

bulletin

February-April 2022

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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
Older Adult Community Services****Date: February 2022
Time: At your leisure
Place: In the comfort
of your own home**

IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3

**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**

National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan offers services to our older adult community members, as well as programming and volunteer opportunities. Community Services include Kosher Meals on Wheels, Bereavement Support Groups, and Adult Guardianship Reviews. We invite you to support our Community Service projects to assist our older adult community members.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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High Tea.....\$1,000	Tea & Crumpets.....\$100	Tea for Two.....\$50
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248-355-3300, ext. 0 National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan – NCJWMI.ORG

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Amy Cutler
President**

The best laid plans.....

While this bulletin highlights the upcoming events for the months of February through April 2022, I am writing my message during the last week of December 2021, I think it is important to reflect on the past year. We thought we would be able to end the year with in-person meetings, luncheons, and programs all taking place in our offices. Our renovated kitchen is waiting to be used by the Hospitality committee. We have a new speaker system thanks to the generosity of a board member, and there is a lot more storage space that has been recently organized and rearranged! New boardroom tables are the latest addition. Our members can't wait to meet and greet each other with hugs and smiles!

I am confident that this year, 2022, will be the year when we can finally meet in our newly refurbished surroundings. But as I look back on the year 2021, NCJW|MI women didn't need to use the office for many of our programs and projects. Their vital work continued with virtual meetings, webinars, and zoom programs. Again, I reiterate, I am in awe of the dedication and commitment of our NCJW|MI members and friends. 2021 saw an unprecedented growth in our Patron Campaign for the Women of Vision event. Our Back 2 School Store expanded their service to 900 children just as easily as if there were only 100 children! The Advocacy & Election committee developed webinars and zoom presentations dealing with antisemitism, abortion rights, climate changes and so many more current issues. This is what the mission statement of National Council of Jewish Women is all about. It's not where we do our work, it's how we do our work. Our commitment, dedication, and love of our community is clearly evident in each one of our members.

I invite everyone to join us in our lovely facilities for future meetings and programs. However, another adage could be at play..."Woman plans, and God laughs!" Let's hope that this is the year our thoughts and prayers are answered and that our days of virtual meetings and programs are diminished. I wish everyone a healthy and happy 2022! Let's enjoy our good times together!



THE SPRING FUNDRAISER

Please join NCJW | MI on Sunday, May 1st at 4 pm at Temple Shir Shalom for a wonderful afternoon of entertaining music provided by the Detroit Youth Choir. This is a family event and all proceeds will benefit NCJW | MI youth projects. Watch your mail as well as our website for more details.

Chair: Sandi Matz.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Susan Gertner

The past 2 years have been very hectic. So many concerns, so many changes in how we live our lives. As the new year begins, I wish all of you a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful 2022. I hope that we will be able to meet in person again soon. As you

browse through the Bulletin, I hope you will find a program to attend, a community service project to participate in, a committee to join, or advocacy work in which to get involved. If you are not quite sure what is of interest to you, feel free to give me a call to further discuss options. There are always ways to share your skills or learn new ones, and to make a new friend or run into an old friend.

If you still have not given us your email, please do so, so that you can receive information about NCJW | MI happenings in between receiving your Bulletin. Just email us at mail@ncjwmi.org.

To keep everyone safe, we are currently requiring all visitors entering the office to wear a mask and show their COVID double vaccine card. You can also bring a photo of your card on your phone. We thank you in advance for your help in keeping everyone safe.

One of the things I took care of over the last couple months is my estate planning. Just to be prepared, not planning on going anywhere. If you are doing the same, think about including NCJW | MI in your plans. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

I am very excited to share with you that we will be having a fundraiser on Sunday, May 1, a concert with the Detroit Youth Choir. Our original plan was for the Spring of 2020 (COVID), next was Spring of 2021 (COVID), so as they say The Third Time Is The Charm, let's hope we will be able to meet for a fantasticafternoon of music benefitting our youth projects. A great family event!

If you have any thoughts that you want to share, feel free to contact me at sgertner@ncjwmi.org or 248.355.3300, ext. 3



SAVE THE DATE
August 11, 2022

**Watch your email and
future bulletins for
Volunteer opportunities.**

***Not an in-person store.**

**Chairs: Fran Grossman,
Carol Rosenfeld, Margo Stocker**

ANNUAL SUPPORT

Thank you to those who have already given your Annual Support for our 2021-2022 Year.

If you have not yet given, please consider a donation to help NCJW | MI continue to advocate for social and economic justice for women, children, and families through our community service projects, programs, and advocacy work. Donations can be made by visiting our website, sending in a check, or calling the office to use your credit card.

For further information, visit our website at ncjwmi.org under the "Support Us" tab

Thank you in advance
for your support!

SAVE THE DATE

HUMAN TRAFFICKING WEBINAR
Thursday, February 17th at 7 pm.

The Connection Between Human Trafficking and the Normalization of Sexualized Violence in the Socialization of Men and Boys...What Can Be Done?

More information coming soon!

Thank you to our generous Women of Vision Supporters

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Chair: Sandi Matz

COURTS MATTER

Courts Matter Michigan has launched its new interactive presentation, Courts Matter to Voting Rights. It is available to any group or organization. Our purpose is to provide a basic understanding of enfranchisement, the right to vote, as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and their respective state constitutions, and how and why courts matter to voting rights. We emphasize the following topics:

- Voting is crucial to democracy – voting is your voice
- History of voting rights – restrictions, suppression, protections
- Recent voting rights laws and court decisions – expand or restrict access to the ballot?
- How federal courts relate to voting rights and how justices are appointed to lifetime seats
- Background and importance of the federal courts
- Actions to protect voting rights

This presentation is for an audience of High School Seniors, Community College Student groups, and University Groups/ Organizations, as well as any adult audience that may be interested.

Our intent is to convey our message to a wide audience by providing the presentation to other Coalition members throughout the country, as well as to our Courts Matter Michigan Coalition partners. The program is designed so that the presenter will be able to deliver the presentation and facilitate the interactive activities. It incorporates handouts and a facilitator guide with all the necessary information to respond to any questions that arise.

Please let us know if you have a group that may be interested in viewing our presentation by contacting the NCJW | MI office, 248-355-3300 Ext.0

Chairs: Susan Marwil, Suzanne Simon

Committee Members: Lynn Lieberman, Mina Feldman



COURTS MATTER JOB POSTING

Courts Matter Outreach Coordinator
5-6 hours per week
Can be done at home

Courts Matter is a network of state-based coalitions comprised of organizations and individuals working to ensure a federal judiciary that is committed to upholding core constitutional values.

Visit our website for a full job description.

RE SALE NEWS

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our local Home Depot stores and their accommodating customer service department for their generous discounts on items we purchase to organize, update, and enhance council re|sale!



Thank you to Dubin Cleaners & Laundry for including council re|sale as a recipient of their Winter Coat Collection. Dubin Cleaners & Laundry is located at 29975 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills and 6056 Maple Rd., West Bloomfield.



Many thanks to Sally from Sally's Design Boutique for her generous donation of fine clothing and store display items to council re|sale!



WANT TO KNOW ABOUT OUR SPECIAL SALES AND MOST RECENT ARRIVALS?

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Proceeds support NCJW|MI community services, benefitting women, children, and families in need for over 130 years.

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Cathy Cantor



Linda Levy

Election years that do not include a Presidential election traditionally experience low voter turnout. 2022 faces that possibility. But it is our fervent goal to educate voters to be as passionate about voting this November as ever. Many important issues require urgent attention:

VOTING RIGHTS:

We are once again writing about Secure MI Vote, a petition drive that proponents claim will “secure voting in Michigan,” while, in reality, it would lead to less accessibility to the ballot box for many Michiganders. Michigan clerks from both parties have spoken out about the negative effects on voting if the petition is successful. Usually, petition drives seek to get an issue onto the ballot, but this will not happen with the Secure MI Vote petition. The provisions were never intended to go on the ballot, according to a March press statement by Ron Weiser, Michigan GOP Chair. The provisions of the petition will be passed into law by legislators without ever going to Michigan voters due to a loophole in Michigan law. It is, therefore, important that if approached to sign the Secure MI Vote petition, decline to sign!

ABORTION JUSTICE:

The mid-December decisions by the Supreme Court to leave the Texas law (SB8) in place, while declaring the vigilante enforcement mechanism unconstitutional did not offer the necessary relief for abortion providers and the 7 million women of reproductive age in Texas for whom abortion care remains virtually inaccessible. The Court is expected to issue its decision on the Mississippi case (Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization) in June. Based on the questioning during the oral arguments, experts postulate that the Mississippi law outlawing abortion after 15 weeks will be upheld, essentially ending Roe v Wade. In many states, including Michigan, old statutes banning abortion could again become the law. As Sarah Schulman wrote in the Book Review section in The New York Times in December, “As the ongoing war against abortion rights tells us, people who are not in power have no guaranteed stability of status. When autonomy is granted and easily taken away, whole groups of citizens may experience unpredictable swings in their legal rights, social customs and ability to be heard.”

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION:

The tragic shootings that took place at Oxford High School last November have elevated the critical need for gun violence prevention (GVP) efforts in Michigan and the country. “Firearm deaths are currently the second-leading cause of death in children and teens and we can prevent these deaths with common sense gun reform, mental health support, and risk assessment,” said Dr. Sharon Swindell, former president of the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. “Polls consistently find that the vast majority of Michiganders want to see the Legislature enact specific forms of gun control, including universal background checks on all weapon sales. We need to take action to protect Michigan youth and keeping guns out of the wrong hands is a place to start.” The Firearms Safety and Violence Prevention caucus of the Michigan legislature has introduced several bills aimed at preventing future gun violence and tragedies. These bills, and other common sense safety bills, need to get hearings.

2022 is a time for important advocacy work. Want to become involved in our advocacy efforts this year? You can call the office at 248-355-3300 x 0 to get connected. Or, if you choose not to join a committee, please respond to Action Alerts and take the actions requested. We are stronger when we have more voices. Please join us. We need you.

Cathy Cantor, Linda Levy
NCJW State Policy Advocates, Michigan

NCJW Green

Calling All Knitters & Crocheters

The NCJW Green Committee's ongoing Plastic Bags Make Plastic Mats Project needs knitters and crocheters!



Marilyn Mossman and Susan Goldsmith dropping off finished Plastic Mats at Corner Shower and Laundry.



The plastic bag and plarn bins in the NCJW | MI office continue to fill up. A huge Thank You to everyone who keeps those bins full!

Knitters and crocheters - please come and pick up supplies and create a plastic mat that will help keep a homeless person a little more comfortable at a difficult time.

The finished mats from our Plastic Bags Make Plastic Mats project are donated to organizations who work with people experiencing homelessness. So far, we have donated 10 mats to The Corner Shower and Laundry, an organization in Detroit that provides a clean and safe facility where homeless people and others in need can shower and launder their clothes.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please email us at ncjwgreen@gmail.com or call the NCJW|MI office at (248) 355-3300, ext. 0 and leave a message.

More information about the project and instructions for making "plarn" and knitting and crocheting the mats can be found on the NCJW | MI website at ncjwmi.org/ncjw-green/

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 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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Sep. 15-Dec. 27, 2021



Do we have your email?

To keep up to date with NCJW | MI happenings throughout the year, and in between receiving Bulletins, you will receive the NCJW | MI Note, our bi-monthly email.

Just email mail@ncjwmi.org to let us know you want to receive our emails.



FEATURING RABBI BLAIR NOSANWISCH
DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL CARE AT ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE



Caring Capacity: A Jewish Perspective

Self-care may be a buzzword, but that doesn't make it easy to achieve. Would it surprise you to hear that Judaism views self-care as an essential value? Only by starting with the self can we strive to show up for others. In a time when we are confronted with so many needs, this is Torah we can live by.

Thursday, February 10 at 12:00PM on Zoom

This program is free of charge. Registration is required.
After registering, you will receive an email with the Zoom link information on how to join the program.

TO REGISTER VISIT [NCJWMI.ORG](https://ncjwmi.org)





WITH RABBI AARON BERGMAN

LIFE THROUGH A LENS: JEWISH PHOTOGRAPHERS

Rabbi Bergman was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary and is a Rabbi at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. He is a Detroit native and graduate of the University of Michigan. Rabbi Bergman will speak about Jewish photographers and their work.



THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

12:00PM - 2:00PM ON ZOOM

This program is free of charge. Registration is required. After registering, you will receive an email with the Zoom link information on how to join the program.

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ALL JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE INVITED TO APPLY

To be eligible, an applicant needs to fulfill the following requirements:

1. Complete the online application form at www.NCJWMI.org.
2. Upload a typed essay (600–800 words) on the following topic:
What experience or person has had the greatest impact on your Jewish identity?
3. Be available for a personal interview by a panel of judges on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED
ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 22, 2022.**

Finalists will be recognized at an Awards Ceremony
Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan greatly appreciates the funding provided by the Dina and Herman (z'l) Brodsky Jewish Youth Awards Fund and Nathan (z'l) and Esther (z'l) Katz Jewish Youth Awards Fund.

Awards totaling \$6,000 will be distributed to the finalists as follows:

- 1st place: \$2,500
- 2nd place: \$1,500
- 3rd place: \$1,000
- Four honorable mentions: \$250 each

VISIT WWW.NCJWMI.ORG TO APPLY

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, MICHIGAN

YOUTH VIDEO CONTEST

SUBMISSIONS DUE: MONDAY, MARCH 28 BY MIDNIGHT

AWARD CEREMONY: THURSDAY, MAY 5 AT 7:00PM

WHO? Any Oakland County High School Female Student

WHAT? Develop a 30 second Video Public Service Announcement answering the question:
"How to be an 'upstander' in the face of bullying or hate"

WHEN? Submissions due by midnight on Monday, March 28

WHERE? Award Ceremony at the Bloomfield Township Library on Thursday, May 5 at 7:00pm.

PRIZES

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

APPLY NOW

Please visit www.ncjwmi.org for application, release form, and more information

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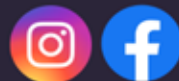
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