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National Council of Jewish Women MICHIGAN

we cordially invite you to our annual...

Stay-at-Home Tea

*to benefit NCJW|MI Mental Health Initiatives
as well as other community projects***Date: February 2020****Time: At your leisure****Place: In the comfort
of your own home**

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1. **Boil water and
drop a tea bag
into your
favorite cup**

2. **Choose a
level of
support**

3. **Sit back and
relax, knowing
you have made
a difference**

Our mission at National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan is to advocate for all women, children, and families. Mental health initiatives are paramount to the health of the families we serve. Whether we are engaging Kadima clients through Sunday brunches and activities through Project Friendship, making inroads in the fight for better and more comprehensive advocacy, or using our voices to inform our membership, we will continue to work on mental health initiatives as well as other community support programs. We include in this the Teen Yellow Pages, 313 Baby, and the Bereavement Support Group

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jennifer LoPatin

I'm writing to you soon after the return to Daylight Saving Time. Although it was only one hour that we were given back, it's one more hour for us at NCJW | MI to continue the important work that we're doing every day. Time is a gift and we're taking advantage of every moment!

We had a very successful Women of Vision Annual Benefit luncheon on October 24th, thanks to the efforts of co-chairs Marian Littman and Judy Robinson and their outstanding committee, as well as their vice president, Susan Rollinger. Lisa Lis was given the Josephine S. Weiner Community Service Award and Jackie Victor received the Woman of Vision Award. It was our honor to recognize these two women for their service to our community. Our keynote speaker was Dahlia Lithwick, who spoke to us about her 20 years of reporting on the U.S. Supreme Court (see pg 4-5).

On Thursday, November 7th, we co-sponsored Lunch with the Authors at the 68th Detroit Jewish Book Fair at the JCC. Our authors were Myla Goldberg (Feast Your Eyes) and Sarah Rose (D-Day Girls). The content of both books highlighted strong women.

Our Fall Focus/Opening Meeting event took place on November 12th. Cathy Cantor and Cindy Weintraub are the chairs of Human Trafficking Awareness. Their VP is Sharon Leider and Sallyjo Levine. They helped plan this very important evening where we learned about Labor Trafficking, its prevalence and how to recognize signs. The presenters were Kelly Carter, Michigan Assistant Attorney General, Human Trafficking Unit and Danielle Kalil, Supervising Attorney, Human Trafficking Clinic at the University of Michigan.

On Thursday, November 14th, we held our Kosher Meals on Wheels (KNOW) volunteer luncheon at Prentis where we thanked our dedicated volunteers who pack and deliver meals to our homebound seniors. Thanks to them and Frank Lanzkron-Tamaroazo, our transition from Prentis to the JCC went very smoothly. We also said goodbye to Janelle Miller, our Friday chair for 45 years! Thank you, Janelle, for your extraordinary service

to KNOW! (see pg 16). Thank you to Jewish Family Service for being our partner. Thanks also to Evva Hepner, who has taken on the role of Volunteer Coordinator for Meals on Wheels. Her efforts have been more than helpful.

As the evenings darken and the wind blows colder, we bid a fond "see you later" to our snowbirds as they head to warmer temperatures. While they're gone, we will be busy going to our Nosh and Knowledge series (see page 15). We have 2 new committees which are open to all: Climate Change and Election 2020. Please call the office for meeting times. We will also be presenting The Vagina Monologues, so get your acting chops going! (see page 11).

On Sunday, November 17th, we celebrated the 85th anniversary of re|sale (formerly known as Council Resale). Thanks to our volunteers and re|sale staff, led by Delores Hendrix (see page 6).

As you have seen on our cover, it's time for our annual Stay at Home Tea, so put on your nicest pajamas, make a cup of hot tea, coffee, or cocoa and consider making a donation to help support our mental health initiatives and other community services from the comfort of your own home!

I want to wish a happy retirement to Esther Weitzman as she starts this new chapter of her life. We will miss her incredible patience and dedication to NCJW, but we know that she won't be too far away!

As always, if you have any questions about NCJW | MI or what is in this Bulletin, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Happy Retirement

Esther Weitzman

Thank you for over 11 years of work as NCJW|MI Office Coordinator. Enjoy your retirement! You will be missed!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Susan Gertner

As you may know Esther Weitzman, our Office Coordinator, will be retiring at the end of December. Many of you may not have met her in person, but have spoken to her on the phone. For over 11 years, Esther has answered your questions, taken your registrations and tributes, and worked in partnership with our Board and committee members on our many community service projects,

programs, and events. If you have called or come in to the office, you are sure to have met Esther. We wish Esther the best in her retirement and hope she will come back soon as one of our many volunteers. We will miss her.

As I conducted interviews for Esther's position, I would start by talking about our organization. I would explain how amazing NCJW | MI is because of all of the wonderful women involved. Not many organizations have the support of so many volunteers. We could not do what we do without all of you. It made me realize how lucky I am to be working with such dedicated women and that I can come to work knowing we are making a difference in our community. If you know of anyone who might like to learn more about what we do, invite them to a program or committee meeting to get a first-hand sense of our work.

As you know, we fund our projects and social justice work through membership dues, tribute sales, donations, sponsorships, our resale store, and grants. Our members are our connection to the community. If you know of a Foundation that offers grants, or a business that would be interested in advertising by sponsoring a program or project, please give me a call or email me at sgertner@ncjwmi.org.

I wish all of you a new year of happiness and good health. Thank you for being a part of NCJW | MI. Your support is appreciated and essential, as we benefit women, children, and families in our community and in Israel.



Plans are busily underway for our seventh Back 2 School Store, which will open for business in August 2020. Last year we served almost 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, shirt, sweatshirt, coat, gloves, a hat, and a new pair of shoes along with a new backpack filled with school supplies. Each child will "shop" with a personal shopper for the clothes they want 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, to tear down. We also need help designing and securing resources for the Family Center for the parents and guardians of the children shoppers. We welcome new agencies to join us. If you know of any agencies who operate in the city or service Detroit elementary age children, please contact the NCJW|MI office so that we may invite them to participate in this exciting endeavor. The beauty of this project is that there are so 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 working with you and we thank you for your support as do the children who will be served that day.

Chairs: Lauren Koenigsberg, Carol Rosenfeld and Margo Stocker

Special General Meeting for All NCJW | MI Members

We will be holding a special general meeting on January 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at our NCJW | MI office. This will be an Open Board Meeting (all NCJW | MI members are invited) called by our President Jennifer LoPatin. Please RSVP if you plan to attend by calling the office.

The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss and vote on a change in our By-laws. The Article in question is Article V, under Board of Directors in Section 4. There it states that "...there shall be (30) elected Directors..." Governance will be proposing at that meeting that we change that to read "...there shall be up to 35 elected Directors."

The rationale for this increase in number of elected Directors is to keep our Board vital with new members who will enhance our NCJW | MI section. Currently, the number of women recommended to serve on the Board far exceeds the number of available spots. Thus, we would be able to elect an additional 5 Board Directors.

We look forward to seeing you on January 28th.

Susan Marwil
Governance Committee Chair

WOMEN OF VISION 2019

An Annual Benefit Luncheon To Support The Projects Of NCJW | MI

The 2019 Women of Vision Benefit Luncheon was held on October 24th at Adat Shalom Synagogue. Dahlia Lithwick, our featured speaker, provided the 350 attendees with an engaging and thought provoking presentation. So, too, did Lisa Lis when honored with the Josephine S. Weiner Community Service award and Jackie Victor, who received the Woman of Vision Award.

The day was filled with friends, boutique shopping, and lunch along with a drawing for gifts provided by the vendors and a 50/50 raffle winner. Our heartfelt thanks to our patrons, advertisers, vendors, the NCJW office staff, and the dedicated members of the Women of Vision Planning Committee who helped make this day a great success.

Chairs: Marian Littman and Judy Robinson



**Judy Robinson, Susan Rollinger, Susan Gertner, Marian Littman,
Dahlia Lithwick, Jennifer LoPatin**



Jackie Victor, Dahlia Lithwick, Lisa Lis

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WANT TO KNOW ABOUT OUR SPECIAL SALES?

Like us on our **council resale** facebook page and send us your email at mail@ncjwmi.org, so you are up-to-date on our weekly specials

Upcoming Sales

JAN. 1ST -31ST

For every purchase of \$50, you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$250 Art Van gift card. Drawing will be held Feb. 1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Winter Wonderland Sale

SATURDAY, JAN. 25TH

Customer Appreciation
SPECIAL SALE

FEB. 1ST - 29TH

During the month of February we will have a drawing, collecting ideas for a special sale. Enter the contest and if your idea is chosen, you will receive a gift certificate to shop at council re|sale.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8TH

Children's Sale

FRIDAY, FEB. 14TH

Valentine's Day Red Sale, 25% off anything purchased with red in it

SATURDAY, FEB. 29TH

Leap Year Sale

SUNDAY, MAR. 22ND

Spring Showcase

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Winter Wonderland
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Sunday, January 12, 2020, noon - 4pm
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50% OFF SALE
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SALE

85th Anniversary Celebration

Thank you to those who donated, shopped, volunteered and celebrated with us at our 85th Anniversary Celebration. It was a wonderful day!



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STATE POLICY ADVOCATES



Cathy Cantor

In the last bulletin, we discussed the gun violence that is so prevalent in our nation. Sadly and horrifically, it has happened multiple times since that bulletin was published, most recently at a school in Santa Clarita, California where, on the morning of his 16th birthday, a high school student shot 5 students and himself. The shooting resulted in three deaths, including the shooter, and three injured students. It was at least the 11th school shooting this year. According to the Gun Violence Archive's tally, there have been 366 mass shootings so far this year – which number will probably have increased by the time you read this article.



Irma Glaser

How long can our legislators allow this to continue before they put some meaningful legislation in place to prevent it? A 2018 Quinnipiac poll found that 66% of Americans want stricter gun laws – the highest level since polling began after Sandy Hook. A ban on assault weapons is supported by 67% and backing for universal background checks is at 97%, with equal support from gun owners and non-gun owners. Americans want this gun violence to end!

It's time to make changes in Michigan. Let's all make a commitment to let our state legislators know that we demand action. Call or email your state legislators

and ask them to support HB 4283-4285 and SB 156-158, the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) or "Red Flag" laws that were discussed in the last Bulletin. But don't just call or email once. Keep up the contact by staying in touch and reaching out frequently. Let your legislators know what you want, and if he/she is already a supporter of the ERPO legislation, ask what you as a constituent can do to help. Find out when your state representative and senator have in-district coffee hours and attend, and let them know you want the ERPO legislation passed. We all must work together to get our legislature to finally pass some meaningful gun violence prevention legislation.

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

ADULT GUARDIANSHIP

NCJW | MI receives 6-12 assignments a month from the Oakland County Probate Court Guardianship Services to visit and evaluate the situation in which the client is residing. Additionally, we speak to the court appointed guardian to determine his/her satisfaction with the placement and care of the specified client. A simple form is then filed with the court with our evaluation.

It is a rewarding and satisfying volunteer opportunity that does not take a great deal of time. It is truly a mitzvah to be involved in this project. We welcome all who are interested to join us.

**Chairs: Suzanne Lasser,
Bonnie Tucker**

ARCHIVAL REVIVAL

After a brief hiatus, the Archives Committee is once again up and running. We have reviewed the materials collected since 2000 and are preparing to take them to the Reuther Library where our historical documents are stored.

Our new initiative is to revamp and streamline the process of evaluating and accessing relevant and historically valid information. As we do so, we will incorporate an 'archival minute' at each Board Meeting.

We value input from any and all members who have an interest in helping preserve our legacy and have a good time doing so!

Chairs: Marian Littman, Janet Moses

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, April 21, 2020. Applications are due Monday, February 24, 2020 by noon. Judging is in person on Sunday, April 19, 2020. Application information and requirements are available at NCJWMI.ORG

Funding of the awards is made possible by the generosity of the Dina and Herman (z'l) Brodsky Jewish Youth Awards and the Esther (z'l) and Nathan (z'l) Katz Jewish Youth Awards.

Chairs: Lauren Mandel and Julie Silberg



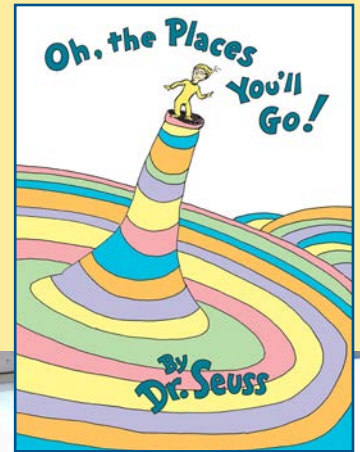
LITERACY OUTREACH

Dr. Seuss wrote the wonderful book called, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" Tutoring at the Coleman A. Young School (CAY) is a lot like the many joyful adventures in this special children's book. Each week, 25 volunteers come to build and reinforce language arts skills for children in Grades 1-3. NCJW | MI has created a wonderful room full of literacy materials, including fun games, puzzles, and quality books to enhance the learning adventure so it's meaningful and joyful! Our tutors are skilled and talented. They use many approaches and techniques (plus the abundance of materials), and they help the children build their skills to function more effectively in class. The commitment of the NCJW tutors is amazing, as many of them have taken on additional students each time they visit to provide as much support as they can! Adding to this commitment were the many tutors who came to CAY on a different day after the Jewish holidays to make sure their children had literacy support and consistency!

NCJW works in another capacity with Janice Goldman and her team of readers who come each month to read quality literature to classes. Join the team and enjoy seeing children have positive literacy experiences!

"Oh, the Places You'll Go" happens when you are part of this literacy team making learning a joyful adventure for all!

Chairs: Carol Rosenfeld, Linda Kayes



CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES

Children's Advocates are still a viable part of the Oakland County Volunteer corps.

While the numbers for our court caseload requiring court appearances has slowed, our services continue to be needed. In addition, our group assists with the review of guardianships for children six years and younger. They are referred to as "Mini-Reviews" because they do not require court appearances. These mini-reviews require a home visit with the guardian and minor. After the visit, the Children's Advocates are responsible to complete and file a court form that provides information about the status of the minor in the guardianship. Children's Advocates handle almost all of the mini-reviews for the Oakland County Court averaging about 120 per year. A luncheon is being planned for all Children's Advocates members sometime in January, 2020.

Chairs: Liz Bank, Nancy Raimi, Linda Schwarzberg



Are you a new member or, perhaps, a more seasoned member looking for a relaxing way to spend your Monday mornings while doing 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, and emergency shelters.

No experience necessary. Coffee and light snack are provided.

Chairs: Bobbie Patt, Ruth Zerlin



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Chair: Judy Robinson

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4. Orders are due the 1st Tuesday of every month

Have a question? Call the NCJW office at 248-355-3300 ext. 0

Courts Matter Michigan Coalition Report

It is important for us to remember that for twenty years NCJW has been a leading voice in our community's fight to ensure a fair, independent judiciary that upholds our constitutional values. However, today more than ever our individual and constitutional rights stand the chance of being chipped away by our federal courts because a highly partisan process is yielding biased federal judges whose decisions endanger the constitutionally guaranteed rights of all Americans. These judges make decisions every day about health care, bodily anatomy, voting rights, the environment, law enforcement, and other important civil rights. These decisions impact our lives and those of future generations. Federal judges (circuit court, district court, and Supreme Court justices) serve for LIFE as they continue to make decisions about every aspect of our lives. The present administration has appointed over 160 Federal judgeships mostly consisting of young, white, ABA unapproved males who at one time or another have voiced their biased opinions and acted against the constitutional rights. We need to ensure fair courts and protection of our constitutional rights for ourselves, our children, our grandchildren, and for future generations.

Together, our NCJW | MI section along with NCJW's 90,000 members and supporters throughout the country can make a difference and make change happen. First, we urge you to stay in contact with our senators and keep reminding them that we, their constituents, are watching and are concerned about what they are doing to help improve the qualifications of judges being appointed to the federal courts. To find their addresses and other Courts Matter information, please go to our website, NCJWMI.ORG, and click on Take Action. Next, talk to your friends and acquaintances and inform them about the Courts.

We can use your help. We are forming a Speakers Bureau for the Courts Matter Michigan Coalition. We have the printed messages and the program presentation, but we are going to need more assistance to respond to those who would like us to present our program. We are beginning this Speakers Bureau because of our energetic plan to visit Michigan colleges, universities, and community colleges campuses to talk about the importance of the courts before the Primary election on March 10, 2020.

If you would like to be a part of the Speakers Bureau, please contact our NCJW office and leave your name, address, and telephone numbers, and we will get back to you.

Chairs: Susan Marwil and Suzanne Simon



NCJW Green

NCJW | MI has a new committee and we'd love to have you join us.

NCJW GREEN is a committee that is focused on global warming and what we – NCJW | MI members and our families and friends – can do to help save our planet.



The committee will be putting together informative programs, looking at advocacy opportunities, and working in coalition with other organizations.

If you are interested in being part of this new committee, just call the NCJW | MI office and one of us will get back to you with meeting dates and more information.

Chairs: Cathy Cantor, Marilyn Mossman

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 NCJW.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:

Linda Blumstein
Nena Chudnof
Mina Feldman
Susan Goldsmith
Linda Kayes
Renita Linkner
Frida Markle
Risha Ring

August 16 – November 14, 2019

Israel Affairs Committee

The Israel Affairs Committed was excited to present its first event on Thursday, December 5th at Noon. The program featured the community emissary from Israel, Nina Yahalomi Klevitsky, who discussed the life of an Israeli woman and current women's issues in Israel.

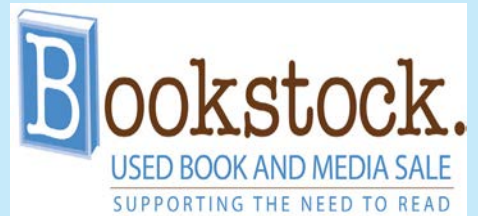
The Israel Minute

The Israel Minute in November focused on an organization to which NCJW gives a grant called Itach-Maaki, Women Lawyers for Justice in Israel. Two recent projects assisted both Israeli Orthodox women and Bedouin women, groups needing assistance with economic equality and a secure life free from violence.

NCJW grants have gone a long way to assist women and children who come from marginalized groups in Israel.



**Sharon Breidenbaugh, Trudy Weiss,
Nina Yahalomi Klevitsky, Jeannie Weiner,
Doreen Hermelin, Joan Krieger**



Please join us at Bookstock at its new collection location at Congregation Beth Ahm. We are sorting on Wednesdays, through April 1, 10am - 2pm and would love new volunteers who share our love for books.

Congregation Beth Ahm
South Entrance
5075 West Maple Road

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

SPRING PLAY

CALLING ALL THESPIANS! CALLING ALL THESPIANS!

NCJW|MI members once again will be performing on stage. Watch your email for audition dates for **The Vagina Monologues**. Auditions will take place the first 2 weeks in April for an ALL MEMBER cast and we are thrilled to welcome back Director Andi Sklar! There are no lines to memorize as this play is a "reading" play with many parts available. Mark your calendars for this very special performance, Thursday, May 21 from 7pm -9 pm at Temple Shir Shalom. If you are interested in auditioning please call the NCJW | MI office to verify that we have your correct email address for upcoming announcements.

Chair: Sandi Matz



Fall Focus

On Tuesday, November 12th, NCJW | MI's annual Fall Focus featured two experts in Labor Trafficking: Kelly Carter, Assistant Attorney General and Specialist in the Human Trafficking Unit and Danielle Kalil, Supervising Attorney for the U-M Human Trafficking Legal Clinic. Both speakers were knowledgeable and informative and shared with the audience their professional experiences in an important area of trafficking that gets very little media attention. Thank you to the NCJW | MI Human Trafficking Awareness Committee, VPs Sallyjo Levine and Sharon Leider and special thanks to Rita Sitron who acted as Speaker Coordinator. Fortunately, Co-Chair Cindy Weintraub took copious notes on the presentations (on her phone – nope, she wasn't texting!) so we can continue to educate our members with the accurate and current information gained from the presentations.

Chairs: Cathy Cantor, Cindy Weintraub



**Kelly Carter, Cathy Cantor,
Cindy Weintraub, Danielle Kalil**



**Cathy Cantor, Cindy Weintraub, Lauren Koenigsberg,
Sharon Leider, Ellie Slovis, Sandy Collins**



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 eight to ten people register. Registration for all six sessions is required. Please contact the NCJW office for further information.

Chair: Florence Herrmann

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, MICHIGAN YOUTH VIDEO CONTEST

Who? Any Oakland County High School Female Student

What? Develop a thirty second Video Public Service Announcement answering the question:
"How can we make a positive impact on climate change?"

When? Submission Due: Monday, March 23, 2020, by midnight

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

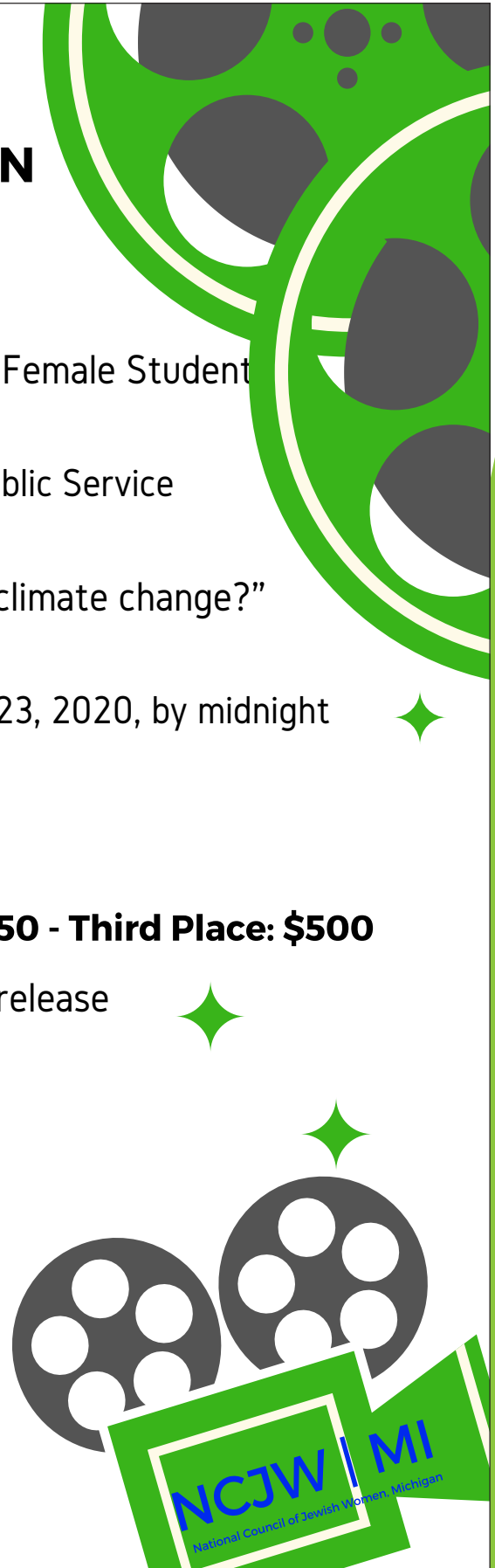
For further information, application and release forms go to NCJWMI.org.

For questions contact:

mail@ncjwmi.org

248-355-3300 ext. 0

Awards funded by EILEEN FISHER



Project Friendship

NCJW's Project Friendship provides bi-monthly Sunday activities for Kadima clients with various mental health challenges. On Sunday, October 27, the plan for Project Friendship was to go to Upland Hills Farms with the Kadima clients, but unfortunately the best laid plans were rained out. So, instead, the clients prepared lunch and set out a nice spread of wraps, veggies, cupcakes, fruit, chips, and donuts and cider. Afterwards, those who were interested participated in cleaning and carving pumpkins. It was a very simple and straight forward plan, well-executed by staff, clients, and volunteers.

Honestly, I was disappointed when I heard that we couldn't go to Upland Hills....I had been there last year with this group and really enjoyed myself. But I figured that I'd help out in whatever way I could and that would be that.

Little did I realize that I was in store for one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had! When I arrived, I was greeted by Chris who told me that he was in charge of the day, giving the clients jobs for set-up and preparation of the lunch. He is a Kadima client and was friendly, talkative, efficient, enthusiastic, and definitely in charge! He told me to be sure to try one of the wraps on the table because he had proudly used a special recipe to make the sauce. And, later on when I noticed that he was on his computer and asked him what he was doing he replied that he was searching for holiday activities for everyone to do and explained that it was a difficult task because there are so many different interests and abilities among the clients. He wanted to be sure that the activities would be appropriate and fun for everyone. He was a really impressive guy!

The clients were slow to arrive, but little by little, they entered the room, most of them with smiles on their faces and they were greeted, by name, by most of the clients who were settling in for the activities. What struck me right away was the camaraderie between the people there....and their welcoming attitude not only to each other, but also to the volunteers.

During the course of the couple of hours that I was there, I talked to most of the clients (although there were a few who really just wanted to be left alone)...some conversations were incredibly personal and emotional, some very light-hearted and fun, with a lot of laughter and joking around. Sharon was busy in the kitchen assembling the wraps, putting on the special sauce that Chris had



made, telling me about the needlepoint and blankets she was making for the homeless and children in the hospital. Michael, Jeffrey, Dorothy, and Tanya were the expert pumpkin carvers and enjoyed comparing their works of art with each other and anyone else who was interested. And there was Joe, who bragged about the number of wraps he had eaten (at last count I think it was 7) and told me how excited he was to be starting a new job on Monday doing some construction work for Kadima. As I moved through the room, there was one thing that was abundantly clear....there was joy in this room...true joy. It was created by people, in many ways much like you and me, who were just looking to have a pleasant afternoon, making connections with friends, conversing with these friends and some strangers about things on their mind, while enjoying a nice lunch and a Halloween activity. They talked a bit about themselves and wanted to know about me... where I live, what I do, do I know their relatives, etc. It was so evident, just by listening to them and looking at their faces and expressions, that they were enjoying the moment and so appreciated the fact

We would like to thank the following dedicated volunteers who participated in the Summer and Fall activities and field trips: Dani Allen, Barb and Mike Berger, Evva Hepner, Susie Jacob, Gail Katz, Marilyn Levine, Anita Resnick, Susan Sabbath, Maxine Sherman, and Carol Wiseman.

We have some exiting and fun programs coming up, and we welcome any new volunteers who are willing to give a few hours of their time to brighten someone's day.

UPCOMING EVENTS ARE:

January 5, 2020, Bowling Party & Pizza

January 26, Karaoke and Brunch

February 6, TuB'Shevat Celebration

February 23, Royal Oak Flea Market

March 8, Purim Celebration

March 22, I-Max film at Henry Ford

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the NCJW|MI office, or any of the chairs.

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



Kadima Hannukah Party: (l-r) Steve & Nancy Raimi, Myrna & Dick Edgar, Kadima volunteer, Evva Hepner

that we were there with them, talking, laughing and sharing.

The fact that they made me feel that I was bringing joy to them, of course brought so much joy to me. I realized how just a few hours of my time, on a dreary Sunday, meant so much to them. All they want is a little time to talk about their day, to share something special about their life with someone, to smile and to make someone else smile, to fist-bump a friend for a job well-done, to make a new connection.

What started out for me as a slight disappointment about not visiting the farm animals, turned out to be an emotional and eye-opening experience filled with warmth and happiness. It was truly a remarkable day.

Granted, this volunteer opportunity is not for everyone. But if you haven't been to one of our Sunday Project Friendship activities, I highly encourage you to just try it...just once.

Do it for NCJW...we definitely need volunteers for every activity.

Do it for the clients....all they want is to talk to someone who will listen and show interest in them...you can do that!

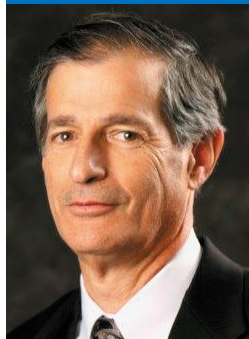
Do it for yourself...the joy of bringing joy to another human being is powerful and will fill your heart with joy.

STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING NEWS FROM KADIMA!

Susie Jacob
Vice President, Project Friendship



THURSDAY
JANUARY 23
12:00PM



Memories

Arthur Horwitz, Publisher and Executive Editor of the Detroit Jewish News, as well as founder and president of Detroit Jewish News Foundation. He will be accompanied by Tessa Goldberg, Administrative Manager, Detroit Jewish News.

RSVP with payment by Friday, Jan. 17.

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 11
12:00PM



Psychology of Color

Linda Shears, residential interior designer and professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and NCIDQ Board Certified per the National Council for Interior Design Qualification. She is a past recipient of the ASID "Designer of Distinction" award.

RSVP with payment by Thursday, Feb. 6.

THURSDAY
MARCH 19
12:00PM



Art with a Jewish Twist

Rabbi Aaron Bergman, ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary and is Rabbi at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. He is a Detroit native and graduate of the University of Michigan.

RSVP with payment by Friday, Mar. 13.

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

Janelle Miller Retires from Meals on Wheels



For the last 46 years, if you ever needed to speak to Janelle Miller on a Friday morning, you knew where to find her. Janelle volunteered as the Meals on Wheels Friday Day Chair, since the program's inception in 1973. Janelle, come rain or shine, was at the MOW kitchen, packing, kibbitzing, and making sure the meals were delivered. Susan Gertner, Executive Director, stated she also was instrumental this past June in transitioning from preparing meals at the Jewish Senior

Life Prentis Apartments kitchen to the Epic Kosher kitchen at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. "I don't know what we would have done without Janelle all of these years and especially through the transition. She was a great asset to the program and will be greatly missed." Janelle also recruited her husband, David, who has been a shuttle driver for the program. Janelle will now be a substitute for us, so we hope to see her every now and then.



Welcome Hannah!

As Esther retires, we had to search for a new Administrative Assistant. Please join us as we welcome Hannah Iwrey to our team. Hannah joined our staff on December 16th. She will be the voice behind the phone when you call our office, and the smile behind the desk as you visit NCJW | MI. Hannah will be working closely with our Board of Directors, committees, staff, and volunteers. She most recently worked at The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family campus as Development, Program, and Administrative Assistant.



Kosher

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NCJW | MI

in cooperation with Jewish Family Service

Perform a Mitzvah and Volunteer for Meals on Wheels

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 - Drivers, starting at 8:45am-9:00am in W. Bloomfield or 9:00am-9:15am in Oak Park/Southfield areas
 - Sub Drivers needed to help out during the winter months and on an as needed basis
- To volunteer, call 248-967-0967

MOW LUNCHEON

**Thank you to the many volunteers who pack
and deliver the meals every day to our participants!**



Libby Sherbin, Lisa Fox, Fran Grossman, Susan Gertner

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Log onto www.ncjwmi.org

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