

Israel Update

People do not realize that NCJW has been a leading organization in supporting Israel for more than 60 years, helping to lay the groundwork for important social change efforts in Israel.

Today, strategic efforts like the Israel Granting Program and NCJW's advocacy and coalition work continue in this spirit of education and empowerment — helping to advance the lives of women, children, and families and ensure Israel's future.

As progressive Jewish women we chose to be involved, to care, and to act through NCJW to promote a just, civil Israeli society. This past year we celebrated the appointment of a Minister for Gender Equality, Gila Gamliel. She is committed to implementing a "gender audit" for the budget of every agency in the Israeli government and to see that they initiate a gender action plan to assure gender equity in the programs they fund.

We applauded President Rivlin for including, for the first time, men and women of all Jewish dominations to join him in his home for the traditional Tisha B'Av study day. Previously this event had been only open to Orthodox rabbis and scholars.

As sponsors of the only transgender project in Jerusalem, Jerusalem Open House, through our Israel Granting Program, we mourned the murder of Shira Banki, a student at the Hebrew University High School (built by NCJW in 1969), at the August 2015 Pride Parade. The violence dramatized the delicate balance in the streets of Jerusalem between pluralism and fanaticism. As a result of this tragic incident, NCJW organized an emergency grant to provide counseling to the other victims.

NCJW has worked on the issue of agunot (women who are unable to attain a Jewish divorce) and is a founding member of ICAR, the International Coalition of Agunot Rights. As such we have been working hard since 2009, along with fellow members of ICAR, to get at least one woman appointed to the committee that selects rabbinical court judges in Israel. Today the result of our efforts is that there are four women on the committee of eleven. They most recently joined forces to ensure that some of the new rabbinical court judges be progressive and modern enough to rule fairly on cases concerning women's rights. Understanding that what happens in Israeli rabbinical courts affects Jewish women worldwide — NCJW members raised our voices to support those on the committee who believed in the need to appoint learned judges with a modern outlook. And as a true honor and a testament to the reputation of NCJW's work in both the US and Israel, Shari Eshet, our director in Israel, was invited to represent NCJW at the US Ambassador's home in Israel as a participant in a conversation with US Supreme Court Justice Elana Kagan.

As we move forward, NCJW is more determined than ever to help Israel remain a democracy and a light unto the nations and to work for gender equality to promote a just civil pluralistic society.

To learn more about NCJW's work in Israel visit the NCJW website at www.ncjwgds.org.

Chair: **Sharon Lipton**



125 YEARS YOUNG AND STILL GOING STRONG

Yippee and Hooray! In 2016, National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section is going to celebrate 125 years of working to improve the lives of women, children and families. Every committee, every board member and every officer is involved in planning our 125th anniversary, and we are looking forward to an exciting, fun-filled, and meaningful year. From the kickoff of our online Memory Book on January 5, to the special anniversary celebration at a private home on Wednesday, May 11, to surprises at our resale stores, and to the many other activities scheduled throughout 2016, it is going to be a very busy year. PHEW!!

You can be an active participant in this endeavor. In order to make the Memory Book a success, we need your help to capture, preserve, and document individual stories and memories that are integral to NCJW/Greater Detroit's legacy. Check your attics, basements, scrapbooks, and memorabilia for NCJW pictures and souvenirs. Talk to your friends about your experiences, adventures, and friendships made through our Section. Jot down some notes or write out your thoughts. After gathering the material, wait for the next Bulletin, planned for January, 2016, that will explain how to contribute what you have saved over the years.

Be sure to circle May 11 for our special anniversary celebration featuring Corinne Stavish, noted storyteller, who will present NCJW/Greater Detroit's amazing history, and watch for further announcements about all of the upcoming activities.

Happy hunting and happy 125th.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am writing you between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and at this time there are a myriad of thoughts and reflections that all of us have. Amongst these is perhaps the idea of the importance change may have in our lives. When is the last time you have

challenged yourself? Taken a risk? Even deviated from your normal routine? When things around us shift, they can often transform us into new beings, but only if we learn to embrace the circumstance.

Perhaps this is the year to make our lives better with change! For those of us at NCJW who strive to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families and who already give so much to others, the question is, "do we need to change?" Perhaps "change" for us takes on a different perspective. Can we do more or can we act in a different way to produce even better results?

Actually, we all can create change in NCJW/ Greater Detroit. We can join a new/different committee, become a co-chair, take minutes at committee meetings occasionally: all of these actions are changes that would enhance NCJW/ Greater Detroit. We also need more volunteers at many of our meetings, and we need our members to talk about NCJW and use our mission as they talk about what we do. In these ways we can, perhaps, interest and attract new members to our Section. I know how committed and dedicated you are; therefore, I am confident that since you now know some of the areas that require change in our section, you will consider helping us find ways to implement these changes. Indeed, we will then progress.

Nevertheless, our Section's volunteers have produced phenomenal successes:

Back 2 School Store (almost 400 children went shopping), Snowbirds' Card Party, fundraiser, (140 women played cards), Backpacks (850 packed and delivered), purchasing and delivering 12 packages of books, stationary, and personal care items for the elderly abused in our community, and plans for our Fall programs including "Out and About" a tour of Quicken Loans, some of Dan Gilbert's properties, NCJW's two Book Clubs with Tara Hayes as facilitator, Fall Focus (featuring Kym Worthy, Prosecuting Attorney of Wayne County), a tour of the Holocaust Memorial Center (with a presentation by Linda Soberman on her display of Empty Chairs), Human Trafficking Awareness Committee's educational presentations to PTAs and PTOs, Children's Advocates In-service Day, Literacy Outreach Programs at Coleman A. Young Elementary School and at Darchei Torah, NCJW author's luncheon at the Book Fair, and an Opera pre-glow followed by "The Passanger" on November 22nd at the Opera House. The pre-glow will include two prominent speakers from the Michigan Opera Theatre and Howard Lupovich, with a light Kosher lunch served between speakers and then -the Opera.

This is an impressive end of the Summer and Fall lineup; indeed, NCJW/Greater Detroit continues to create excitement along with its accomplishments.

As you can see, it is difficult to believe that change needs to occur in our Section. However, we can always strive to create an even better NCJW/Greater Detroit. Please do not hesitate to call and share your ideas of how we together can make change happen.

Warmly,
Susan



Backpack Project

We had another successful Backpack Project. More than 75 people arrived on Wednesday, August 26th to set up the tables with supplies and then fill the backpacks on Thursday, August 27. Over 850 bags were distributed to Oakland Schools Homeless Student Education Program, Jewish Family Service, Darchai Torah and Hillel Schools. What a wonderful achievement!

Thanks to all the great volunteers, the bags were ready to load on the trucks in less than one hour.

Hopefully, we will have even more backpacks to distribute next summer.

Chairs: **Deede Auster and Sue Rollinger**



Susan Gertner

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear All,

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful Fall days we are having. We at NCJW/Greater Detroit are planning a full agenda for this Fall with many programs and new community service projects. I hope as you browse through the Bulletin you find something that attracts your eye.

Perhaps a committee you would like to join, a program to attend, or a new volunteer opportunity.

We will begin sending out a monthly eblast listing our many volunteer opportunities. If we do not have your email address please send it to mail@ncjwgs.org. By sending program information through emails rather than by postal mail, we save dollars to be used for our community service projects. This will also keep you up-to-date with information about our upcoming programs in between receiving your Bulletins. We do not share email addresses.

We need your help. You are the connection to the community. We need you to help share the information we send you about our programs. Share it on Facebook or forward our emails to your friends and family. I am also looking at different ways to market our stores. If you know of a condominium association, an employee newsletter or any other place that would include information about our stores, just let me know at sgertner@ncjwgs.org. The more we can spread the news about our stores, the more customers and donors we will have, and the more dollars we will have available for our community service projects and advocacy work. Thank you in advance for your help.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Susan Gertner

PROJECT FRIENDSHIP

How do NCJW/Greater Detroit volunteers make a difference in the lives of those faced with mental health disabilities? The answer is we do it one Sunday brunch at a time! Our dedicated Project Friendship volunteers partner with Kadima, a mental health facility in Southfield, to provide bi-weekly brunches, fun activities, and field trips throughout the year for Kadima clients.

September and October were fun filled months that included a Succot celebration and craft, a field trip to the Detroit Zoo, and a favorite trip to the Franklin Cider Mill and Johnston Nature Center. Clients always enjoy and appreciate the activities and friendship that our volunteers provide. Clients are looking forward to an exciting calendar of events in the next few months.

The following are upcoming Sunday Brunches which usually take place from 10:30-1:00.

- November 8 I-Max theater
- November 22 Harvest Meal and Gratitude Project
- December 13 Chanukah Party
- January 10 2016 Bowling Party and Pizza
- January 24 TuB'Shevat Brunch and Celebration

Volunteers are always welcome and come away with a feeling of making a difference in someone's life for a few hours on a Sunday morning. If you are interested in volunteering for this project at any time during the year, please call the office and ask for information about Project Friendship.

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

Bookstock 2016

QUESTION: Where can volunteers be intellectually stimulated, have the opportunity to get a work out, plus earn money for NCJW? **ANSWER:** When volunteering for Bookstock! For the past 13 years, this successful community wide volunteer project has benefited literacy programs in Detroit and throughout the area through partner organizations such as NCJW, Hadassah, Hillel, and Oakland Literacy Council. However, there are benefits to individuals who spend time at Bookstock. Volunteers meet new people, have a Wednesday location destination, learn how to problem solve, and help the environment through our two prong book recycling (selling books at the sale or sending unsalable books for recycling). Last year, NCJW/Greater Detroit volunteers contributed 1,241 total hours, and with your help, this year we will increase that number. Sorting is new and different this year; check it out and please mark your calendars with the following information. With every hour we volunteer, NCJW/Greater Detroit receives funds. Your hours make a difference!!!

Weekly sorting every Wednesday 10 am - 2 pm – West Bloomfield JCC (WBJCC) lower level Rooms 107 B-C

Books may also be dropped off at the front circle during this time ONLY. Go inside to front desk for instructions.

Sunday Colossal Collection: Drop off books 11 am - 1 pm at the WBJCC loading dock and volunteers will unload your vehicle. Sorting 11 am - 3 pm. Dates: November 22, December 13, January 24, March 6, April 10

The 2016 Sale will be held Sunday, May 15 - Sunday, May 22. NCJW/Greater Detroit Volunteer Day is Wed., May 18, 2016. Hope you see you at Bookstock!



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These lists comprise donations received between July 2 and October 2, 2015

LITERACY OUTREACH

New this year is our tutoring program at Yeshiva Darchei Torah. NCJW/Greater Detroit tutors are working with students on Wednesdays, from 1:30 to 2:30, each week. Liaison, Hindy Levine, and Principal, Sara Kahn are delighted with our partnership and have welcomed our tutors with open arms. Former Darchei Torah teacher Dottie Wagner is Chair of this program. Thanks go to Dottie for this wonderful new opportunity! If you are interested in tutoring a first or second grader on Wednesdays please contact the office.

Our partnership at the Coleman A. Young (CAY) Elementary School with Principal Melissa Scott and teachers continues to blossom each year. We have just begun our fifth year at the school and on our first day at the school, we were greeted with familiar smiles and wonderful hugs. The students were eager to meet with their new, special tutors and vice versa. Tutoring days continue to be Monday and Tuesday, weekly.

We are delighted to welcome our new Tutoring Program Co-Chairs, Amy Cutler and Carol Rosenfeld. Each comes to our program with a strong background in education and teaching. Both coordinators were hard at work over the summer preparing a new curriculum and other useful materials for our tutors. Thank you Amy and Carol!

Literacy Outreach also has a new Reading Coordinator, Janice Goldman. Janice has been a dedicated tutor for a number of years at CAY, as well as "Reader Extraordinaire!" Janice brings a lot of creativity and enthusiasm to the students at CAY and is excited to be coordinating our monthly reading program. Volunteers read to students, in one or two classes, one Thursday each month.

Lastly, in addition to tutoring and reading at CAY, we welcome you to join us on Thursdays in the library. Our volunteers spent the past several years organizing the library, and this year we will assist with shelving and general maintenance.

As with all of our programs, no experience is necessary. If you would like to be a weekly tutor at Darchei Torah or CAY, a monthly reader at CAY or assist in the library, please contact the office, and they will connect you with the appropriate coordinator.

Chairs: **Judi Freund and Ruth Zerlin**

CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES

The Children's Advocates had their fall-in-service on October 14, 2015. The speaker was Lisa Grodsky from OLHSA, a community action agency. She discussed *Grandparents raising Grandchildren*. Many of the guardianship cases the advocates receive from the Oakland County Probate Court are, in fact, children in guardianship of their grandparents or even great-grandparents. The information provided a very relevant, interesting, and informative in-service.

Training is in the works for any volunteers who are interested in becoming a Children's Advocate. If you know of someone, or you are interested in joining this wonderful group, please have them contact the office for an application.

We are planning to have two interview sessions in November to meet with potential new advocates. We always welcome new advocates who want to do this most worthwhile work in serving children in guardianship and their families in the Oakland County Area.

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

STATE POLICY ADVOCATES



Cathy Cantor



Irma Glaser

By now, you have probably learned of the push by some members of Congress to defund Planned Parenthood in the wake of some carefully edited videos that supposedly show Planned Parenthood officials violating federal law as to the sale of fetal tissue for profit. The unabridged videos show no such thing. The truth is that some Planned Parenthood health centers do participate in programs where fetal tissue is donated, at the client's request, for use in critical biomedical research to help fund cures for diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. Patients decide to donate, but Planned Parenthood does not profit from these donations. Planned Parenthood receives federally approved fees to cover storage and transportation costs that are incurred. There is no profit involved.

Some 2.7 million Americans visit Planned Parenthood annually. Of the 6.7 million American women who use some kind of publicly funded birth control, 36% or 2.4 million, rely on this organization. Abortion services make up only 3% of Planned

Parenthood's work. However, many groups that oppose abortion also object to contraception. A recent Free Press editorial about the attacks on Planned Parenthood raises an important question: Is curtailing access to contraception, rather than abortion itself, the end goal? If so, defunding Planned Parenthood would be crucial to that plan.

The editorial points out that although some American women are ambivalent about abortion, even if the majority of us are pro-choice, most women are not ambivalent about contraception, and the opportunity to control whether, when or how often to get pregnant.

Catholics for Choice prepared a letter sent to Senator Harry Reid, Senate Minority Leader and Senator Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader, which has been endorsed by our National organization as well as 51 other faith-based and religious groups that urges them to reject attacks that would reduce federal funding or otherwise undermine the provision of critical services by Planned Parenthood. Both NCJW/Greater Detroit's Michigan State Policy Advocates have signed this letter. You can participate in saving the critical funding for Planned Parenthood by calling the offices of Senator Debbie Stabenow at 202-224-4822 and Senator Gary Peters at 202-224-6221 to voice your objections to any attempts to defund Planned Parenthood; and ask them to continue their support of women's right to choose.

Next, did you know that there are 8 citizen-driven initiatives that have been approved as to form for the 2016 election if enough registered voters sign petitions? One of them is The Earned Sick Time Act which would require employers to allow employees to earn sick time to deal with family, personal or

health issues. NCJW supports Earned Sick Time as part of our Equal Pay for Equal Work plank. People who are in low paying jobs have to go to work sick because they need their pay. By doing so, they spread their illnesses to others. When these same people have serious personal issues regarding themselves or their loved ones, they have to lose desperately needed wages in order to attend to business. You can support this campaign by signing the Earned Sick Time Act petition when approached at different venues such as public libraries or public events, or by calling our office.

Why are there so many initiatives being proposed and soon to be circulated? We want you to meet the cause of many voters' discontent:

Gerry Manders. He and his friends hold sway in our state and federal legislatures. Gerry and his gang do not have to listen to anybody else's opinions or ideas because redistricting, as done by our state legislators, guarantees their seats. Redistricting



lines are drawn in a way that favors the political party that is in power at the time the district lines are chosen. This is called gerrymandering.

Government is supposed to be of, by and for the people, but lobbyists, special interests and wealthy donors are making it impossible for ordinary voters to be heard. For the past 15 years, nearly all of the economic gains in Michigan have gone to the wealthy while key issues such as equal pay, jobs, fixing our schools, and fixing our roads are being ignored because they are not priorities for the legislators who control our political system. We need to stop the rigging of the system that rewards the wealthy and their lobbyists, and put the power back in the hands of our citizens if we ever want to see real action on the issues that matter to us. We need our voices to be heard! Politicians elected in gerrymandered districts have no incentive to fix the system that elected them. But voters do. We will continue to talk about gerrymandering and redistricting, and what we can do about this in the next Bulletin, and soon we will have another initiative to consider: Setting up an independent commission to handle the drawing of district lines.

Our Public Affairs Committee is planning a program about redistricting, tentatively set for February 11, 2016. Watch for further information about the program and read carefully the articles that have been appearing often of late concerning this issue. You will become better informed about redistricting, and the effects of gerrymandering on the problems facing women, families and children, both in our state and nationally.

WOMEN OF VISION 2015

AN ANNUAL BENEFIT TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS OF NCJW/GREATER DETROIT

Thank you to everyone who helped support Women of Vision 2015! On September 3rd over 350 guests came to Congregation Shaarey Zedek to enjoy a Visionary Fashion Show and honor our award recipients. Fashion is important to NCJW as seen through our council **re|sale** shop and our Turning the Tables program in Israel. Our Josephine S. Weiner Award recipients were Elizabeth Bank and Michael Williams. This year we created a new award, the Woman of Vision Award and honored Elizabeth Guz. Many thanks to all who participated, worked on the event, donated, and attended. Because of you, Women of Vision 2015 was truly exceptional and our community service projects benefitted greatly.



I-r: Presenter Beverly Stone, Award winners Liz Guz, Elizabeth Bank & Michael Williams, NCJW/Greater Detroit President Susan Marwil, Presenters Sally Schottenfels & Phyllis Welling

Our wonderful boutiques offered a wide selection of unique and terrific items!

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I-r: Sharon Leider, Sandy Collins, Marcia Delidow, Sandra Oleinick

We apologize to Lois Granader whose name was mistakenly left out of our Women of Vision Ad Journal as a past recipient of the Josephine S. Weiner award and also to Sharon Lipton who was regrettably not listed on the Board of Directors list.



I-r: Myrna Edgar, Deane Safir, Myrle Leland, Barb Berger

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RE|SALE NEWS

council re|sale

Did you know we provide pick-ups?

If you want to donate but can't get to council re|sale, just give us a call and we can arrange for a truck to come to pick up your donation. Call 248-548-6664 and ask for Kelly. We continue to need brand and designer apparel, furs, children's clothing and housewares. Thank you in advance for your donations.

re|design HOME consignment

Need that special holiday gift? Stop by re|design and you will find gallery quality items for you or for that special someone. A different day, a different store. New items continuously come in to the store. You are sure to find just what you were looking for. If you haven't visited re|design in a while, you will be pleasantly surprised by what you find. A real delight, treasures wrapped up in style and elegance.

Donations and Consignments

We need you to help us spread the word about our stores

Share emails you receive from us with friends; like and share our council re|sale and re|design HOME consignment Facebook pages and talk about our stores. The more we spread the word, the more customers, donors and consignors we have coming through our stores and thus more sales. More sales means more dollars for our community service projects.

Do you know of any newsletters for condominiums or businesses that would be willing to include an article or ad about re|design HOME consignment? If you do, just let us know by sending us an email. Thank you in advance for helping spread the word.

COUNCIL RE|SALE UPCOMING SALES

November 7

- Customer Appreciation Day
- Housewares 2 for \$2 Selected Items
- Jeans and Pants (excluding Brand and Designer) 5 for \$5
- Coats 30% off
- And featuring from 1-3pm only, 30% off Furs

November 12-15

- 50% off Evening Wear
- 50% off Ladies Blouses and Men's Shirts
- 50% off Ladies and Men's Sweaters

November 27, Day after Thanksgiving Sale

- "Grab a Bag Sale"- with a \$100 purchase of clothing and/or accessories, receive a special fashion handbag for free
- 50% off men's and Ladies Suits (excluding Brand and Designer)
- Ladies and Men's Pants, buy one, get one free

When shopping, don't forget our other special discounts regularly offered.

Monday: Seniors 20% Off

Tuesday: Weight Watcher Members 20% Off

Wednesday: Berkley City Employees 10% Off

Thursday: Military Discount 10% Off

Friday: Teachers & Students 10% Off

Is it your birthday?

Come celebrate your birthday at council re|sale. Receive 10% off your purchase of \$20 or more, one time during the month of your birthday.

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
redesignhomeconsignment.com

Store Hours:

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

**November is "Refer a Friend" Month
Pass this coupon onto a friend**

**council re|sale "Refer a Friend" Coupon
Refer a friend and you will receive \$5 off
a \$20 or more purchase**

Referred by _____

Valid during month of November 2015

Holiday Shopping?

Think about our stores for a gift certificate in denominations of \$25.

**Thank you to our
consigners! We have just
signed our 900th consigner
at re|design HOME
consignment!**

Spotlight on...

Wrapped in Love

This month's spotlight will feature our program **Wrapped in Love**. We sat down with co-chairs Bobbie Patt and Sandy Collins to find out more about it.

Wrapped in Love (WIL) meets weekly on Monday morning from 10-12 at the office to create beautiful fleece blankets by cutting and tying ends together. They are donated to many charities that need blankets for children that are abused and neglected and removed from their homes every day from Child Protective Services. Many are placed in foster care homes or institutions. The warm and cuddly blankets that are made for them and other children in distress ease some of the trauma they are experiencing. One of the first organizations that were recipients of the blankets was Children's Village in Pontiac, where there is a great need. Blankets are also donated to children in hospitals and homeless families. This project has been going strongly for eight years with wonderful women who come to volunteer each week. The funds to purchase the blankets comes from the Wrapped in Love fund by NCJW/Greater Detroit, Tributes, donations, and grants!

How did this project start?

An NCJW/Greater Detroit board member (Marilyn Levine) suggested the project after seeing someone making the blankets and saw how easy it was to make. From that point, there was the first field trip to Hancock Fabrics and the rest is history. Now the fabric is purchased from Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores, during sales, and no more than \$10.00 is ever spent on a blanket.

How many blankets do you make a year?

This past year about 1000 blankets were made and distributed.

How do you know how many blankets are needed?

Every few months the agencies are contacted to find out how many blankets are needed. Sometimes, we are contacted by the agencies when their supply has run out. NCJW/Greater Detroit members have brought to the attention to the WIL committee that there is sometimes a need at another organization and we do our best to fill the need for the children.

If you are looking for something enjoyable, relaxing, and social that requires no sewing, please join us on Mondays for this rewarding experience. We have heard from the agencies how much the children love having their own blankets, and we can never make enough.

For more information, to volunteer or donate, call the office.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Nominating and Leadership Committee will be meeting to select officers, members of the Board of Directors, and Advisory Directors for National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section for the 2016-2017 year.

Qualifications: A strong commitment to the mission of NCJW, dedication to community responsibility, willingness to provide financial support and the time to attend monthly Board meetings, committee meetings and our many events.

Self-nomination is appreciated, as well as nominations of associates who you believe will be an asset to our organization. All recommendations are confidential and must be submitted by Friday, November 13, 2015.

Nomination forms may be obtained by calling the office. Please send recommendations with your rationale to mail@ncjwgds.org.

Upcoming Public Affairs Education Program

The Public Affairs Education Committee is sponsoring an educational program for NCJW/Greater Detroit members and the community at large. The topic is the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The speakers will include Kary Moss of the ACLU, Rabbi Joseph Krakoff, and State Representative Christine Greig. The moderator will be Wendy Wagenheim. This program will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 3rd at the NCJW office. There is no charge for the program.

The committee is also working on another program which will be about redistricting voting areas. This program is being planned for early 2016. Be sure to check your email and bulletin for further information.

If you are interested in joining this committee, contact the office and ask to be put on the committee list. You will receive emails about our meeting dates.

Chair: **Florence Herrmann, Sharon Leider**

Jewish Youth Awards

NCJW/Greater Detroit is proud to continue its tradition of honoring outstanding high school seniors with its annual Jewish Youth Awards. Candidates will be judged on a written essay and on their leadership both in the Jewish and/or secular communities. The program is open to all Jewish High School seniors. Applications are due Friday, February 26, 2016. Judging, which includes a personal interview, is Sunday, May 1, 2016. Cash awards will be presented to the finalists at an awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Application information and requirements are available at www.ncjwgds.org.



WHY ANNUAL PROGRAM SUPPORT?

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 Annual Program Support dollars go:

NATIONALLY

- Advocacy on Capitol Hill
- 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
- Exodus: NCJW's Anti-Sex Trafficking Initiative. Helping women and children find freedom from sex trafficking

LOCALLY

- 30,000 kosher meals delivered each year to homebound senior citizens and disabled adults by over 100 dedicated volunteers
- 1,000 fleece blankets made annually and give to children placed into foster care in Oakland County
- Over \$100,000 in educational loans and grants given annually to Jewish college students
- 1000 backpacks assembled and distributed each year to homeless students in Oakland County

- New pants, shirts, shoes, socks, underwear, winter coat, hat, gloves, and backpacks filled with school supplies provided to needy children in Detroit through our Back 2 School Store

IN ISRAEL

- Israel granting program benefiting women, children, and families in Israel.
- Advocacy and Coalition Work

***Your gift supports our continued success locally, nationally and in Israel.
TOGETHER WE WILL CONTINUE TO TURN OUR BELIEFS INTO ACTION!***

Chairs: **Fern Katz, Joyce Rubenstein, Paula Wolfe**



NCJW/Greater Detroit Benefits from Dubin Cleaners & Laundry

WINTER WARMTH CAMPAIGN

Dubin Cleaners & Laundry in Farmington Hills is holding its 5th annual Winter Warmth Campaign to benefit those less fortunate in the Metro Detroit area. They will be accepting all winter clothing such as coats, jackets, gloves, hats, sweaters, scarves, etc. NCJW/Greater Detroit will once again be a beneficiary organization. Dubin Cleaners & Laundry will clean all items before sending them to our council resale. The Campaign is running now through Thursday, December 24th. Dubin Cleaners & Laundry, a 5th generation dry cleaning company is committed to serving and giving back to the community in which we all work, live and play.

You can drop off your donations to Dubin Cleaners & Laundry located at 29975 Orchard Lake Rd, south of 14 Mile, Farmington Hills during normal business hours (Mon.-Fri. 7 am-6:30 pm, Sat. 8 am-4 pm).

JEWISH NEWS ON TAPE

If you know of a visually or physically impaired individual who would like to receive the Jewish News on tape delivered to their residence, please contact the office. Additional volunteers to help transcribe and/or train to be readers are always welcome.

Chairs: **Claire Kretchmer, Janet Moses**

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NCJW?

There's so much going on at the Greater Detroit Section. We don't want you to miss out!

Since our Bulletin only comes out four times a year, send us your email address so we can keep you up-to-date in between issues on current programs and events.

Email your information to mail@ncjwgds.org or call the office at 248-355-3300, ext. 0.

PROGRAMMING

The programming committee had a very busy summer putting together this year's programs. Our events for November through March include the following:

THE PASSENGER

A Day at the Opera....An Exclusive Experience at the Detroit Opera House

Sunday, November 22 - 11:30 am

"Front of the House" Access Featuring Distinguished guests from the MOT

Kosher Lunch in the MOT Boll Rehearsal Hall

Historical Overview with Professor Howard Lupovitch

Premium Main Floor Tickets to The Passenger

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Based on availability, reservations will only be taken until November 16, 2015. To purchase tickets go to jewishdetroit.org/passenger or call 248-205-2557

To purchase opera-only tickets, please visit MichiganOpera.org, select Login and Promo, and enter promo code, Pass2518 and the date November 22, 2015. You must have a Michigan Opera account to receive the discounted tickets. If you do not have a Michigan Opera account, click the Login and Promo tab, then click Create Account tab and follow the prompts.

64th Annual Jewish Book Fair Luncheon

Thursday, November 12 - 12 Noon

Jewish Community Center West Bloomfield - Marion and David Handleman Hall

Cost for lunch: \$30.00

Purchase tickets by November 5th at theberman.org or call 248-661-1900

NCJW is co-sponsoring two authors:

Talia Carner, author of *Hotel Moscow*. This a novel about a daughter of Holocaust survivors who accepts an invitation to teach in Moscow as one of the first Americans to visit Russia after the fall of Communism. She soon finds herself caught in the frightening reality of an unstable former Soviet Union descending into chaos.

Jessamyn Hope, author of *Safekeeping*. This new novel is about a sapphire brooch forged in a medieval ghetto and carrying a perilous backstory spanning three continents and seven centuries. This is a novel about love, loss and the courage it takes to keep starting over.

NOSH & KNOWLEDGE SERIES

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Speaker: Rabbi Joseph Krakoff

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm • Location: Call the office for location

Cost: \$10 members; \$15 non-members • Reserve by Friday, February 5, 2016



Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Speaker: Karen McDivitt ~ The Academy Awards

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm • Location: NCJW office

Cost: \$10 members; \$15 non-members • Reserve by Friday, February 19, 2016

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Speaker: Wendy Evans, art historian

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm • Location: NCJW office

Cost: \$10 members; \$15 non-members • Reserve by Friday, March 4, 2016

Please call the office for more information and to make your reservations for these programs. (When you join NCJW as a new member at the event, or when registering for the program in advance, you will receive \$10 off your first year annual membership.)

Chair: **Lori Abel**

BACK 2 SCHOOL STORE

What an amazing day! What an amazing year preparing!! Our Back 2 School Store was held on Sunday, August 9th. During the course of the day we served almost 400 Detroit children and their parents or guardians.

Sharyn Gallatin and Sallyjo Levine and their committee of volunteers worked magic as the children received new clothing, including a winter coat, gloves, hat, two shirts, pants, a pair of shoes, socks and underwear. They also went home with a backpack filled with school supplies, personal care items and a book.

While the children were escorted by a personal shopper, the parents and guardians were taken into the Resource Room and were offered health screenings, legal advice, window winterizing kits and information to assist them with finding resources within the community.

The committees – Agency Relations, Fundraising, Hospitality, Public Relations, Purchasing, Resource Room, Site Logistics, Volunteers – that pulled off this enormous undertaking worked diligently for an entire year before August 9th and the Store could not have gone as well as it did without their help. These efforts included setting up the Store, working on Sunday and packing it all up for next year.

We cannot wait to begin working on next year's Store. Please join us.....we need you!!



Ribbon cutting: Sandi Matz, Jennifer LoPatin, Bernard Parker III, April Parker, Susan Marwil, Susan Gertner, Sharyn Gallatin, Sallyjo Levine



Claire Kretchmer with 8 year old Leela Cotto



Amy Cutler helping Virginia Villanueva shop for gloves

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