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May-July 2022

NCJWMI

National Council of Jewish Women MICHIGAN

Spring Happening Installation Brunch Thursday, June 9, 2022 10:30 a.m. Knollwood Country Club, West Bloomfield Officers, Board & Advisory Directors



Installation Speaker
Gilda Jacobs

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FRAN GROSSMAN - Marsha Zucker Exemplary Board Member Award
Staff Recognition: **LINETTE MOORE** - Five years at council re|sale

248-355-3300, ext. 0 National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan – NCJWMI.ORG

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

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From the President



**Amy Cutler
President**

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." We are all familiar with this opening quote from A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens. As I thought about what I wanted to write about in my last message as president, I reflected over the past two years of my

tenure. Of course, the first thing that came to mind was the unrelenting pandemic that we have all been living through. I thought about the friends and family who have succumbed to COVID -19 and the children, and indeed, the many adults whose lives were disrupted and put on hold for almost two years. 'New normal' seemed to be the catchphrase.

In March of 2020, when the world literally shut down, we looked at our section and thought we would have to shut down also. However, the volunteers of National Council of Jewish Women never accept defeat. Another old expression applies here... *we pulled ourselves up by the bootstraps and got to work.* The **Backpack Project, Wrapped in Love, the Back 2 School Store, Wrapped in Warmth, Nosh & Knowledge**, and, of course, **Kosher Meals on Wheels**. These projects and programs

are all essential to our mission of community service. But during the past two years we also initiated some new and extremely vital projects to our ongoing focus of advocacy. The Election 2020 committee worked diligently to ensure that all eligible voters could voice their opinions at the ballot box. The crisis the world is facing with climate change encouraged volunteers to form an NCJW Green committee to consider alternatives to plastics along with many other "Green" preferences. Human Trafficking also became a central issue of advocacy efforts. I could go on and on and talk about our Jewish Youth Awards, Israel Affairs, Youth Video Contest, or even our Book Talks and more!

However, what really makes me the proudest to be part of this organization is the fact that our members were not going to let us fail

during this dreadful pandemic. We wondered where our funding would come from if we had to shut our doors. Were we just going to languish along with other non-profits who have had to cut back on services? How in the world would we continue to serve our community with the vital services that we offer, especially our Kosher Meals on Wheels program when the clientele count rose to double the normal size? These are the questions that plagued us as we searched for answers. But it seems that our doubts were in vain. For every fundraising event, our members 'stepped up to plate'. The Patrons for the Women of Vision Campaign more than doubled their generosity. The community donors at large recognized our dilemma and continued to demonstrate their faith in our ability to maintain our level of service to the community. We extend our everlasting gratitude to all of these entities.

I would be remiss here if I didn't extend my deepest gratitude to my Vice Presidents; Evva Hepner, Carrie Kushner, Lauren Koenigsberg, Sallyjo Levine, and Sue Rollinger. These remarkable women are exemplars of dedication and commitment. No matter what I asked, they were right beside me with encouragement and suggestions. More than gratitude, they have my eternal respect.

Additionally, there are no words that can express my appreciation and esteem for Susan Gertner, our Executive Director. Without Susan's knowledge, dedication and, above all, patience, I would never have been able to persevere during these last two years. I also want to acknowledge our outstanding office staff; Hannah Iwrey, Lori Eisenberg, Linda Rouff, and Liana Spiegel. They are the Hidden Figures who keep the NCJW|MI engine well-oiled!

So, yes, this was the worst of times...but it was the best of times! I am honored and humbled to think that I was witness to the remarkable work of the women of National Council of Jewish Women in Michigan. Up close and personal takes on a different meaning now! May we go from Strength to Strength!

Executive Director



Susan Gertner

Shalom! Hope you have all been doing well during the past winter. There is an anticipation for Spring in our near future. We have been busy with many programs and I hope you have been able to join us on zoom. If you missed a program, please visit our website at ncjwmi.org and on the front page under Featured Events, you will find previous Zoom programs to watch. If you do not receive emails from us, please send your email to mail@ncjwmi.org so that you can keep up

with NCJW | MI happenings in between receiving quarterly Bulletins.

Many of you may have seen NCJW | MI on television and in local papers publicizing our plastic mats that we are creating with recycled bags. The bags are turned into Plarn and then knitted or crocheted into mats. We received many donations of bags and are now in need of people to make Plarn balls. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning how to make a ball, we can give you instructions and the bags. Thank you to the members of The Reconciled Church in Southfield who have donated many Plarn balls and are now taking our bags to make more. We also received Plarn balls from Adat Shalom Synagogue. If you have a social action committee at your synagogue or temple, or a teen in need of community service hours, or anyone else who might be interested, please pass along this information.

During this past year, our Board worked on a strategic plan for our organization through 2025. The following is a summary of our goals, which we will work on and continuously evaluate our progress.

Overall goal: Increase our visibility in order to advocate, educate, and participate. The overall goal will be met by the following:

- 1. Involvement Goals:** Increase membership throughout the state, target women under 50 as well as those recently retired, increase the number of annual members. Increase retention.
- 2. PR Goals:** Increase our visibility, including additional use of social media.
- 3. Funding Goals:** Attain underwriters, sponsors, increase name funds.
- 4. Advocacy Goals:** Encourage members to participate on our advocacy committees, and to participate in our advocacy work.
- 5. Program Goals:** Review our Programming as it relates to our mission and determine our target audience and plan accordingly.
- 6. Leadership Goals:** Continue to identify future leaders.

I thank the many Board Members going off the Board, and Officers ending their term, for all the work they have accomplished this past year. These past years have not been easy ones, but together we have made a difference in our community. I look forward to working with our new Officers and Board during the next year.

I hope to see many of you either on zoom or one day at an in-person event.



Join us virtually at the
Detroit Jewish Film Festival

**Featuring
"Love and Mazel Tov"**

**The NCJW | MI sponsored film
may be viewed anytime
Thur., May 5th-Sun., May 8th**

A warm-hearted witty love story and
a plea for love against all prejudices.

Anne is a pretty, non-Jewish,
bookstore owner, who
enthusiastically embraces
everything Jewish, including Daniel,
who she mistakenly thinks is Jewish.

Cost: \$5.00

To purchase tickets,
visit our website,
ncjwmi.org, or call the office,
248.355.3300, ext. 0

**NCJW|MI is
partnering
with JCRC/AJC
and is working
with Share
Ukraine, a local
non-profit, to
form an
interfaith coalition that will work
together to support and to provide
humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian
people in these desperate times.**



Installation Brunch KNOLLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Thursday, June 9, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.

Installation of New Officers and Board

INSTALLATION SPEAKER

Gilda Z. Jacobs most recently served as president & CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy for 11 years, following a career in public service at the local, county, and state levels. Gilda has won numerous awards for her work, including being named as one of the 100 Most Influential Women in Michigan by Crain's Detroit Business in 2016. She was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 2019. Jacobs served in the state Senate for eight years after serving two terms in the Michigan House of Representatives where she made history as the first woman floor leader in either chamber of the Legislature. Prior to serving in the Legislature, she served as an Oakland County Commissioner and a Huntington Woods City Commissioner.



INSTALLATION BRUNCH

Thursday, June 9, 2022
Please respond by June 1, 2022

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Cost: **\$50** Total Enclosed \$ _____

VISA/MC/AMEX Card No. _____ Exp. _____ Sec. Code _____

Guest(s) with name, full address, and phone number

Please seat me with:

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

Installation Chair: Janice Cherkasky



Hannah G Solomon Award Suzanne Simon

Suzanne Simon certainly deserves the Hannah G. Solomon Award. She has changed the lives of others through leadership efforts and service. She has helped to expand the role of women in vital areas of community life. She has demonstrated leadership by being the President of NCJW/GDS (now NCJW | MI) from 2012-2014. Just after her Presidency she was instrumental in creating the Back 2 School Store. Sue has been the committee chair of Coleman A. Young Readers, Court Matters Michigan, and Personnel Practices. Sue has volunteered on all of the Back to School Store Committees and participated in Kosher Meals on Wheels. She was involved in the Kadima Sunday brunches, was a reader at Coleman A. Young Elementary, is an active participant of the Backpack Project, and a Children's Advocate. Sue has also been a Human Trafficking Awareness presenter to high school students.

However, NCJW|MI is not all that Sue has done. She was the past President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children/Metro Detroit. She was a presenter at the National Early Childhood conferences. Sue has volunteered at Yad Ezra Food Pantry and Friendship Circle. She's been on the Temple Israel Book Fair Steering Committee and storyteller. She was honored with the Diversity Award at the Birmingham Community House. Sue is also an Accreditation Evaluator for the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Currently Sue is a chair of the JCC Book Fair.

Suzanne Simon knows what it means to be a dedicated leader and volunteer. She has dedicated her life to fight for the rights of Women, Children, and Families. NCJW | MI is proud to honor Suzanne Simon with the prestigious National Hannah G. Solomon Award.



Emerging Leader Award Dani Gillman

Dani moved from LA to Detroit in 2002. When her daughter was born she began volunteering her time with various non-profits. Her

first experience with NCJW | MI was as a Kosher Meals on Wheels driver. In 2019, she attended Women of Vision, immediately becoming enamored with the work of NCJW and decided to get involved in the organization. Since then she has served as Membership co-chair, is on the Human Trafficking Awareness committee as well as the Strategic Plan Committee.

Dani has climbed the ranks within NCJW | MI quickly and has proven to be a leader on the rise. We are looking forward to seeing more of Dani and are thrilled to be honoring her with the Emerging Leader Award.



**Staff Recognition
Linnette Moore**
Five years at
council re|sale



Marsha Zucker Exemplary Board Member Award Fran Grossman

Fran Grossman is to be honored with the Marsha Zucker Exemplary Board Director Award. This award is given to an exceptional NCJW|MI Board Member who has dedicated herself towards the betterment of the

community through her outstanding volunteer efforts which reflect her commitment to the mission statement of NCJW|MI. Fran became a member of NCJW|MI in 2017 and quickly became a very active volunteer. She first participated as a volunteer at the Back to School Store. Eventually, Fran became the chair of the B2SS purchasing committee and then became one of it's Co-chairs. Fran has tutored at Coleman A. Young Elementary School, as well as being a committed volunteer at the Resale Store and Meals on Wheels.

When in Arizona, Fran tutors in an elementary school. Presently, she is on the Board of an organization called Act One. This organization provides various field trips to cultural events, plays, musicals, and museums to all Title One Schools. She is the Ambassador of Educators' Committee working on programming for Virtual Reality experiences through the use of goggles, bringing the field trip format into the classroom. NCJW | MI is proud to have selected Fran Grossman as the Marsha Zucker Exemplary Board Director.

2022 NCJW Officer Bios



Sallyjo Levine **President**

Sallyjo has been an active member of NCJW | MI for the past 9 years. She joined to work on the Back 2 School Store. She heard that there was a project involving schools and she was hooked! Serving as Co-chair for five years, she helped develop new avenues for the store. It was truly a labor of love. She was also an NCJW membership co-chair for two years.

Sallyjo is a role model for her two daughters and her grandchildren. Her daughters worked on the store, one coming in from New York just to be a part. Her grandchildren helped at Backpacks and collected items for the store and to donate to Shoes To Share. Sallyjo truly believes that social action begins at a very young age.

She has been Social Action Chair at two temples; chaired Synagogue 2000; was President of Autumn Hills ORT; ran the South Oakland Shelter at two synagogues, and is an active member of Repair the World. She, with her daughter in New York, chairs the Angel Tree Project at Christmas time where 300 children and 60 seniors receive gifts. Sallyjo has been married to her husband Barry for 48 years. He is the most supportive husband and eagerly goes along on her adventures.



Dani Gillman **Recording Secretary**

Dani was born and raised in Los Angeles by a couple of hippies living in Laurel Canyon in the 70s. With a degree from USC in the music industry, she worked in radio and record promotion.

Dani moved from LA to Detroit in 2002. When her daughter Brodie was born, she began volunteering her time with various nonprofits.

Her first experience with NCJW | MI was as a Kosher Meals on Wheels driver. In 2019, she attended Women of Vision and immediately became enamored with the work of NCJW. Since

then, she has served as Membership co-chair, as well as a member of the Human Trafficking Awareness and Strategic Planning Committees.

Dani is a big believer "that it takes a village, we're all in this together, and any fight for the underdog is one worth fighting." She feels very lucky to get to do life every day with her number one cheerleader, Ben Chutz, and their two kids, Brodie and Julian. When she can carve out any free time, she likes to read books, drink coffee, listen to records, knit, exercise, and make her kids laugh.



Margo Stocker **Vice President**

After 40 years of teaching elementary school, Margo knew that it was time to retire. Time to volunteer! It was the first year of the Back to School Store and Margo jumped right in. After volunteering at the B2SS she knew that being a member of NCJW | MI was her answer to what she was going to do during her retirement.

Margo tutored at Coleman Young, is a co-chair of the Awards committee, and was the assistant recording secretary and currently recording secretary. She has worked on many committees. Margo loves to read and every few months publishes a list of books that members have read and want to share.

Margo is most proud of the fact that she has been married to her husband Michael for almost 49 years. She has two daughters, two sons in-law and three darling grandchildren.



Amy Zeskind **Vice President**

Amy Zeskind graduated with a degree in Applied Health Science from Indiana University-Bloomington. After completing her post-graduate internship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit she was hired there as a

clinical dietitian. After many years there, she took a sabbatical to complete a pediatric nutrition fellowship at Children's Hospital of Michigan and has worked at many area hospitals. After having kids she received the best job of all-that of a full time mom. As her youngest was getting ready to finish preschool Amy decided to get involved with NCJW | MI. Before joining the board she served as a reader for Jewish Youth Awards. Since serving on the board she has worked as a chair of Membership, a co-chair for The Backpack Project, and a co-chair for Jewish Youth Awards. She also serves on the Nominating and Leadership committee and with that NCJW Strong and is completing her term as Assistant Recording Secretary.

She would like to especially thank her husband Ken for providing her the support and encouragement to pursue her passions, to her kids for sharing her, and to her parents, for instilling in her the importance of giving back to the community.



Sandy Weiss **Corresponding Secretary**

Sandy attended the University of Michigan, and obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree and then a Master's Degree in Clinical Laboratory Technology from Wayne State University. Once she retired, Sandy continued her professional interest by volunteering at many area hospitals and medical institutions.

Sandy joined NCJW | MI seven years ago and her experiences as a member have opened many new doors for her. Sandy enjoys planning events as part of the Programming Committee and volunteers at the Resale Shop. She was an integral part of the 85th anniversary event for the store. She is on several committees and is a driver for the Kosher Meals on Wheels Program. Currently she is a co-chair of the purchasing committee for B2SS.

Sandy cherishes her two children and four grandchildren and spends many happy hours with them.



Terry Hollander **Treasurer**

Terry Hollander is a full time CPA in her own firm. She first came to NCJW | MI by participating in the first Back 2 School Store. She serves

on the financial committee of NCJW and is chair of the investment committee.

Terry also serves on the executive board at the JCC and is chair of their audit committee. She is the past chair of JCC Bookfair and Film Festival, and currently serves as a committee member of both.

She is both a past board member of Overseers of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and past president of Metropolitan Detroit Federation of Reform Temples.

Terry was married to the best partner anyone could have. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, hanging out with friends and family, and playing WORDLE!



Risha Ring **Assistant Recording Secretary**

Risha Ring has worked in education for forty years. Her work includes teacher, principal, as well as consulting, leadership

coaching, and providing professional development for educators.

Although still working part-time, Risha is an active "retiree" volunteer. Through NCJW | MI, she has volunteered with Kosher Meals on Wheels, the Resale Store and the Jewish Youth Awards. In addition, Risha is past president of Congregation Beth Ahm. She serves on the boards of NCJW, BBYO FAN, and is the current president of Jewish Historical Society of Michigan. She is Vice President of the Summit Academy Board of Education as well as a precinct delegate in Bloomfield Township.

With all of this, she is most proud of her children, Jared & Lisa Rothberger and her daughter, Amy Rothberger, and Bubbie to Milo and Levi.



NCJW | MI BACKPACK PROJECT

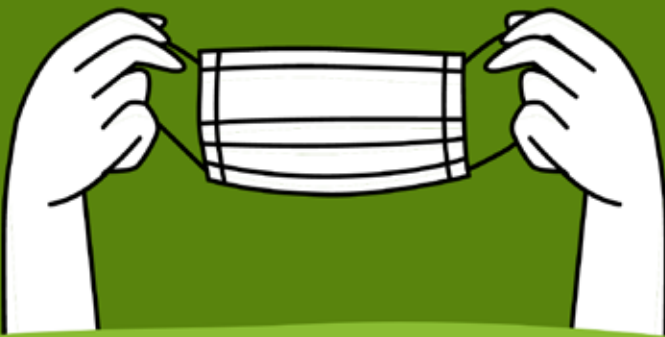
The Backpack Project will be providing pre-filled backpacks to children in need, grades K-12 in July. The Backpacks will be donated to Oakland Schools Homeless Education Program and Jewish Family Service for distribution.

Our goal is to provide 1350 backpacks as we did last year.

We thank the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation, the Phillip & Elizabeth Filmer Memorial Charitable Trust, the Claire and Arthur (z'l) Kretchmer Backpack Project Name Fund, and the Carol Krugel Backpack Project Name Fund for generously providing grants for our Project.

Chairs: Deede Auster, Jan Goldfarb, Edie Rubin, Amy Zeskind.

Masks are preferred and recommended in the NCJW | MI Office



NCJW | MI Revised Covid Policy

Masks and up to date vaccinations/boosters are preferred and recommended for staff, volunteers, resale customers, participants, and when visiting the NCJW | MI office or attending NCJW | MI programs, based on current CDC guidelines for Oakland County.

Guidelines will continuously be reviewed and the policy revised based on current guidelines.

NCJW | MI VIDEO CONTEST AWARD CEREMONY

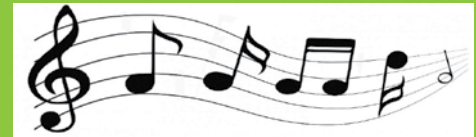
Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM
Bloomfield Township Public Library
1099 Lone Pine Road

Please join us to celebrate the winners of the Video Contest, answering the question:

"How to be an 'upstander' in the face of bullying or hate"

Winning videos will be shown, prizes will be awarded and guest speakers will share their experiences with bullying and hate.

To register please call the office.



SPRING FUNDRAISER

Our fundraiser with the Detroit Youth Choir has been postponed.

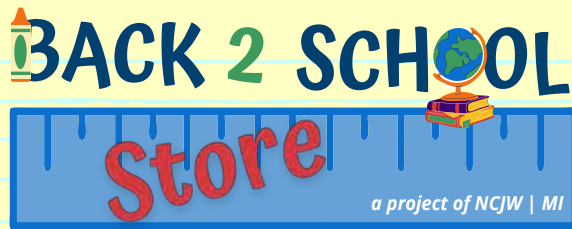


GAMES DAY - SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, July 20th at Congregation Beth Ahm. Mark your calendar!

This summer we will be holding our annual GAMES DAY...complete with lunch, snacks, good conversation, and your choice of games. Details to follow...you won't want to miss this day!

Chairs: Rosalie Dean, Enid Schatz



CHARITY CHALLENGE

We invite you to participate in Charity Challenge 2022!

Two generous anonymous donors will match

individual donations up to \$7,500

starting May 23 through June 8, 2022.

PLEASE HELP US REACH THIS GOAL!

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Sponsor a Child

**(\$180 provides school supplies
and clothing for one child)**

Corporate Sponsorship

Donation of your choice

Send a tribute

Please visit www.ncjwmi.org to make your donation
or call the office at 248-355-3300, ext. 0 for assistance

B2SS SAVE THE DATE

Back 2 School Store 2022

August 8 - 12, 2022

Once again, due to Covid-19, we will not have an in-person Back 2 School Store. However, we are making sure that 900 students in the city of Detroit will receive clothing, school supplies, and a book to start the school year properly. We will need a limited number of volunteers, so watch for an email at the beginning of June to sign up to volunteer.

Thank you to our generous grantors Marjorie and Maxwell Jospey Foundation and The Ravitz Foundation

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



We have the Bags! We need the Plarn!

Our Plastic Bags Make Plastic Mats project is going strong. To date we have given away about 20 mats to The Corner Shower and Laundry in Detroit. The clients there have been very happy to receive them.

Right now, our bag bins are overflowing. We NEED volunteers to make the Plarn (plastic yarn) to have available for our knitters.

Instructions for making Plarn are on our website at ncjwmi.org/ncjw-green/

Stop by the NCJW | MI office and pick up bags!
26400 Lahser Rd. Suite #306, Southfield

If you need assistance, call the office at:
248-355-330, ext. 0 and leave a message or email
the NCJW Green committee at ncjwgreen@gmail.com.

Your assistance is truly appreciated.

RE|SALE NEWS

THANK YOU!

Delores Hendrix has resigned from council re|sale. We are grateful for the 8 years she worked as a manager at the store. She came with fresh new ideas, implemented many improvements, and our customers loved her. We appreciate everything she did for council re|sale and wish her luck for the future.

Danie Allen is council re|sale's new window dresser. Be sure to stop by to see her newest creations as she adds her own special flair to our display windows!

Come visit our new expanded The Council Collection Department! You'll find lots of upscale and designer clothing for every occasion.

Do you need a gift for an anniversary, birthday, new home, or for yourself? Our Home Décor Room is filled with wonderful treasures to thrill friends and family! We have beautiful dishes, glassware, trays, vases, artwork...countless items to make the perfect gift!

We are excited to announce the opening of our new department, "etc..." You'll find items like kitchenware, cookware, baskets, tchotchkes, and many other miscellaneous items that are not clothing, accessories or home décor. Be sure to come check it out!

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(NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON WEDNESDAYS)

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT KIDS CLOTHING, FURNITURE OR BOOKS*

**PLEASE BRING CLOTHING DONATIONS IN BAGS AND
HOME DECOR IN BOXES. CALL WHEN YOU ARRIVE!**

REVISED MASK POLICY

MASKS AND UP TO DATE
VACCINATIONS/BOOSTERS ARE PREFERRED AND
RECOMMENDED FOR STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, RESALE
CUSTOMERS BASED ON CURRENT CDC GUIDELINES
FOR OAKLAND COUNTY.



CHECK OUT OUR POSHMARK!



TELL YOUR OUT-OF-TOWN FRIENDS,
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NEW ITEMS ADDED REGULARLY!

DOWNLOAD THE APP ON YOUR PHONE
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**Council re|sale proceeds have supported NCJW|MI community services,
benefitting women, children, and families in need since 1934.**

State Policy Advocates



Cathy Cantor

Voting bills introduced that will make it harder to obtain and cast a mail-in ballot and will make waiting at the polls more onerous, Roe V Wade under serious threat of falling, triggering a 1931 law that would make abortion illegal in Michigan unless the pregnant person's life is in danger, gun violence in communities, making schools a place of anxiety for students, acts of antisemitism at an all-time high. If any of these issues, or other concerns facing our nation, our world or our state, have led you to express concern to a family member or a friend, you are an advocate. That is what advocacy is all about – using your voice. To be an “activist,” one only needs to act.

Your voice, your expressing concern over important issues that affect our daily lives, is amplified when joined with others. At a recent ADL webinar, actor Joshua Malina stated, “Showing up can be a statement of values...”

Please join us in stating our values as the Advocacy and Elections committee strives at this time to protect voting rights, ensure abortion access, and encourage the passage of sensible proposals to curb gun violence. Reach us at ncjwmi.org or 248-355-3300

Cathy Cantor, Linda Levy
NCJW State Policy Advocates, Michigan



Linda Levy

SPA Bids Farewell to Cathy

At the end of May, 2022, I will be stepping down as a State Policy Advocate for Michigan. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity for the past 10 years, where I have had the pleasure of working with truly amazing co-SPAs, first with Sharon Lipton, then Irma Glaser, and currently Linda Levy. I look forward to working with Lynn Lieberman over the next few months as she steps into the position as Michigan's newest State Policy Advocate.

The past ten years have seen many challenges in the advocacy arena. We have worked hard to speak up and speak out about the issues that are most important to us. We have joined coalitions to amplify our voices. We have called, emailed and visited our legislators to let them know how we, their constituents, feel about legislation that is either up for a vote or languishing in committee. We have educated the community about issues, candidates and ballot initiatives.

All these efforts and more will continue going forward under the leadership of Linda and Lynn.

I know that they will ably guide NCJW | MI members in advocacy. I will continue to stand with them in advancing any efforts they promote and I know that all of you will as well. Together we can accomplish so much!

Cathy Cantor



SPA Welcomes Lynn Lieberman

I am honored to be appointed as a National Council of Jewish Women, State Policy Advocate for Michigan.

After joining the Board of Directors in 2015, I served as Recording Secretary for the Board, the Executive Cabinet, Operations, and Governance. I am active on the Advocacy and Elections committee, having co-chaired three webinars

on The Power of Your Vote. I am producing the Courts Matter to Voting Rights program with Courts Matter Michigan. I continue to work on the Back 2 School Store Steering Committee.

With my degrees from U-M, I first taught mathematics and computer programming, then worked for 33 years at Oakland Schools where I provided educational technology consulting and professional development to Oakland County educators and facilitated district technology planning. I was President of the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) and served on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Policy Committee.

I am the proud wife of Paul, mother of three and grandmother of seven.



WE WELCOME

Parker Griffith as our new Courts Matter Coordinator.



ZOO TOUR

Thursday, June 16 10AM - 12PM

Rain Date: Thursday, June 23

Join us at the Detroit Zoo for an Art Tour of the Zoo, led by Ellie Slovis and other docents.

You may bring a bag lunch or buy one at the Zoo.

Tickets must be purchased at the Zoo on your own. You may also use your Zoo Membership to enter.

Space is limited to 30 people.

TO REGISTER, CALL THE NCJW | MI AT 248-355-3300, EXT 0





Israel Affairs

NCJW's Israel Granting Program seeks to improve the lives of women, children and families throughout Israel. The organizations and projects they fund advance women's empowerment and gender equality, and strengthen shared society and democracy in Israel. NCJW has identified three organizations as the 2022 recipients:

Al-Baquor: Training Bedouin women of the Negev in early childhood education.

Physicians for Human Rights: Providing sexual health and reproductive care to women without permanent legal status in the Tel Aviv/Yafo area.

Isha L'isha: Training underrepresented women, 50% with disabilities, to run for municipal office in Haifa.

We invite everyone to the next Israel Affairs Committee meeting where we will discuss the NCJW Israel Granting Program recipients and determine where NCJW | MI grant funds will be distributed. Please contact the NCJW | MI office for more details.

Chairs: Jeannie Weiner, Trudy Weiss



Did you know...

Wrapped in Love volunteers work with fleece fabrics to create 900 - 1000 beautiful blankets each year. Our blankets are donated to social service agencies and hospitals to provide comfort, warmth, and security to women, children, and families.

Volunteers come to the NCJW | MI office weekly to fashion the blankets.

Fabric scraps are donated to various organizations that create beautiful artwork and useful items for others to enjoy. Some of these organizations include Soul Studio, Adat Shalom Synagogue, and Coleman A. Young Elementary School.



If you know of any organizations that would benefit from our blankets or fabric scraps, please call the NCJW office.

Are you intrigued by this project?

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The Nominating Committee is pleased to propose the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2022-2023.

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Marilyn Mossman, Linda Sahn, Trudy Weiss

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To serve a third two-year term as an Advisory Director:

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Advisory Directors: Joyce Blum, Edie Broida, Carol Freedman, Susie Jacob, Nancy Josephson, Ina Katz, Sharon Leider, Donna Pearlman, Judy Robinson, RoseLynn Schluskel, Beverly Stone, Ruth Zerlin

Thank you to the following Board Directors who will be finishing their third two-year term and will be eligible upon nomination to become a Board Director in 2023:

Barbara Berger (AD); Denny Camiener (E); Harriet Dunskey (AD); Jacqui Elkus (E); Judi Freund (AD); Janet Moses (AD); Nancy Raimi (E); Barbara Rosenthal (AD)

Chair: Jennifer LoPatin



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May 15 - May 22
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Bookstock Sale is Back!

The sale of used books and other media will be held at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia, May 15-22. Volunteers are needed for NCJW | MI Day on Thursday, May 19, 11 am-7 pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to view thousands of books and help sell them. Bookstock supports literacy projects, including those of NCJW | MI. Please call the NCJW | MI office to volunteer your time for the Bookstock Sale.

Chair: Deede Auster



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