items, and a book. The children will shop with a personal shopper to choose the clothes they want.

This is an ambitious endeavor, and there are many ways YOU can help: work on one of the committees from fundraising to hospitality, work the week of the store setting up or tearing down, volunteer in any capacity on the day of the store or make a donation to help us purchase the items. There are so many ways to get involved in this amazing project; pick the one that's right for you. Call the NCJW/Greater Detroit office if you're interested in joining us to make this project a success. We look forward to meeting you and thank you for your support!!

Chairs: **Sharyn J. Gallatin,**  
**Lauren Koenigsberg, Sallyjo Levine**

## Hannah's Heroines

In honor of our 125th Anniversary, we invite you to join the growing number of Hannah's Heroines. Our "Hannah's Heroines" Program is to help secure the future of our Greater Detroit Section. A minimum gift of \$5,000 to our Section, payable over five years is required.

We thank you Penny Blumenstein and Bluma Schechter for being our newest heroines.

For further information on how to become a Hannah's Heroine, please call Susan Marwil, President.

# RE|SALE NEWS

## Cleaning out your closets? Doing Spring Cleaning?

We are happy to help with that job. Your closet gets cleaned, we receive items to sell at council re|sale, and proceeds from the store provides funds for our NCJW projects. It is a win-win for everyone.

### Items we need

#### Women's, men's and children's clothing

Items can be casual, sports related, career attire, or evening wear. Brand and designer clothing are especially needed. In addition, we are in need of accessories, shoes, and jewelry.

#### Prom Attire

It's getting close to prom time, so if you have a dress or suit and tie, funky or elegant, we could use it as our high school shoppers come in to find that special outfit for a special night.

#### Home Accessories

Don't forget our home accessory section. We are in need of china, serving pieces, crystal, linen, art, and other home accessories to fill our shelves.

#### Art, Art, and more Art

In July we will be participating in the Berkley Art Bash. The streets of Berkley are filled with sidewalk sales selling art. Drop off any art that you would like to donate.

**IF YOU CAN'T DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS AT OUR STORE, DON'T WORRY, WE CAN PICK IT UP AT YOUR HOME. JUST CALL 248-548-6664.**

#### council re|sale shop

**3297 W. 12 Mile Rd, Berkley  
(between Greenfield and Coolidge)  
248-548-6664**

#### Store Hours

**11-7 Monday-Saturday  
noon-4 Sunday**

#### re|design HOME consignment

**32801 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak  
(2 blocks south of 14 Mile Rd.,  
west side of Woodward)  
248-439-6040**

#### Store Hours:

**10-6 Tuesday-Saturday  
noon-4 Sunday**

## Spreading the News

We need your help in spreading the news about council re|sale and re|design HOME consignment. If every one of our 1500 members gave a donation to one of our stores or came in and shopped and then told one other person to do the same, we would have 3,000 new donors and shoppers. It is a very impressive number, and you just have to come by to visit and tell only one person to do the same. It's easy, and you would be helping us support our projects that make a difference in the community. Everyone is a winner.

If you are not on our email list for either or both of our stores, just email us at [mail@ncjwgds.org](mailto:mail@ncjwgds.org), and we will be happy to add you to our list to be the first to hear our store news. Don't forget to also like and follow us as well as share our posts on facebook. You can be the first to see the new arrivals at re|design HOME consignment.

## What have you heard about re|design HOME consignment?

Did you read about us in the Detroit Free Press? We are the place designers are talking about and come to shop on a regular basis. We are the place new home owners or those redecorating their homes come to shop. We are the place you need to see. You can find that beautiful vase for \$25 or you can find a Hans Wegner dining set from the 1960s that we recently sold for \$10,000. You will find gallery quality items at an incredible price you can afford.

### Online store

Don't forget to visit our re|design HOME consignment website, [www.redesignhomeconsignment.com](http://www.redesignhomeconsignment.com). You can browse and shop at our online store and see what's new in the store. We hope it will peak your interest. Please share the link with friends and family around the country. We ship items displayed online.

## Jazz it up / Grab it up

**Thursday, June 2nd, 6-8pm  
at council re|sale**

**Come in at six, The fun begins  
Put together an outfit, You just might win**

**Prizes Galore • Refreshments  
Personal Shopping Assistance  
Bring a friend • 10% off all merchandise**





## Court Watchers

At the March 1, 2016 Board meeting, the implementation of a new pilot program called Court Watchers was approved.

Court Watcher programs have been functioning since the 1970's and many have been sponsored by NCJW sections throughout the country. The Court Watcher program is designed to provide a community presence in the courtroom during cases of domestic abuse. The volunteer Court Watcher observes the proceedings and records her observations on a form. A report is then generated which is turned into the court. The goal is to assure that victims are being treated respectfully and that any necessary improvements will be made.

Volunteers will receive comprehensive training in the cycle of domestic abuse and courtroom procedures. They will be asked to volunteer for several hours at least once a month.

If you would like more information on the Court Watchers program, or if you would like to volunteer to be a Court Watcher, please contact the office.

Chairs: **Joan Krieger, Maxine Sherman**

Assistant Chair: **Joyce May**

## Libby Sherbin: 8 over 80!

The Awards Committee is thrilled to announce that our own Libby Sherbin, our nominee for the Jewish Senior Life 8 over 80 Tikkun Olam Award, has been selected as a recipient for 2016.

Libby has been involved in many areas of volunteerism, including; NCJW/Greater Detroit, Kadima, Jewish Federation, Birmingham Temple, and Birmingham Public Schools.

The luncheon honoring Libby and the 7 other deserving recipients will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2016, 11:30 am at Congregation Adat Shalom. The other recipients of this prestigious award are: Barbara Frankel, Carolyn Greenberg, Micki Grossman, Jack Gun, Dr. Martin Herman, Bernard Jonas and Burt Shifman.

Please call Jewish Senior Life at 248-592-1101 to make a reservation. We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd of May as we honor Libby and all of the other recipients for 2016.



## New Leadership Program Developed

**NCJW STRONG:** Past, Present, and Future is the name of our set of Leadership Seminars that the following NCJW/Greater Detroit Board Members recently completed. We have 10 graduates: Liz Bank, Amy Cutler, Jan Goldfarb, Gail Katz, Lauren Koenigsberg, Randie Levin, Sallyjo Levine, Sue Rollinger, Susie Serwer, and Ruth Zerlin. These women are an exceptional group of leaders, and each of these graduates has assumed leadership positions on one or more of our committees. NCJW/ Greater Detroit is so proud of them; they will be honored at our April Board Meeting, and many were able to attend the Washington Institute in March, in Washington, D.C.

The overall goal of NCJW STRONG is to promote a culture of engaged and informed leadership in National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section. This leadership program consisted of four sessions that focused on how NCJW/Greater Detroit Leaders can help our section become stronger and better. Using our mission statement as a guide, we kept a sharp focus on recognizing how our leadership qualities can and do augment our NCJW community service and advocacy efforts.

Chairs: **Sandy Lada and Susan Marwil**

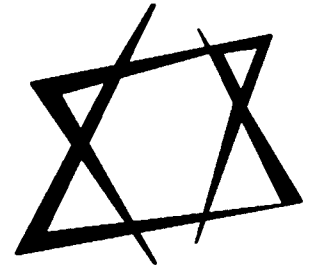
Leadership/Nominating Chair: **Suzanne Simon**

## Backpack Project 2016

With funding from DeRoy Testamentary Foundation, Consumers Energy, and The Phillip & Elizabeth Filmer Memorial Charitable Trust we will be expanding our Backpack Project scheduled for Wed.-Thurs., August 17-18. It's a fun time to help the community and enjoy working with your friends and family. Hope to see you there to pack the backpacks at the NCJW office. Oakland County children in need truly appreciate our effort.

Chairs: **Deede Auster, Sue Rollinger**

## WHAT'S NEW WITH NCJW IN ISRAEL?



The Israel Granting Program (IGP) committee recently met and has chosen six organizations whose work is focused on women's empowerment, gender equality and religious pluralism.

NCJW's Israel Granting Program supports grassroots projects throughout Israel that work to improve the lives of women, children, and families through women's empowerment and progressive social change. Since the founding of Israel, NCJW has supported non-profit, grassroots, or non-governmental organizations that have a demonstrated ability to provide critical programs to address Israeli women's rights and gender equality with respect to economics, politics, education, domestic violence, and social justice.

NCJW members and supporters across the United States help raise funds for the Israel Granting Program. More than one third of NCJW's 70 community based sections have made IGP one of their key program initiatives. Greater Detroit is one of the sections that support this important work.

### 2016 Granting Partners

**ISHA L'ISHA** – Haifa Feminist Center: Fighting Against Trafficking in Women and Prostitution project. This project works to end the sexual and physical abuse of women trapped in the sex industry. Their work advocates for change on the national level, educating the public about the abuses of the sex industry, direct assistance to women who are victims of extreme sexual, physical and emotional abuse, helping them leave prostitution behind and providing them with the tools needed to reclaim their lives. Their direct service work in 2016 will focus on mail-order brides who are trafficked into the country.

**THE NCJW RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY (RIFIE):** Training Bedouin Women for the Workforce as Educators in the Pre-School Sector. This unique NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education project empowers Bedouin mothers who wish to work outside the home by training them for paraprofessional work and placement in the early childhood education sector in their communities.

**ISRAEL HOFSHIT:** The Center for Training and Initiatives has emerged as the leader in organizing the public and training social change activists in Israel for freedom of and from religion. In order to integrate more Israeli women activists and leaders on gender issues into the larger movement, the center will seek to integrate alumni and faculty from the NCJW Women and Gender Studies Program at Tel Aviv University. The community engagement work will fuel a grassroots movement of skilled and organized activists to secure Israel's democratic principles and finally win full equal rights for men and women in personal status issues and anywhere in the public sphere where they are attacked or undermined by religious extremism.

**JERUSALEM OPEN HOUSE FOR PRIDE AND TOLERANCE (JOH).** NCJW's grant will support the organization's work meeting the specific needs of those in the transgender community, who are too often excluded from programs and services available to gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. The grant will provide transgender activists in Jerusalem the security and flexibility to organize independently and unite with a stronger voice, as well as increase the access of transgender individuals in Jerusalem to services currently beyond their reach.

**YERUSHALMIT MOVEMENT.** Dedicated to building Jerusalem as a vibrant, pluralistic, and inclusive city, the Yerushalmit Movement has helped reduce gender segregation based on religion, including the exclusion of women from public spaces in Jerusalem. NCJW's grant will enable the Movement to create women-led forums in neighborhoods across the city to promote equality and improve quality of life. For the first time, Ultra Orthodox Jewish women and Arab women will be engaged in the conversation to encourage civic collaboration among women activists of diverse religious sectors.

**HILLEL – THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE.** For over 20 years, their mission has been to help those who chose to leave the Haredi ultra-Orthodox community and successfully integrate into Israeli society. The complex challenges faced by those who leave these communities are magnified for single mothers, some of whom have suffered abuse, and all of whom face financial distress and struggle to navigate the secular world. The grant provides job training, tuition scholarships for education, funds for legal fees to battle their former husbands and families in the religious courts for custody over their children. The program targets 48 single mothers aged 18-30.

For more information on NCJW's work in Israel go to the website, [www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org) or contact Sharon Lipton at [jssad@aol.com](mailto:jssad@aol.com).

## We continue to be grateful to our **GENEROUS DONORS...**

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### Fund/Program

Joyce Blum	Back 2 School Store
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Fern Katz	Back 2 School Store
Sandy Lada	Project Friendship
Sue Lasser	NCJW/Greater Detroit
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Ellie Slovis	All Kids Playground Back 2 School Store
Beverly Stone	Back 2 School Store
Carol Wiseman	Back 2 School Store

These lists comprise donations received  
between December 21, 2015 and February 29, 2016

## Bookstock.

USED BOOK AND MEDIA SALE

May is the month! Bookstock is almost here! We are nearly done sorting and figuring out the many details for the upcoming sale on Sunday, May 15 - Sunday, May 22 at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia (6 Mile & 275). Our special date for volunteering will be all day Wednesday, May 18th. If you haven't signed up to help at the sale, please call the office. Remember, the hours you volunteer turn into dollars for NCJW projects. Looking forward to working with you and shopping with you at Bookstock.

Chairs: **Deede Auster, Sue Rollinger, Charlene Green, Fran Stern, Bonnie Tucker**

# Spring Programs

## A Day Away at the DIA

**Date:** Thursday, April 14, 2016

**"Dance: American Art, 1830 – 1960"**  
**Exhibit introduction by Megan DeReinzo,**  
**Interpretation Specialist**

**Time:** 9:00 am from the NCJW parking lot  
Lunch on your own in Café DIA  
1:00 pm: Depart DIA



**Cost** (bus included): NCJW Members \$20 + Exhibit Ticket (please provide your DIA membership #)

NCJW Non-Members \$30 + Exhibit Ticket (please provide your DIA membership #)

Exhibit Tickets: DIA Member-Free  
Non DIA Members- \$10  
R.S.V.P. by Friday, April 8

*Dance: American Art 1830-1960 is a multimedia exhibition featuring more than 90 of America's most spectacular works of art alongside filmic representations that explain and celebrate dance as central to American life and culture. Works are from the Detroit Institute of Arts and other leading American and international museums as well as from private collections.*

## The Jewish Film Festival Preview Night

NCJW is proud to be a sponsor of the Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival being held at the JCC from May 8 – 19th. One of the largest Jewish Film Festivals in the Midwest, films from around the world illuminate Jewish principles, values and issues. Film Festival Chair, Eric Lumberg, will speak at our office for NCJW's Preview Night. This is a great opportunity to learn about the "must see" films.



**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** NCJW/Greater Detroit Office

**Speaker:** Eric Lumberg

**Cost:** \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members; each attendee will receive a ticket to see our sponsored film, "A Borrowed Identity", on Thursday, May 12th at 8:00 pm.  
R.S.V.P. by Monday, May 2.

## Out & About

**"Come Hungry, Leave Happy"**

**Eastern Market Day, led by**  
**"Feet on the Street Tours"**

*Join NCJW as we take a custom tour of Historic Eastern Market to Eat, Explore and Enjoy. Upon arrival, our custom tour will take us to specialty food stores, through sheds where we'll chat with farmers and meet with Tuesday vendors, we will also go down local streets to visit an art gallery and view new murals/street art. Please wear comfortable shoes! The formal tour runs from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm with time afterward to revisit stores and return to NCJW approximately 1:30 pm.*

**Date:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016

**Time:** Meet at the NCJW office to carpool at 8:45 a.m.

**Cost:** \$ 32.00 for members; \$ 42.00 for non-members.

RSVP by June 6, 2016, only 35 spots available for this program so RSVP early.

## The 125th Anniversary Detroit Reuther Library Archives and Old Temple Beth El tour.

*We are delighted to be partnering with The Jewish Historical Society of Michigan in presenting a trip back in time to visit the history of NCJW and Old Temple Beth El. We will first visit the NCJW archives housed at the Walter P. Reuther Library located on Wayne State University campus in Detroit, followed by a catered kosher lunch in the social hall of Old Temple Beth El, ending with a private tour of the building and returning at approximately 2:30 pm.*

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

Bus and lunch included.

**Time:** Meet at the NCJW office at 9:45 a.m. and plan to return by about 2:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$45.00 for NCJW members, \$55 for non-members

RSVP by Friday, June 17th but space is limited, so call the NCJW office to register today!

Co-Chairs: **Sandy Collins, Joyce Sherman**

**To make your reservation for any of these events with payment, send a check made payable to NCJW/Greater Detroit to the office, call the office to pay by credit card or pay online at [www.ncjwgds.org](http://www.ncjwgds.org).**

**If you would like to be part of our Program Committee planning future events, just contact the office. We would love to have you join us.**

# TRIBUTES

NCJW/Greater Detroit tributes provide major support for our community service projects. At the same time that you honor friends or remember loved ones, you also help lonely, homebound seniors, abused women and underprivileged children. **Your tribute purchases are very important.** Tributes can be sent: **Online:** www.ncjwgds.org. **E-mail:** weitzman@ncjwgds.org. **Fax:** 248-355-9951. **Phone:** 248-355-3300, ext. 0, or **Mail:** make check payable to NCJW/Greater Detroit. Be sure to include all address information requested on the tribute form. It's easy to establish a name fund-contact **Susan Marwil**, President, 248-355-3300, ext. 1 for details. Chairs: **Marian Littman, Bobbie Patt.** Tributes as of February 29, 2016

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

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Spring is almost here, and that means it's time for Spring Cleaning and time to gather up the gently used footwear you and your family no longer need. Take a moment to wipe off the mud or cobwebs, put each pair together, and place them all in a bag until the fall for our Shoes to Share shoe drive. In October, we will be collecting all kinds of men's, women's, and children's footwear (shoes, boots, slippers, sneakers, etc.) to be distributed among many agencies in Wayne and Oakland counties. Your no-longer-needed shoes and boots, along with the others we collect, will provide comfort and warmth for thousands of people who are in need.

In the fall we'll also need volunteers to assist with this project. To learn more about how you can get involved call the NCJW office.

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Join our celebration and help create our memory book...

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Save the date for our NCJW memory exhibition at the JCC during Book Fair 2016 in November!



You are  
cordially  
invited to  
join us

Wednesday,  
May 11, 2016

### High Tea at 1:00 pm

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