

# bulletin

May-July 2023

NCJW | MI

National Council of Jewish Women MICHIGAN

**Spring Happening  
Installation Brunch**  
**Thurs., June 22, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Temple Israel**  
**West Bloomfield**  
**Officers, Board  
& Advisory Directors**

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**Installation Speaker**  
**Carolyn Grant  
Normandin**

**Regional Director  
of Michigan ADL  
(Anti-Defamation League)**



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**Honoring Awardees: SANDRA SILVER** - Ruth Caplan Savage Volunteer Award

**Staff Recognition: SUSAN GERTNER** - 20 years as NCJW | MI Executive Director

**LINDA ROUFF** - 10 years as NCJW | MI Donor Associate

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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



**Sallyjo Levine  
President**

I am often asked about what is going on at NCJW|MI. The short answer is, "LOTS." We never lost our footing during COVID and we seem to always be looking forward. Our office is starting to hold in-person meetings and programs and it seems that our women are just

delighted to be able to come back. The antidote to loneliness is socialization and we invite you to join us.

Our Monday mornings are spent with women creating blankets for Wrapped In Love. They are a dedicated group that even worked when the office was closed. If you could hear the quiet hum of these ladies you would be so proud of their commitment. The blankets are distributed to hospitals, safe homes for children that are removed from their homes, and to Jay Towers who gives them to children who are ill.

Our upcoming events mean that we are hard at work planning, purchasing, and organizing. Our Back 2 School Store, although not in person this year, will be supplying clothes, toiletries, and school supplies to 900 Detroit school children. There will be opportunities for you to volunteer closer to the summer event.

We continue to supply backpacks to Oakland County children, read and tutor in Oak Park

at Pepper Elementary School, offer video and essay contests to teens and still work with adult and child guardianship cases.

Our spring fundraiser will be the play, "The Vagina Monologues." At the play we will be collecting female personal hygiene products to donate. How lucky are we that this is not a problem that we face, but are able to help those in need? How sad that something we take for granted is so out of reach for so many girls and women.

This year we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the All Kids Playground. It was the brainchild of NCJW and offers a barrier-free playground, so all children, regardless of their ability level, can enjoy a day of fun. We are also celebrating the 75th birthday of the state of Israel. There will be community events but we will offer some special programming of our own.

Each year in the fall we highlight Fall Focus, as well as Women of Vision. We have begun to work on these programs and are always open to new involvement. In NCJW we learn from our past, but we plan for our future. "Because we have always done it this way" should not be in our vocabulary. Let's move forward with new ideas, new enthusiasm, and new participants.

Please join us for our annual installation. See details on page 4. Let us come together and celebrate the women who make up this amazing organization. Let us celebrate "you."

**BECOME A SPONSOR!**

The Bulletin is our main source of communication about NCJW events, which is distributed to over 1,300 households. The Bulletin provides important and timely information and is an essential tool for our organization. We invite you to become a sponsor for our Bulletin. An individual or business could be a Sponsor who would donate to the cost of the printing and postage of one of our four Bulletins sent out each year. Their name would be displayed prominently on the Bulletin. To learn more about being a Bulletin Sponsor, please contact Susan Gertner, Executive Director, at 248.355.3300, ext. 3.

## Executive Director



**Susan Gertner**

Shalom.

After a week of no power in my home and not being a happy camper, I needed to think about what I am grateful for instead of concentrating on my cold home. NCJW | MI is one of the things in which I am grateful. In April, I will be celebrating 20 years as NCJW | MI's first Executive Director. Time goes by so fast. I feel blessed to work with such

amazing, dedicated women. In my 20 years, we have made a difference in many people's lives. From Backpacks, Back2SchoolStore, Kosher Meals on Wheels, Safe Place: providing shelter for domestic abuse victims, to our advocacy work on behalf of women, children, and families, and the list goes on. We have made logistical changes in our office to be more efficient and we have made changes on how we promote what we do. If we do not have your email, please send it to [mail@ncjwmi.org](mailto:mail@ncjwmi.org) so that you can receive information in between Bulletins. Proceeds from our council resale, grants received, tribute cards sold, and donations from individuals and businesses have made it all financially possible to do what we do. And we can't forget our amazing staff. I have a wonderful team that partners with our Board and volunteers to make NCJW | MI what it is today. So, thank you to everyone for making NCJW | MI so wonderful.

A few other anniversaries are coming up. This year will be the 20th Anniversary of our All Kids Playground (AKP) and the 50th anniversary of when we developed Kosher Meals on Wheels (KMOW). Stay tuned for information on a KMOW anniversary celebration. If you have never been to our AKP, take a ride to Hess-Hathaway Park in Waterford. A wonderful playground for children of all abilities.

If you are not currently involved in NCJW | MI, we appreciate that you are a member, but encourage you to get involved. You can attend a program, join a committee, volunteer your time at one of our many community service projects, help plan a program or fundraising event, buy tribute cards, soup, or RaiseRight gift cards, or participate in working on one of our many advocacy issues. If you cannot get involved with time, but would like to support NCJW | MI, consider developing a name fund in your family name supporting one of our many projects, help underwrite one of our community service projects, or even this Bulletin, or be a Patron at our upcoming spring Fundraiser, The Vagina Monologues. As you can see, there are many ways to become involved in NCJW | MI. If you ever have any questions on how to get involved, feel free to give me a call, 248.355.3300 ext. 3.



### Jewish College Loan Program

Since 1902 NCJW|MI has helped to provide funds for educational loans and grants. Today the William Davidson Jewish College Loan Program (WDJCLP) provides interest-free loans to Jewish students from across Michigan for post-secondary study at accredited institutions. WDJCLP's loans are meant to help cover the difference between a student's total expenses for the school year and their financial resources for paying them, including Federal student loans and expected family contribution. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a program at a college, university, or graduate school that leads to a degree. NCJW | MI Education Assistance donors support the Loan Program by annually funding loans.

**To apply for a loan,  
visit [jewishcollegeloansmi.org](http://jewishcollegeloansmi.org)**

## New Home For the Archives

### GREAT NEWS:

All of the archival collections currently housed at the Reuther Library are being transferred to the new state-of-the-art home at Temple Beth El.

All transfers from the Reuther Library, including shelving etc. are being facilitated and underwritten by generous donors with no cost to us. Once all the work is completed, we will be able to transfer the materials still housed in our Southfield office to our new home at Temple Beth El.

We look forward to docent-led tours of the new archives, which will include a reading room, and will provide opportunities for us to share our rich history with our members and the community in a more accessible environment.

Watch for a dedication ceremony in the near future!

We encourage all interested board members to become a part of the Archives committee.

**Chairs: Marian Littman, Janet Moses**

# Installation Brunch TEMPLE ISRAEL

Thursday, June 22, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.

Installation of New Officers and Board

## INSTALLATION SPEAKER

**Carolyn Grant Normandin** is the Regional Director of the Michigan ADL (Anti-Defamation League). Normandin is responsible for leading ADL's Michigan Regional Office, which focuses on combating antisemitism and bigotry of all kinds through advocacy, community service, and anti-bias education.



Prior to joining ADL, Normandin was Senior Vice President leading Operations, Marketing and Sales at The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Normandin also worked for General Motors in a variety of areas, including the GM Foundation,

Public Policy, Brand Communications and Diversity & Inclusion.

Born in Detroit and raised in Southeastern Michigan, Normandin earned her Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Michigan State University and she is a graduate of Leadership Detroit Cohort XXXVI. Normandin is on the Board of Directors for Alternatives For Girls and serves on the Executive Committee of the Coalition for Black and Jewish Unity. Normandin also serves as a Shiva Leader for Temple Israel in West Bloomfield.



## INSTALLATION BRUNCH

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Please respond by Wednesday, June 14th

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Please seat me with:

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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](http://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





### **Ruth Caplan Savage Volunteer Award Sandra Silver**

Sandra Silver grew up in Detroit, getting her Bachelor and Master's degrees from Wayne State University. She has been a clinical social worker and part-time advisor in the WSU School of Social Work.

In 1990 Sandra began volunteering for Kosher Meals on Wheels during summers and holidays. Since 2016 she has been delivering on a regular basis. She also volunteers at the NCJW | MI council re|sale shop. Another avenue she has pursued is becoming an integral member of the Israeli Affairs Committee.

As a child of Holocaust survivors, Sandra has been involved with CHAIM and is currently Co-President. She speaks at the Zekelman Holocaust Center to students and families, honoring the lives of her parents.

Sandra is a volunteer at Jewish Senior Life and at Yad Ezra. She has brought her three children up to believe in the value of giving back to the community.

We are honored to have Sandra receive the first Ruth Caplan Savage Volunteer Award.



### **Welcome Vice-President Fran Grossman**

Fran Grossman has been a member of NCJW|MI since 2017. She was a special education school teacher for 32 years and after retiring wanted to do something to give back to her community. After having a wonderful conversation with

one of the very dedicated board members, she knew this would be the right fit and soon after became a board member. Having worked with children with special needs for so long, her first two endeavors were with the Back2SchoolStore (B2SS) and the Literacy Program. Eventually, she became a Co-Chair of the B2SS, and the Membership Committee, as well as actively working on the council re|sale store team. Her newest Committees are Nominating and Leadership, and the Development Committee.

Besides NCJW|MI Fran is an active member of the Grand Circle of Women of The Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network. She also volunteers at Humble Design in Pontiac, as well as Michigan Animal Rescue League.

Unfortunately, Fran leaves for Arizona for 5 months in the winter with her most supportive husband, David, as well as her "walking partner" 4-legged Nike, a sweet, rescued Goldendoodle. It is unfortunate because she dearly misses her NCJW Family. She is also a hands-on person and cannot do that when traveling!

When in Arizona she continues tutoring at an elementary school in Phoenix and loves hiking, walking, Pickleball, and having friends visit.

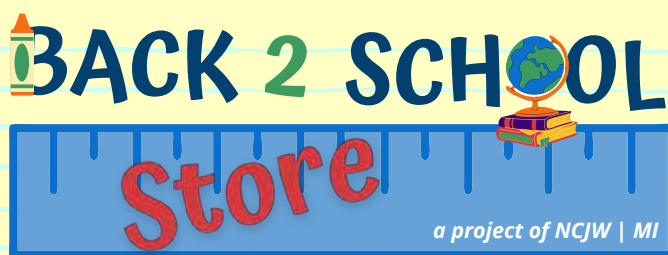
### **Staff Recognition Congratulations!**



**SUSAN GERTNER**  
on her 20th  
Anniversary as  
NCJW | MI first  
Executive Director



**LINDA ROUFF**  
on her 10th  
Anniversary as  
NCJW | MI Donor  
Associate



## CHARITY CHALLENGE

**We invite you to participate in Charity Challenge 2023!**

**Two generous anonymous donors will match individual donations up to \$7,500**

**May 22 through June 7, 2023**

**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](http://www.ncjwmi.org) to make your donation or call the office at 248-355-3300, ext. 0 for assistance**

## Give The Gift Of Membership

As we approach the season of Graduations, Mother's Day, New Beginnings (Retirement), PLEASE consider giving the gift of membership to a young woman or special mother in your life, or honor a Friend. Membership purchased now is good through June 30, 2024!

There are many new and interesting programs and projects in the up-and-coming year to participate in! This is a gift that reaches out to all who are concerned about woman, children and families.

### **Annual Membership Dues**

1 year - \$54 | 3 Years - \$150

36 years old or younger - \$36

Members residing outside of tri-county metro Detroit - \$36

To purchase a membership, visit our website or call the office.

**Chairs: Dani Gillman, Fran Grossman**

### **NEW MEMBERS Dec 13, 2022-March 7, 2023**

Natalie Braziller

Marcy Palmer Broder

Rochelle Juni

Dara Klein

Sharon Moss Lebovic

Jo Rosen

Linda Roth

## B2SS SAVE THE DATE

### **Back 2 School Store 2023**

**August 2 – Card Making at NCJW Office**

**August 7-10 – Packing clothing and supplies at Hope of Detroit Academy**

Due to Covid-19 we will once again have a modified Back2SchoolStore. However, we are providing 900 children in the city of Detroit with clothing, school supplies, and a book to start the school year properly. We will need a limited number of volunteers, so please 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, The Ravitz Foundation, and the Arlene and Eric Oppenheim Reading Education Fund.

**Chairs: Lisa Fox, Fran Grossman, Sandi Matz**

## ALL KIDS PLAYGROUND

Now that we are thinking about spring, it is time to share news about the All Kids Playground (AKP) at Hess Hathaway Park in Waterford.



**ALL KIDS PLAYGROUND**  
Where all Kids Are Special

Opened in 2003, we are proudly celebrating its 20th anniversary as one of the first children's playground to focus on accessibility for children with special needs. AKP provides a safe place that has no physical or social barriers. A sensory rich experience fills the playground.

This year we hope that you will help secure its future by making your tributes to ALL KIDS PLAYGROUND or by purchasing one of the brick pavers found at the entrance to the playground. Make a donation or purchase a personalized brick paver in honor or in memory of someone special. Your donation enables NCJW | MI to purchase additional equipment and provide transportation to the Playground for local schools.

Let's all celebrate the 20th anniversary of the All Kids Playground together!

**Chair: Cookie Markowitz**

## RE|SALE NEWS

Have some free time?

Council re|sale is always in need of volunteers

- Assist customers
- Price merchandise
- Process donations

Please call Rochelle, Manager, at the store (248)-548-6664 and tell her when you're available.

### Want To Know About Our Special Sales And Most Recent Arrivals?

Like us on our council re|sale Facebook page and send your email address to [mail@ncjwmi.org](mailto:mail@ncjwmi.org) to receive our Council Corner e-newsletter.

**CHECK OUT OUR POSHMARK!**

**POSHMARK**

TELL YOUR OUT-OF-TOWN FRIENDS,  
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Closed (Sun)





**DONATIONS HOURS**

**MONDAY - SATURDAY 10:00AM - 4:00PM**  
**(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!**

Stay in the Know!



**Council re|sale proceeds have supported NCJW|MI community services, benefitting women, children, and families in need since 1934.**



## State Policy Advocates



**Linda Levy**

One of the more difficult tasks that the SPAs are asked to do is write Bulletin articles when the topics being addressed are fluid and changing. Articles due weeks before the issue will land in members' mailboxes, and risk publishing information that may be outdated when received. Yet, sometimes that is actually what one would hope for: that the legislation that we strive to pass has passed without our continued calls to action.

### GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION



**Lynn Lieberman**

One year ago, at the time of the Oxford shooting, the SPAs reported that firearms were the second-leading cause of death in children and teens. This year, just prior to the mass shooting at Michigan State University, firearm death was elevated to THE leading cause of death in children and teens.

With the turnover of political leadership in the Michigan Senate and Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Democrats pledged to advance gun violence prevention legislation.

The Michigan Senate rolled out gun reform, including long-standing priorities of universal background checks for all firearm purchases, safe storage for gun owners, and Extreme Risk Protection Orders (aka "red flag laws") that allow judges to temporarily confiscate a gun from someone posing a risk to others or themselves.

These measures are going through the process of being written, edited, discussed in committee hearings, brought to the floor, and voted on. Our Gun Violence Prevention Subcommittee is actively communicating with legislators as representatives of NCJW|MI and in coalition with other organizations to be sure these bills come to fruition.

### VOTING

The passage of Proposal 2, Promote the Vote 2022, was a success. But now implementation of its component parts is key. Legislation that reflects the will of the voters and funding are necessary to bring this to fruition. Early voting is a top priority and presents new challenges for municipal clerks. We continue to monitor the progress of Proposal 2 implementation and work in coalition to support this work.

### REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Similarly, the passage of Reproductive Freedom for All, Proposal 3, requires overseeing the progress of passing meaningful legislation to implement the clear will of Michiganders on this issue. And we need strong voices to secure and protect reproductive rights on the Federal level. We hope that legislation we support has passed, or is on the brink of passing by the time you read our report.

Our voices are important. We believe that the goals are popular, and we need to continue to contact legislators to urge them to support this legislation now. Please, when you receive an Action Alert from NCJW|MI, take the action requested. We welcome your participation and invite you to join our Advocacy and Elections Committee to address these and other important issues – ones that may even arise between now and when you read this.

**Linda Levy, Lynn Lieberman, NCJW State Policy Advocates**

## Nominating and Leadership

According to Article IX, Section 2A of the NCJW | MI Bylaws. The Nominating and Leadership Committee shall send to the entire membership its slate of candidates and a notice of the spring general meeting at least forty-five (45) days before the meeting.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to propose the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2023-2024.

1. To serve a first two – year term as a Board Director: Denny Camiener, Susan Lagnas Feber, Sarah Gottlieb, Marilyn Kales, Sarah Rosenzweig, Emily Sherman, Ada Kusnetz-Yerman.
2. To serve a second two-year term as a Board Director: Cindy Babcock.
3. To serve a third two-year term as a Board Director: Sharon Breidenbaugh
4. To serve a first two- year term as an Advisory Director: Barbara Berger, Harriet Dunsky, Janet Moses, Nancy Raimi, Susan Rollinger, Barb Rosenthal.
5. To serve a second two – year term as an Advisory Director: Carol Freedman, Susie Jacob, Sharon Leider, Beverly Stone.
6. To serve a third two – year term as an Advisory Director: Joyce Blum, Nancy Josephson, Judy Robinson.

To serve a first two-year term:

Vice President: Fran Grossman

The following officers are continuing their two-year term:

President: Sallyjo Levine

Vice Presidents: Evva Hepner, Lauren Koenigsberg, Carrie Kushner, Margo Stocker, Amy Zeskind

Treasurer: Terry Hollander

Recording Secretary: Dani Gillman

Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Weiss

**Chair: Amy Cutler**





## YOUTH VIDEO CONTEST AWARDS

### Contest For Oakland County High School Girls

*This year's Video Contest for girls attending high school in Oakland County asked: "The environment is a top concern for high school students. How can I be a positive environmental influencer?"*

Entries were from 5 different schools.

Judges were Marilyn Mossman, Chair of NCJW|MI Green Committee and Laurie McCarty, retired Assistant Superintendent of Bloomfield Hills schools in charge of curriculum.

All the videos were very well done and showed a great deal of creativity. The winners were:

First Place (\$1,000) - **Nicole Pasto**, Senior at Country Day.

Second Place (\$750) - **Mag Verriest**, Junior at Berkley High School.

All the students who entered were recognized at the Awards Program with guest speaker State Senator Jeremy Moss, who talked about the importance of young people being involved in their communities.

**Chair: Randie Levin**



**Nicole Pasto**



**Mag Verriest**



**Sen. Jerry Moss**



*Save the Date*



# Bookstock

USED BOOK AND MEDIA SALE

**APRIL 23 - APRIL 30, 2023**

**AT LAUREL PARK PLACE**

**IN LIVONIA (I-275 AND 6 MILE RD)**

**NCJW | MI DAY IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26  
FROM 10:45am - 7:15pm.**

**PLEASE MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO HELP THIS YEAR!**

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT [NCJWMI.ORG](https://www.ncjwmi.org)**

**IF YOU CANNOT VOLUNTEER ON WEDNESDAY, CHOOSE ANY OTHER DAY.  
NCJW | MI WILL RECEIVE A DONATION FOR EVERY VOLUNTEER'S TIME.**



## NCJW Green Bags



You can purchase green fabric grocery bags that help NCJW | MI and the environment.

They can be used in place of paper or plastic bags and are washable. Help promote being "green."

Bags are available for \$5 each, or \$10 for three including tax, at the NCJW | MI office.



NCJW | MI ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

IN CELEBRATION OF  
ISRAEL'S 75TH BIRTHDAY  
**WOMEN CREATING REALITY:  
JEZREEL VALLEY PIONEERS**

FEATURED SPEAKER:  
**PAZ WEISS**

BORN AND RAISED ON A KIBBUTZ IN  
THE JEZREEL VALLEY

FEATURING ART WORKS BY WOMEN  
ARTISTS CURRENTLY LIVING IN  
JEZREEL VALLEY, ISRAEL.  
IT IS A UNIQUE COLLECTION OF  
PAINTINGS THAT CAPTURE THE SPIRIT  
OF WOMEN PIONEERS.

FEATURED ARTISTS:

*Liora Kuris, Leah Bar Sela,  
Tamar Hadad, Ellie Shamir,  
Ruth Schatzman, Hedva Mahler,  
Rachel Nemesh, Sara Avnin Ganishar,  
Sima Levin, Nurit Gur Lavie,  
Idit Levavi Gabbay, Michal Vitalis,  
Ariella Goldman*

THIS IS A PRIVATE EVENT FOR  
NCJW | MI MEMBERS AND THEIR  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
NO COST TO ATTEND  
DONATIONS APPRECIATED

**RSVP REQUIRED**

TO REGISTER, CALL THE OFFICE AT 248-355-3300  
EXT 0 OR EMAIL MAIL@NCJWMI.ORG

**TUESDAY**

**APRIL 25,  
2023**

**7-9 PM**

**Janice Charach Gallery  
@the JCC  
With Dessert Reception**



**JANICE CHARACH GALLERY**

AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT  
6600 W. MAPLE ROAD  
WEST BLOOMFIELD MI

**NCJW | MI**  
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# JEWISH CONNECTIONS TOUR OF THE DIA

**Thursday May 4, 2023**  
**10:00am Guided Tour**  
**11:30am Lunch on your own**  
**at Cafe DIA or Kresge Court**

Jewish Historical Society of Michigan's seasoned docents and NCJW | MI members, Barbara Cohn and Sue Kalisky, will introduce you to Hebrew writing on artworks, Nazi-looted art rescued by the Monuments Men, Jewish figures in the "Detroit Industry" murals, and more. This is a tour you will remember.

## GUIDED TOUR

- \$25 FOR MEMBERS
- \$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS
- LUNCH IS NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE
- SPACE IS LIMITED

To register, call 248.355.3300 ext. 0, send check payable to NCJW | MI, or register online at [ncjwmi.org](http://ncjwmi.org).

CARPOOLING AVAILABLE FROM THE NCJW | MI OFFICE.

## CHILDREN UNDER FIRE: AN AMERICAN CRISIS

FEATURING:  
JOHN WOODROW COX



Join us as John Woodrow Cox, The Washington Post reporter and author of *Children Under Fire: An American Crisis*, discusses the true cost of gun violence on our nation's children.

**THURSDAY**  
**MAY 4**  
 7:00PM  
 ON ZOOM

**Free &  
 Open to  
 the Public**

Visit [ncjwmi.org](http://ncjwmi.org) or call the office to register.



*presents*

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 4PM  
AT  
TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM**

3999 Walnut Lake Rd  
West Bloomfield Township

# THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

A TIMELESS EPISODIC PLAY  
THAT EXPLORES VARIOUS  
CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS  
THROUGH THE EYES OF  
WOMEN OF DIFFERENT AGES,  
RACES, SEXUALITIES, AND  
OTHER DIFFERENCES.

By Eve Ensler  
Directed by  
Andi Sklar

## CAST

LISA BROWN  
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