

# bulletin

January-March 2019

NCJW | MI

National Council of Jewish Women MICHIGAN

*we cordially invite you to our...*

## Stay-at-Home Tea

**to benefit Children's Literacy  
as well as other youth projects****Date: February 2019****Time: At your leisure****Place: In the comfort  
of your own home**

### IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3

**1. Boil water and  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENTS



**Jennifer LoPatIn**



**Sandi Matz**

With an early onset of winter, we hope that you are reading this and keeping warm. As the seasons change, so do things here at NCJW | MI.

We had an extremely successful Women of Vision benefit luncheon on October 11, 2018, chaired by Lauren Koenigsberg, Sue Lasser, and Susie Serwer, where we honored Josephine S. Weiner Community Service Award recipient Cathy Cantor and Woman of Vision awardee Monni Must, and were energized by our keynote speaker, Cecile Richards,

former president of National Planned Parenthood of America.

Our Fall Focus event took place on November 1st where we heard Dina Charnin, NCJW's National Director of Israel Policy and Programs, speak about Advances in Women's Personal and Political Status in Israel and kicked off our newly revitalized Israel Committee which will be chaired by Jeannie Weiner and Trudy Weiss. Please call the office if you would like to join this committee.

On November 6th, we waited for the results of the midterm elections and planned our next steps to fulfill our mission statement as we strive for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families, and by safeguarding individual

rights and freedoms. We were thrilled with the outcome of Proposition 2 & 3, both of which NCJW | MI worked on tirelessly.

On Monday, November 12th, we co-sponsored Lunch with the Authors at the Detroit JCC Book Fair. Our speakers were Angela Himself and Carolyn Normandin. Angela spoke of her conversion from a fundamentalist sect to Judaism as outlined in her memoir, *A Tree Could Be a River*. Carolyn, the regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, gave us an update on anti-Semitism, both locally and nationally. Her message was, "If you see something, report it to ADL."

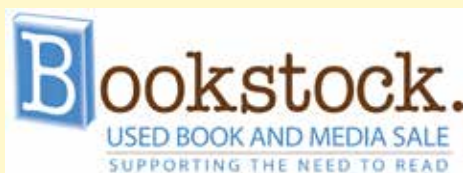
On December 11th, several of us traveled to Flint to meet with potential NCJW | MI members and presented a version of "You Be The Judge," by Courts Matter chairs Susan Marwil and Sue Simon. We have also met with women in Lansing and Ann Arbor and will hold a Michigan Institute in Lansing in May. Stay tuned for further details.

During the winter, we say goodbye temporarily to our many snowbirds while the rest of us can keep our spirits warm and our brains active by coming to our Nosh and Knowledge lecture series (see page 10).

As you have seen on our cover, it's time for our annual Stay at Home Tea. Put on your nicest PJs, make a hot cup of tea, and consider making a donation to help support our literacy and other youth programs.

If you have any questions about NCJW | MI or what is in this bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please help support Bookstock by donating used books, audiobooks, records, CD's and DVD's to Bookstock. We always welcome volunteers



to sort these gems and enjoy the camaraderie at the JCC on Wednesdays from 10am - 2pm. Colossal collections are on Sundays from 11am - 1pm on December 9th, January 13th, and March 10th at the JCC loading

dock. Your volunteer hours turn into dollars for NCJW.

Bookstock is April 7-14, 2019 and NCJW's special day will be Wednesday, April 10, 2019. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

**Chairs: Deede Auster, Barbara Grant, Charlene Green, Fran Stern, Bonnie, Tucker.**

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Susan Gertner**

Reflecting on the last few months, we have been very busy here at NCJW | MI. We held a wonderful Women of Vision Benefit Luncheon featuring speaker Cecile Richards and honoring Cathy Cantor and Monni Must. I thank all of you who supported the event, enabling us to continue

our work through our community service projects, social justice advocacy, and educational programs. If you missed our Fall Focus, you missed a very informative evening about our work in Israel. We are excited to announce that we are in the process of developing a new Israel Affairs committee. If you are interested in joining, please call our office. We also spent the past few months promoting the vote. Our SPAs, Cathy Cantor and Irma Glaser, were busy at work.

Our work continues as we outreach to various communities throughout the state, informing them of the work we do. If you have family or friends living anywhere in Michigan who might be interested in joining us, please have them visit our website. We need you to help us spread the word about all we do to benefit the lives of women, children, and families. Save the date, Monday and Tuesday, May 20-21, 2019, for our first Michigan Institute. This will be a two day event, held in Lansing. One day will be spent on advocacy training, the second day we will meet with legislators on specific issues. It will be open to members and non-members, throughout the state.

As we look to our future, we need your involvement. We want to hear your thoughts about NCJW | MI. Please take a few minutes to either complete the membership survey located on page 12, or visit our website, [ncjwmi.org](http://ncjwmi.org) and complete the form online. We will include the results in our next bulletin.

We have many things in the works, so keep an eye out for upcoming information. To keep abreast of what is happening in between bulletins, watch for our emails. If we do not have your email, please mail it to [mail@ncjwmi.org](mailto:mail@ncjwmi.org) so that we can keep you up to date on NCJW | MI happenings. Also, "like" us on Facebook and share our posts to help inform others about our work.

I would like to thank Ali Duhan, our intern for all that she has done at our agency. She is a student at University of Michigan, obtaining her Masters Degree in Social Work and the Jewish Communal Leadership Program. We wish her the best as she finishes her degree and begins her job search. We will miss her.

## Courts Matter Michigan Coalition

In 2017, NCJW | MI established Courts Matter Michigan Coalition, a non-partisan coalition of diverse organizations\* united in their efforts to ensure a well-functioning federal judiciary composed of qualified judges who are committed to upholding our core constitutional values, including equality, freedom, and justice for all.



The coalition educates the public and our elected officials about the importance of judges who sit on federal courts for life. It informs its coalition members about the judicial nominations process and records of judicial nominees who will be charged with protecting our fundamental constitutional rights. It mobilizes Michiganders to speak out and take action to ensure a fair and independent federal judiciary through a process that identifies and provides timely confirmation votes for all well-qualified and diverse nominees dedicated to fairness and impartiality.

There have been many recent appointments to our federal courts that have seemed to have been too quick and without enough consideration of citizens' input. Some people feel that citizens' interests have been suppressed. The reality is that the public does not have a chance to act upon these occurrences. However, our coalition was formed not only to educate but also to inform the public about the importance of speaking to their senators, asking them to support justices who will uphold our constitutional values. Courts Matter Michigan Coalition strives to make the public and our senators aware of those nominee judges who are not qualified because of their lack of experience, educational background, lack of fairness, or independence in their thinking. That is the only chance the public has to make a difference in this process.

Our short-term goals are to make the public aware of the violations of the judicial process that have transpired and to encourage our senators to speak out on the Senate floor against judges who are not qualified, are not fair, and not independent. Our long-term goal is to continue to educate the public about the importance and the process of lifetime federal judicial nominees. This is perhaps our most significant goal for today because Federal Judgeship appointments will continue beyond the present time. We need to begin now to prepare for the future.

For further information about the coalition, contact the NCJW | MI office.

### Chairs: Susan Marwil, Sue Simon

*\*Coalition members are: Activists for Democracy, American Association of University Women of Michigan, Anti-Defamation League, Business and Professional Women of Michigan, Detroit Jews for Justice, Fair Michigan, Mothering Justice, Muslim Unity Center, National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan, National Organization for Women (Michigan Chapter), Progress Michigan, Sierra Club (Michigan Chapter), Temple Israel, Temple Shir Shalom, United Way for Southeastern Michigan.*





*With  
gratitude.*

Thank you to the  
admirable women of  
NCJW | MI who strive  
for positive change.

Wishing you and yours a  
Happy Holiday Season  
and a year filled with  
peace and prosperity.

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## PROJECT FRIENDSHIP - KADIMA

You may have heard about Project Friendship before, so you probably know what it is, who it's for, and some of the exciting things we do. This article is about my personal experience when I went to Upland Hills Farm on a rainy Sunday early in October, with a group of about 25 Kadima clients, staff, and volunteers.

To be honest, I decided to go on the Upland Hills Farm trip because I remember going there with my kids' classes and really liking it. I was looking forward to it...you know, the farm animals, the magic show, the hayride and the demonstrations of shearing the sheep and milking the cows.

Well, the farm didn't disappoint. It checked all my anticipated boxes and I got the farm and animal fix I expected. What I didn't expect though was the experience I had with the clients who attended. Walking around the farm, talking, sharing stories, laughing, serving and eating lunch with the clients and staff, just being there was way more rewarding than I ever imagined. Everyone was warm, engaging, welcoming, and they reached out to be my friend. One man kept telling me all the jokes he had made up, waiting to hear my reaction; a woman told me proudly about all the jewelry she was wearing and who gave it to her. I know they enjoyed the farm experience and everything they saw and did, but to be honest, what they enjoyed even more was the camaraderie they shared and extending themselves to the volunteers like me.

I understand now why this is called Project Friendship. The "Project" part is about the incredible NCJW committee chairs who work hard all year and plan wonderful activities for the Kadima clients. The "work" is in the planning, arranging, and organizing each activity. As with all our projects, it takes time, patience, and devotion, and believe me, Barb Berger, Carol Wiseman, and Susan Sabbath do a fantastic job as our chairs. But for the clients, it's not only about the "project," it is largely about the "Friendship" part. These Sundays that we plan for them are an opportunity for them to be with their friends and enjoy each other's company while having an experience that they might otherwise not be able to have. What I had was not only a return visit to Upland Hills Farm, but a truly enriching experience of kindness and friendship. I'm anxious to go to another activity to hear some new jokes and see what jewelry has been added to my friend's wardrobe...and I know that they'll be as happy to see me as I will be to see them.

### The upcoming Project Friendship activities are:

**January 6...Bowling Party**

**January 20...TuB'shvat Seder**

**February 3...Musician at Kadima**

**February 17...Bingo and Brunch at Kadima**

**March 3...I-MAX Theatre**

**March 17... Purim Celebration at Kadima**

The Project Friendship chairs have made it easy for you...they have planned the projects; all you need to do is come to be a friend and make a friend. Please call the NCJW | MI office at 248.355-3300, ext. 0 to sign up.

**Susie Jacob**  
**Vice President**



We are very proud to announce the Kadima Community Award that was presented to NCJW | MI on October 10, 2018 at Kadima's Community Awards Night. The engraved plaque was presented to Carol Wiseman, one of three chairs of Project Friendship, an NCJW | MI project which benefits the clients of Kadima. This prestigious award was given on World Mental Health Day, and recognized the important role that Project Friendship plays in the lives of the Kadima clients. This award named NCJW | MI, as Community Partner of the Year.

**Chairs: Barbara Berger,  
Susan Sabbath, Carol Wiseman.**

# COUNCIL RE|SALE NEWS

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## council re|sale shop • donate • benefit community

If you are cleaning out your closets,  
council re|sale is in need of the following:

- Home accessories
- Linen
- Women's and Men's upscale clothing
- Men's shoes, suits, shirts, ties, cuff links,  
and tie tacks
- Spring attire for our upcoming Spring Showcase

### Want to be the first to know about our Special Sales?

Like us on our council re|sale facebook page and  
send us your email at [mail@ncjwmi.org](mailto:mail@ncjwmi.org), so you are  
up-to-date on our weekly specials.

### Donations Picked Up

Did you know we can pick up your donation  
at your home? Just call 248-548-6664. We depend  
on your donations for the success of our stores!

### Thank You to...

Dubin Cleaners & Laundry, for their generosity  
of including council re|sale in their Winter Coat  
Collection.

If you know of any stores interested in  
donating items to council re|sale, or  
businesses or organizations interested in  
hosting a collection, please call Susan Gertner at  
NCJW | MI.

### Do you know about our council cash program?

For each \$50 pre-tax purchase that you make,  
you will receive \$15 in council cash to be used on  
a future purchase. Come shop with us. For further  
details, visit our store.

### Have torn or stained clothes to donate?

We can take those items as well. Instead of  
selling the items, we have a salvage company that  
will buy the items and pay us per pound. As with  
all of our items sold, the proceeds will benefit  
NCJW | MI community service projects.

## JOIN US FOR DISCOUNT DAYS

### MONDAYS

Seniors 60 & over receive  
20% off entire purchase

### TUESDAYS

Weight Watchers members  
receive 20% off  
entire purchase

### WEDNESDAYS

Berkley City employees  
receive 10% off  
entire purchase

### THURSDAYS

Military personnel receive  
10% off entire purchase

### FRIDAYS

Teachers and students  
receive 10% off  
entire purchase

**COME CELEBRATE YOUR  
BIRTHDAY WITH US!**  
**Receive 10% off your  
purchase of \$20 or more.**  
**One time only during the  
month of your birthday.**

## CALLING ALL DONORS

**Monday, February 11th- Friday, February 15th  
Revolving Door Donor Discount.** Be our Valentine.  
Donate to council re|sale and receive 70% off of  
your entire purchase during Revolving Door Donor  
Discount Week (one time only).

### Save the Date

**Wed., January 2nd-Sat., January 5th**  
**Celebrate the new year with our \$20.19 sale.**  
**Select items on sale for \$20.19.**

**Wed., January 30th-Sat., February 2nd**  
**Super Bowl Sale: Pick a football and  
receive a special % off your purchase**

### Spring Showcase

**Monday, March 11th-Thursday, March 14th**  
75% off your entire purchase.

### Friday, March 15th

Fill a Bag Sale, 10am-4pm. \$12 a bag.

### Saturday, March 16th

council re|sale closed  
in preparation of Spring Showcase

### Sunday March 17th – Spring Showcase

Come shop for all of our new  
Spring items, noon – 4pm  
Early Bird VIP shopping, 10am-noon

**Monday, March 18th – Saturday, March 23rd.**  
Spring Fashion Week

*Donations not accepted*  
*Friday, March 15th-Sunday, March 17th*  
*in preparation of Spring Showcase.*

**Proceeds support NCJW | MI services benefitting women, children, and families in need for over 125 years.**





**Cathy Cantor**



**Irma Glaser**

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*

This quotation by Margaret Mead has never rung as true as it did on election night when it was announced that Proposal 2 – the constitutional amendment that creates an independent citizens' commission to handle redistricting in our state – had passed.

The fact that a grassroots volunteer group – relatively small, definitely thoughtful, and certainly committed – could effect a change in our Michigan Constitution that will benefit our state's citizens for years to come . . . well, that could be viewed as remarkable! But Margaret Mead was right, we shouldn't be surprised. This IS how things get changed. We cannot wait for our legislators to fix what is wrong. They've proven that they are not presently capable of working together and finding solutions. Unlike the volunteers for

Proposal 2 (which included many NCJW | MI members) who came together for a common cause and, working side by side, did the hard work necessary to pass the anti-gerrymandering proposal!

In addition to our support of Proposal 2, NCJW | MI also supported Proposal 3, which removes obstacles to voting. The news on election night was especially uplifting when it was announced that Proposal 3 had also passed.

- Hats off to Voters Not Politicians, who organized the Prop 2 effort, and to NCJW | MI who hosted and conducted trainings, recruited volunteers, and held

educational programs about gerrymandering and redistricting, as well as Proposal 2 itself.

- Hats off to Promote the Vote, of which NCJW | MI was a part, for their work in getting the word out about Proposal 3.
- Hats off to all the volunteers, including many, many NCJW | MI members, who collected signatures on petitions, canvassed neighborhoods, knocked on doors, and manned phone banks for both Proposal 2 and Proposal 3.
- Hats off to Michigan voters who showed up in numbers not seen since the 1970 midterms.
- Hats off to the women who ran – and won – in this year's midterms. Michigan's women legislators increase from 25% to 35% with this election. We're getting there!

We can't help but be buoyed by the passing of Proposals 2 and 3. And when we consider the wise words of Margaret Mead, we realize that other issues so important to us – commonsense gun legislation, equal pay, protecting women's health (including reproductive health), supporting a fair and independent judiciary – all these and more CAN be attained through the grassroots efforts of a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens.

We still have work to do. And now we can be more optimistic that we will be successful!

**Cathy Cantor, Irma Glaser**  
**NCJW State Policy Advocates, Michigan**

### **New NCJW | MI Evening Group**

NCJW | MI has formed an Evening Group for community-oriented women who can only meet in the evening and are committed to advocating for positive change and making a difference in the lives of others. This newly formed group met for the first time in December, 2018 at a Mindfulness Social to get acquainted, explore NCJW | MI's programs and activities, and discuss what this group can do to further the mission of the National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan. NCJW | MI strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. If you know someone who might like to join this group, have them contact the NCJW | MI office.

**Advisors: Carrie Kushner, Lynn Lieberman, Susan Marwil**



## LITERACY OUTREACH

"I think I can, I think I can" are words from the children's book, "The Little Engine That Could." These words also represent the teamwork of all the tutors at NCJW | MI and the Coleman A. Young (CAY) Elementary School in Detroit. As we say thank you to all the hard workers at CAY, we are welcoming many new tutors who are adding a lot of "steam" to make the Literacy program even stronger. Thanks to the returning tutors and to the new members of the team. Each tutor is already adding a great deal of enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment. In addition, the staff at CAY has been a very important driving force. Melanie Wallace, an ELA Master Teacher at CAY, came to the orientation meeting at the NCJW | MI office to share Detroit's new literacy program, the reading and writing curriculum, and some of the methods being implemented.

Adding positive "fuel" each week is CAY's Principal, Mrs. Scott, who creates a welcoming learning environment and gives lots of hugs. Another forceful "engine" is Janice Goldman, who oversees the NCJW | MI volunteers coming into classrooms monthly to share a variety of quality literature. We are moving down the "track" at a great pace, and with all the support from NCJW | MI and our tutors, when it comes to the children and literacy, "We KNOW we can, "We KNOW we can!"

**Chairs: Linda Kayes, Carol Rosenfeld**



## Wrapped in Love

Are you a new member or, perhaps, a more seasoned member looking for a relaxing way to spend your Monday mornings while performing a mitzvah? Look no further!

Drop into the office any Monday morning between 10:00am and 12:00pm and you'll find a cheerful group of NCJW | MI volunteers creating beautiful fleece blankets for children in need of some warmth and security. Blankets are easy to make and the finished products go to children receiving help through social service agencies, who are removed from their homes, those in hospitals, or in emergency shelters.

No experience necessary.  
Coffee and light snacks are provided

**Chairs: Bobbie Patt, Ruth Zerlin**

## FALL FOCUS/Israel Affairs Committee

Fall Focus, on November 1, highlighted our newly organized Israel Affairs committee which provided this year's successful and enlightening evening for our NCJW | MI members and the community at large. Dina Charnin, NCJW National Director of Israel Policy and Programs, gave a most informative talk describing the challenging issues women face in a diverse Israeli society and all that NCJW has done and is continuing to do to help.

Please join us as we move forward and plan our future programs. If you are interested in participating in the Israel Affairs committee please contact the office.

**Chairs: Jeannie Weiner, Trudy Weiss**



**Dina Charnin and Susan Rollinger**



## Human Trafficking, Sanctum House, and NCJW | MI

NCJW | MI has been educating the community about human trafficking for more than a decade. When we held our first educational program, the general consensus in the community was that human trafficking existed – but not in our state, county, or city. Most people thought it was a problem in other countries, not the United States. Our first program dispelled that notion – but only for the 45 people in attendance!

Since that first program over 10 years ago, we've continued to offer educational programs on human trafficking to more and more members of the community and today there is much greater awareness about the topic and a realization that it exists in almost every county in every state in the country.

Along the way, NCJW | MI connected with Edee Franklin who had a vision of creating an adult women's shelter for victims of human trafficking. When Edee began her quest, there were fewer than 20 beds in Michigan for adult women victims of trafficking to have long-term treatment. There were beds for girls and teens, but not for adult women. It took many years, but Edee's vision became a reality last year. Sanctum House, a shelter for adult women victims of trafficking, is now a reality. And, with a maximum number of 16 beds, Sanctum House will almost double the number of beds available for adult women.

NCJW | MI has been involved with Sanctum House from the beginning, providing liaisons to serve on the steering committee, and becoming a member of the Advisory Board. Earlier this year, with funding from DeRoy Testamentary Foundation, NCJW | MI committed to providing all the items needed for a full and functioning kitchen at Sanctum House. We have provided everything from dishes, glasses, and flatware, to every small appliance and cooking item needed in a well-used kitchen!

Now NCJW | MI will offer an opportunity to our members to volunteer at Sanctum House. Prior to volunteering, a three-hour training must be completed. We will offer a training on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the NCJW | MI office.

RSVP to the office if you would like to attend the training.

**Chair: Cathy Cantor**



**Edee Franklin, Sharyn J. Gallatin, Cathy Cantor, Karen Moore**

### Adult Guardianship

We serve as advocates on behalf of Oakland County Probate Court's Guardianship Department to protect seniors who have Court-appointed guardians. We visit facilities and group homes to ensure that the needs of the individual are being met by the guardian and/or the facility. We have an average of 8 visits per month to facilities in Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills, and West Bloomfield. We provide a vital service to help those whose guardians visit only quarterly.

We always have a need for more advocates. A case requires a short phone call with questions for the guardian, a visit to the facility, and filling out a form that is mailed to the Court. Please consider volunteering with us!

**Chairs: Suzanne Lasser, Bonnie Tucker**

### Jewish Youth Awards

NCJW | MI is proud to continue its tradition of honoring outstanding Jewish 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 Jewish High School seniors, and all are encouraged to apply. Eight finalists will receive a total of \$5,500 during an awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Applications are due Monday, February 25, 2019. Judging is in person on Sunday, April 14, 2019. Application information and requirements will be available beginning Thursday, December 20, 2018 at [www.ncjwmi.org](http://www.ncjwmi.org). Funding of the awards is made possible by the generosity of the Dina and Herman (z'l) Brodsky Jewish Youth Awards Fund and the Esther (z'l) and Nathan (z'l) Katz Jewish Youth Awards Fund.

**Chairs: Lauren Mandel, Julie Silberg**



### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 12:00PM



**WENDY EVANS** - has advanced degrees from Oxford University in England and Wayne State University. Ms. Evans taught Art history at Wayne State and elsewhere. A long time volunteer at the DIA, she gives presentations on a wide variety of art subjects.

**"Annie Leibovitz: Capturing Celebrity"**

*RSVP with payment by Friday, January 11.*

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 12:00Pm



**JOSEPH H. KRAKOFF** is a Rabbi and the Senior Director of Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network. Rabbi Krakoff offers classes and seminars on a variety of spiritual topics and is a guest lecturer in the Wayne State Medical School's Health and Wellness Program.

**"Living a Life with No Regrets"**

*RSVP with payment by Thursday, Feb. 7th.*

### WEDNESDAY, March 13, 12:00PM



**DR. MITCH PARKER** is a Rabbi at B'nai Israel Synagogue as well as a practicing Child Psychologist. Dr. Parker teaches an in-depth study of Torah in the FedEd Program and is a very knowledgeable, charismatic speaker.

**"Famous Jewish Women You Never Heard Of"**

*RSVP with payment by Friday, March 8th.*

**A dairy lunch will be provided.  
All sessions take place at the NCJW | MI office.**

**COST per session: \$10 for NCJW MEMBERS,  
\$15 for NON-MEMBERS**

**COST for all three sessions:  
\$25 for NCJW MEMBERS, \$40 for NON-MEMBERS**

**For more information or to register for the program,  
please call 248-355-3300, ext. 0, mail check made payable to  
NCJW | MI, 26400 Lahser Rd, Suite 306, Southfield, MI 48033,  
or pay online at [www.NCJWMI.org](http://www.NCJWMI.org)**

## TEEN YELLOW PAGES "So I'm Not the Only One?"

On a recent home visit, a Children's Advocate team met with a grandmother guardian, three children under the age of six, and the children's birth mother, age 23. The mother, at first indifferent to the visiting Advocates, was curled up on the sofa, wearing headphones, and obviously quite depressed.

When asked to remove the headphones, the CA's engaged her in a conversation and heard her story. She had given birth to her first child at age 15, and with the same young man, gave birth to two more children. She said she had no idea how to be a parent and had no patience to deal with her three adorable daughters.

Counseling was discussed and she said she didn't need it. At that point, one of the CA's handed her NCJW's Teen Yellow Pages. As she looked at it, her expression visibly changed and she said, "There is something like this available? There are that many people out there who need this help? So I'm not the only one?" She looked like she had just discovered life.

The Children's Advocates who are managing her case are working to get her into a program that will teach her parenting skills and enable her to find herself.

This is a perfect example of how NCJW is committed to improving the quality of life for women, children, and families. Our Children's Advocate Program and Teen Yellow Pages have come together to help this young woman, and so many others.

**Children's Advocates: Denny Camiener, Liz Bank**

## CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES

Children's Advocates continues to provide support to Oakland County Probate Court in handling short-term reviews of minors, ages six and under, in guardianship situations. We are the only agency in Oakland County to handle such cases. In teams, we process an average of 8-10 cases per month. We also continue to participate in court case reviews for minors under guardianship.

We are in the process of planning a luncheon in-service with 1-2 speakers. The speakers will discuss pertinent topics related to children's guardianships. Date to be determined. If you know of anyone interested in this project, please have them call the NCJW | MI office to request an application. We continue to encourage and review all interested potential candidates for our committee.

**Chairs: Liz Bank, Nancy Raimi,  
Linda Schwarzberg.**



Plans are busily underway for our sixth annual Back 2 School Store, which will open for business on August 4th, 2019. Last year we served over 600 children and we are planning on even more this year. As in the past, we will provide each child with a complete set of new clothing, including new underwear, socks, pants, shirts, a coat, gloves, and a hat, and a new pair of shoes, along with a backpack filled with school supplies and personal care items. Each child will "shop" with a personal shopper, and will be able to leave the Store with a complete outfit and filled backpack.

There are many ways to help, from fundraising, hospitality, public relations, set up, day of volunteering, tear down, helping design and secure resources for the Family Center for the parents and guardians of the children shoppers, purchasing clothing and supplies, to working with agencies responsible for finding children. We hope to invite new agencies to participate. If you know of any social service agencies that operate in the city of Detroit or service Detroit children, please contact the office. The beauty of this project is that there are many ways to get involved. If you are interested in being a part of this amazing project, please contact the NCJW | MI office. We look forward to your participation and thank you for your support as do the children who will be served that day.

**Chairs: Lauren Koenigsberg, Sallyjo Levine, Carol Rosenfeld**

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Once again, NCJW | MI will travel to Lansing to take part in the Equal Pay Day Rally.**

**Save the date, APRIL 2, 2019, and join us as we rally to FINALLY get the legislation passed to assure that everyone is paid equally for equivalent work!**

**Look for more information in future emails, or visit our website.**



## GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

Share your passion for NCJW | MI with a gift of membership to your daughters and granddaughters. Shopping could not be easier! Just call the office or visit [www.ncjwmi.org](http://www.ncjwmi.org) for membership options. 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.

**Chair: Amy Zeskind**

**We Welcome our new members...**

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### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

NCJW | MI sponsors a support group for widows, widowers, and partners. The goal is to help the grieving person become a functioning, independent, single individual in a couples world. The support group helps bridge the gap between grief and growth.

The group meets for two hours, once a week during a six week period. Groups are initiated when seven to ten people register. Please contact the NCJW office for further information (248)355-3300 ext. 0.

**Chair: Florence Herrmann**



## NCJW | MI Membership Engagement Survey

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. The goal of this survey is to better understand how our members are engaged with the work of National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan (NCJW | MI) and how we can better engage you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. What motivated you to join NCJW | MI?

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### 2. How would you rank your level of engagement with NCJW | MI?

Not Engaged 1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10 Very Engaged

### 3. How are you currently engaged with NCJW | MI? (Check all that apply)

On one or more committees \_\_\_\_\_ Attend events \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer for Community Service Projects \_\_\_\_\_  
Make donations \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. What would encourage you to be more engaged with NCJW | MI? (Check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Having an opportunity to build my own leadership skills (chairing a committee, leading a project)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Receiving emails or phone invitations to events or committee meetings  
\_\_\_\_\_ Knowing that my contributions make a difference  
\_\_\_\_\_ Being able to socialize with other Jewish women who have a passion for social justice  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. When are you available to attend NCJW | MI meetings/events? (Check all that apply)

Morning \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Weekends \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Check all Areas of Interest:

#### Social Justice/Advocacy Work

- ☐ Join our Advocacy Committee
- ☐ Attend visits to Lansing (meeting with legislators, attend rallies, etc.)
- ☐ Join our Action Alert email listserv
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Community Service Projects

- ☐ Join a planning committee
- ☐ Volunteer for a community service project
- ☐ Volunteer for youth projects
- ☐ Volunteer with older adults
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Educational Programming

- ☐ Join a planning committee
- ☐ Join our Book club
- ☐ Attend Lunchtime Nosh and Knowledge programs
- ☐ Attend Public Affairs programming
- ☐ Attend Cultural Events
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. How can we better serve you and your interests?

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### 8. NCJW | MI is expanding to serve all of Michigan. Do you have friends or family who would be interested in learning more about NCJW | MI? Please share their name and best contact information with us.

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Mail this survey to 26400 Lahser Rd. #306, Southfield, MI 48033 or complete online at [ncjwmi.org](http://ncjwmi.org)  
by Monday January 14, 2019

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, MICHIGAN YOUTH MEDIA CONTEST

**WHO?** Any Oakland County High School Girls

**WHAT?** Develop a thirty second Public Service Announcement answering the question "What does gun violence prevention mean to you?"

**WHEN?** Submission Due: Monday, March 25, 2019, by midnight  
Award Ceremony: Monday, April 15, 2019 7pm with featured speaker Jeff Kasky (President of Families vs. Assault Rifles, Political Action Committee; Parkland parent).

**First place: \$1,000 - Second place: \$750 - Third place: \$500**

For further information, application and release forms go to [www.ncjwmi.org](http://www.ncjwmi.org).

For questions contact:  
[mail@ncjwmi.org](mailto:mail@ncjwmi.org)  
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## **An Annual Benefit Luncheon To Support The Projects Of NCJW | MI**

Thank you to everyone who helped support Women of Vision 2018. On October 11th over 450 guests were at Adat Shalom Synagogue to hear the speaker, Cecile Richards. Cathy Cantor received the Josephine S. Weiner Community Service Award and Monni Must was presented with the Woman of Vision Award. Many thanks to all who participated, worked on, donated, and attended this wonderful event. Because of you, Women of Vision 2018 was truly exceptional and our community service projects benefited greatly.

**Chairs: Lauren Koenigsberg, Sue Lasser, Susie Serwer**



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## SHOES TO SHARE

Jeannie Weiner and Gail Katz, along with an enthusiastic Shoes to Share Committee, met in September and used a list developed by the Chairs to contact public and private schools as well as houses of worship to ask them to participate in collecting gently used shoes starting October 10th and ending October 29th. WISDOM (Women's Interfaith Solutions for Dialogue and Outreach in Metro Detroit) was invited to participate for the second year in a row.



Volunteers signed up to bring cartons and plastic bags for the shoe collections to 42 sites. The bags were filled with shoes at the end of the collection period and were brought to Suite 100 in the NCJW building. Volunteers signed up for the shoe sorting shifts for the month of November. We have connected with 23 agencies who would like the gently used shoes to help people in need in their community.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Shoes to Share 2018 project. We so appreciated your help in connecting with schools and houses of worship in Metro Detroit, in picking up and dropping off boxes and bags filled with shoes, and with sorting all of the shoes that were brought to the NCJW collection room. Suite 100 was overflowing with collected shoes! Close to 5,000 pairs of shoes were collected, sorted, and distributed.

Women's and men's shoes are needed for interviews and work situations. Children's shoes are needed to keep feet comfortable at school and warm traveling to and from their buildings. The youngsters were excited to receive stylish shoes. Most importantly, there will be warm feet for many this winter! We truly believe that children who share in such a collection project will learn to care about those in need in our community!

**Chairs: Gail Katz, Jeannie Weiner**



**Jeannie Weiner and Gail Katz**



**Shoes To Share - NCJW Volunteers  
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