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November 2026-January 2027

NCJW | MI
National Council of Jewish Women MICHIGAN

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2026-2027

We thank you for being a supporter of NCJW | MI.
You became involved with NCJW | MI because you support our mission!
Since 1891, we have been making a difference through our community impact projects, programming, and advocacy work on issues that are important to us.

Here are a few of our accomplishments:

- **Advocated** for voting rights, reproductive justice, and gun violence prevention
- **Backpacks** and school supplies provided to children in need since 1990
- **College interest-free loans** provided to students since 1902
- **council re|sale** serving the community and supporting NCJW | MI community impact projects since 1934
- **Kosher Meals on Wheels** providing meals to home-bound older adults since 1973

To ensure that NCJW | MI continues to meet the needs of our community and its work on behalf of women, children, and families, we encourage you to support our work by making a meaningful donation to our Annual Giving Campaign today.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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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



Margo Stocker
President

This is the time of year when many people pause and reflect on what they are grateful for in their lives. But these days, I find myself thinking about gratitude much more often - not just at a particular time of year, but throughout the year.

I am grateful when I look around the United States and realize what a wonderful place Michigan is to live. We don't have earthquakes, tsunamis, or hurricanes. And, for the most part, we don't have truly ridiculous weather, although last winter and this past summer certainly tested that statement! We are fortunate to experience the beauty of all four seasons. Fall in Michigan is especially beautiful, with the brilliant colors of the leaves and the unmistakable smell of cider and donuts in the air.

I am grateful for my family and friends, many of whom have known me forever, or at least it seems that way! I look around and realize just how lucky I am. My daughter said something to me the other day that really made me think. She said, "Mom, so many people your age have lost friends or have friends who are ill. You continue to make new friends."

And she is right. I do continue to make new friends, and I am incredibly grateful for that gift. There is something very special about meeting new people, forming new friendships, and continuing to grow and learn from those around us.

I am also grateful for the amazing women (men) of NCJW|MI who inspire and amaze me every day. Age is irrelevant to these people. They are well-read, active, energetic, and always on the go. Most importantly, they are committed to making our community and our world a better place.

We make blankets for children in foster care and hospitals. We provide clothing, winter coats, hats, gloves, books, and school supplies through the Back 2 School Store and the Backpack Project. We provide Comfort Care Kits, tutor children at Pepper School in Oak Park, and continue to deliver Kosher Meals on Wheels to individuals who are unable to get food for themselves, and that is just a small part of all that we do.

I am grateful for the incredible, selfless women and men who give their time, energy, and hearts to making our community a better place. And I realize how fortunate I am to be part of an organization that truly believes in making a difference and then goes out and does something about it.

Finally, I am grateful for all of you who continue to stand proudly and unapologetically as Jews. At a time when it can sometimes feel difficult to be Jewish, your strength, determination, and commitment are inspiring. We are standing together. We are making a difference. And we should be proud of who we are and all that we are accomplishing together.

For all of this - and for so much more - I am truly grateful.

Executive Director



Susan Gertner

As Thanksgiving is nearing, we are so thankful for all of our Supporters. Whether you are working on a committee to plan a program or fundraising event, attending our events, volunteering for one of our community impact projects, purchasing a tribute card, or supporting us financially by donating to one of our projects that touches you, we appreciate your involvement and support. We could not do what we do without you. You help us make a difference in the lives of women, children, and families. If you are not sure how you want to become involved, feel free to give me a call. I would be happy to talk to you.

The newest way to support one of our programs is by donating to our new Kosher Meals on Wheels Perpetuity Fund.

In the May 2026 issue of our Bulletin, we announced the development of our new NCJW | MI Kosher Meals on Wheels Perpetuity Fund. I am pleased to announce that the Marcia Applebaum Jewish Older Adult Enrichment Fund provided their challenge match of a $25,000 grant, as we received five, $5,000 donors. To date, we have received over $29,000 in donations towards our goal of $500,000 to support this program.

Since our beginning days in 1973, volunteers have provided an essential service to our homebound older adults. Our volunteers have been dedicated and ensured our participants were provided a daily needed meal, as well as a daily contact. Approximately 25,000 meals per year are delivered. This program has enabled homebound older adults to be able to remain living independently in their own home. Jewish Family Service of Metro Detroit is our community partner in this program, providing the intake and are management of our participants. ***If you happen to know of someone who is 60 or older, homebound and needs meals on a temporary or ongoing basis, please call 248.592.2313.***

We are incredibly grateful for the funding we receive to support this program with grants, individual donations, federal funding through AgeWays Nonprofit Services, and participant's donations. The following are the grants we received this year: Marcia Applebaum Jewish Older Adult Enrichment Fund, Jewish Federation of Detroit, The Jewish Fund Teen Board, The Jewish Fund, Jewish Women's Foundation of Metro Detroit, Marjorie and Maxwell Jospey Foundation, and Kaufman Charitable Trust. In addition, Soul Café donates 10% of their proceeds on the first Monday of the month. Enjoy a wonderful meal while supporting Kosher Meals on Wheels.

With all of that said, every year we still need to find the money to cover the remaining balance of the cost of the meals. Funding sources are never guaranteed but the need for the program remains and we want to ensure it continues for years to come.

We invite you to help support our program. Please visit our website by using the QR code or complete the form on the following page. If you know of a business or corporation that would be interested, please contact me as well. Thank you for your consideration of helping us to develop the Kosher Meals on Wheels Perpetuity Fund. Your support will help to make a difference.

LITERACY

The Literacy Committee is gearing up for our 5th year of tutoring at Pepper Elementary School in Oak Park. The program focuses on K-3rd graders and is designed to support teachers in their goal to get kids reading at grade level by the end of 3rd grade. Approximately 20 tutors work 1 on 1 with over 40 students on reading skills and comprehension. The students at Pepper, like all kids, thrive and grow with individualized instruction.

Chairs: Neil Babitch, Marla Moiseev

KOSHER MEALS ON WHEELS PERPETUITY FUND

Thank you for your support of our Kosher Meals on Wheels program.

KOSHER MEALS ON WHEELS
National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan
in partnership with
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established in 1973

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Linda Levy



Lynn Lieberman

Five years ago, our country was experiencing an alarming increase in antisemitism, locally, nationally, and globally. In response, we created a National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan Antisemitism Position Statement. We are once again confronting rising antisemitism, so it is important to share an updated version of that position statement.

For 135 years, National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan (NCJW | MI) has been fighting toxic structures of systemic hate on behalf of people of many different racial, ethnic, national, and cultural backgrounds. We've responded as allies in coalitions, and through writing and lobbying for legislation to move toward a more understanding and inclusive world.

NCJW has defined antisemitism as a form of oppression that is hostile toward Jewish people. It is systemic oppression that takes many forms, such as stereotypes and myths about Jews, false conspiracy theories, Holocaust denial, religious intolerance, overt discrimination, physical violence, destruction of Jewish communal spaces and monuments, blaming societal problems on the Jewish people, and holding individual Jewish people accountable for governmental affairs, domestic or foreign.

Antisemitism has become more visible and emboldened in the past several years, showing up in spaces where we work nationally and in our local communities. It is critical that NCJW | MI speak out and stand up for our own Jewish community, and fight just as hard against this form of hate as we do for other forms. It is important to create safety for our own communities, and because we know that fighting one form of hate is linked to the fight for all forms.

Antisemitism must be eradicated in all its forms, no matter what the source. The current crisis in Israel has exacerbated antisemitic rhetoric and attacks on Jewish people across the world. Criticism of Israel is sometimes weaponized as a cover for antisemitic beliefs and actions. While it is valid to criticize the politics in the region, questioning the right of Israel to exist and holding all Jews accountable for Israel's policies is antisemitic. Commentary on Israel that casts Zionism as illegitimate enables an environment of hateful action.

There is a difference today from five years ago when this statement was written. Now, post 2026 Midterms, the Jewish community is not just fighting antisemitism, we find ourselves divided and fighting ourselves. It is time to remember our common heritage, our values, and our shared Jewish identity that makes us a people.

That is the work that we have chosen to focus on now. Join us as we reach out to reconnect our Jewish community and to again build bridges with other communities.

Linda Levy, Lynn Lieberman
NCJW State Policy Advocates, Michigan

Bookstock.
USED BOOK AND MEDIA SALE
SUPPORTING THE NEED TO READ



Bookstock representatives deliver NCJW|MI prceeds from the sale.

Thank you to all the volunteers who sorted books and worked during the last year's sale. We accumulated a total of 499 hours! We receive Bookstock dollars based on the volunteer hours we work.

Fall is here and the Bookstock depot is, once again, open for business. We meet on Wednesdays from 10am - 2pm and Sundays 12pm- -2pm at Congregation Beth Ahm. Come anytime and work as little or much as you want. We have been given an opportunity to work a few more hours helping in the media room. It is mostly a sitting job with little lifting of records, CDs and sheet music. If you want to come and help and not have to lift or walk a lot, please let us know so we can place you in this position.

DROP OFF DATES
WEDNESDAYS, 10AM – 2PM

December 2, 2026

January 6, 2027

February 3, 2027

March 3, 2027

SUNDAYS, 12PM – 2PM

February 21, 2027

March 21, 2027

The week of Bookstock is May 16 – May 23, 2027 at Laurel Park Place, Livonia. You can come any day to help, just remember to register as an NCJW | MI volunteer. Our day to work the sale is Thursday, May 20th. Please mark your calendars for the sorting days and for the week of the sale.

If you have books you would like to donate, please see list of drop off dates at Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 West Maple Rd, West Bloomfield. ***For a full schedule of collection dates and times scan the QR code. If you would like to help at Bookstock please contact our office. Thank you and see you at Bookstock 2027.***

Chair: Margery Jablin

Seeking Nominations

The Nominating Committee will soon meet to select the members of the National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan 2027-2028 Board of Directors.

Qualifications for Board Members: Nominees must show a strong commitment to the mission of NCJW, willingness to provide financial support, and the time to attend monthly Board meetings, committee meetings, and other events. It is strongly suggested that anyone interested in becoming a Board member should have spent time previously working on projects or programs that NCJW | MI offers. There will be openings for positions on the board with a commitment of serving a two-year term. Self-nomination is welcome and encouraged, as well as nominations of women you believe will be an asset to our organization.

All recommendations are confidential and must be submitted by Friday, December 11, 2026. Nomination forms are available by either calling the NCJW | MI office or visiting the website at NCJWMI.org. You may either mail your recommendation to the NCJW | MI office or email it to mail@ncjwmi.org

Chair: Amy Zeskind

Need a Hanukkah or Holiday Gift?

NCJW | MI Has You Covered

Shop with us for great gifts; there's something for everyone -friends, family, kids, adults, colleagues, yourself, even pets!

- **Shop at council re|sale in Berkley or purchase a gift certificate for clothing, home decor, jewelry, shoes, and more!**
- **Send a tribute in honor of a wonderful person in your life, starting at $10 each, to support our many community impact projects and advocacy work.**
- **Purchase your gifts and groceries through Kroger choosing NCJW | MI to benefit.**
- **Need a gift card? Shop with RaiseRight for hundreds of gift card options and denominations, all while supporting NCJW | MI.**

RE|SALE NEWS

council re|sale
Resale At Its Best

3297 Twelve Mile Road
Berkley, MI 48072
248.548.6664

10:00 am-6:00 pm (Mon-Sat)
Closed (Sun)

For most recent Sales and Updates, follow us on social media

DONATION HOURS

MONDAY - SATURDAY 10AM - 4PM
(NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED ON WEDNESDAYS)

WE DO NOT ACCEPT FURNITURE OR BOOKS

PLEASE BRING CLOTHING DONATIONS IN BAGS AND HOME DECOR IN BOXES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like shopping?

Do you like to help people put outfits together?

If you answered yes, we invite you to become a council re|sale volunteer.

As a volunteer, you will assist customers, fill and straighten clothing racks, or help prepare for our special events.

- No retail experience necessary!
- Volunteer at your leisure!

Volunteers are needed
Monday-Saturday, 10am-6pm

Pop in at your convenience!





COME SHOP with COUNCIL RE|SALE



Do you know someone getting married?
Council re|sale has wedding dresses!

Do you know a teen who enjoys shopping for clothes?
Council re|sale has a new Juniors Department!

Do you like oldie but goodie clothing?
Council re|sale has a new Vintage Department!

Do you know someone wanting to refresh the look in their home?
Council re|sale has many pieces of art!

Do you know someone who is moving into a new apartment/home?
Council re|sale has dishes, serving pieces, vases, and more in their Home Décor Department!

Council re|sale may have just what you are looking for!

GESHER STUDENTS at RE|SALE

130 disabled students from Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne counties experienced paid summer internships, working in a variety of jobs sites. Interns were supervised by job coaches from Gesher Human Services to ensure good quality and productive work was being completed and that the students achieved the most they could get from the experience.

Cei'jan, a Hazel Park High School alumnus (Class of 2026) and other students spent six weeks working at council re|sale. He was referred to Gesher through Michigan Rehabilitation Services and discovered how much he enjoyed retail, interacting with customers, organizing items and keeping them neat, and answering questions about pricing.



Gesher Summer interns with job coach Sandy Raines and store manager Rochelle Adler

"It feels very good to earn a paycheck. I need to open a bank account!" he said.

Council re|sale store manager, Rochelle Adler, enjoyed having a cohort of interns. "The students added a huge value. We are a big operation with a lot of volunteers, but the Gesher clients who were placed here as interns helped us maintain our processes. They handled the donations that came, they organized the floor, sized shoes and kept pairs together," she said. "They did just about everything an employee would do. We know they were practicing skills that will be needed in the real world."

JEWISH YOUTH AWARDS

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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/secular communities. The program is open to Jewish High School Seniors throughout Michigan, and all are encouraged to apply. Applications will open on Tuesday, December 1, 2026 on our website. Applications are due by Monday, February 8, 2027. The awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2027.

Five finalists will receive a total of $6,000. Funding of the awards is made possible by the generosity of the following: Dina (z"l) and Herman (z"l) Brodsky Jewish Youth Awards Fund; Esther (z"l) and Nathan (z"l) Katz Jewish Youth Awards Fund; Levine Family Jewish Youth Awards Fund; and NCJW | MI Jewish Youth Awards Fund.

Chairs: Deede Auster, Amy Cutler



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5 Cards for ~~$36~~ $18

Mix and match any 5 cards
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Thursday, November 5th
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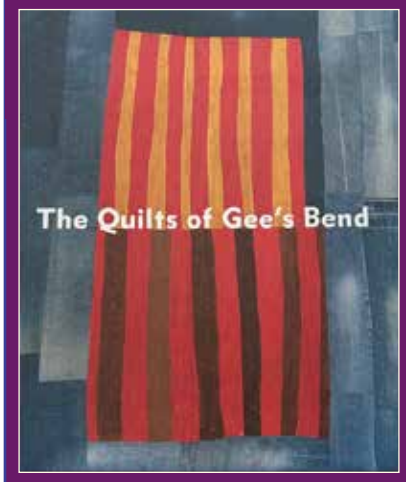
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Born from generations of history, hardship, and creativity, the quilts of Gee's Bend tell the story of an isolated Alabama community and its descendants of enslaved people. Explore the remarkable women, history, and artistry behind these celebrated works of American folk art.

Meet Lynn Aleman, a lifelong Michigander and retired CPA, Lynn has been quilting for more than 30 years. Inspired by the beauty of Gee's Bend quilts, she began exploring the exceptional women and stories behind their work.

12:00PM TUESDAY, JANUARY 19th

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$20

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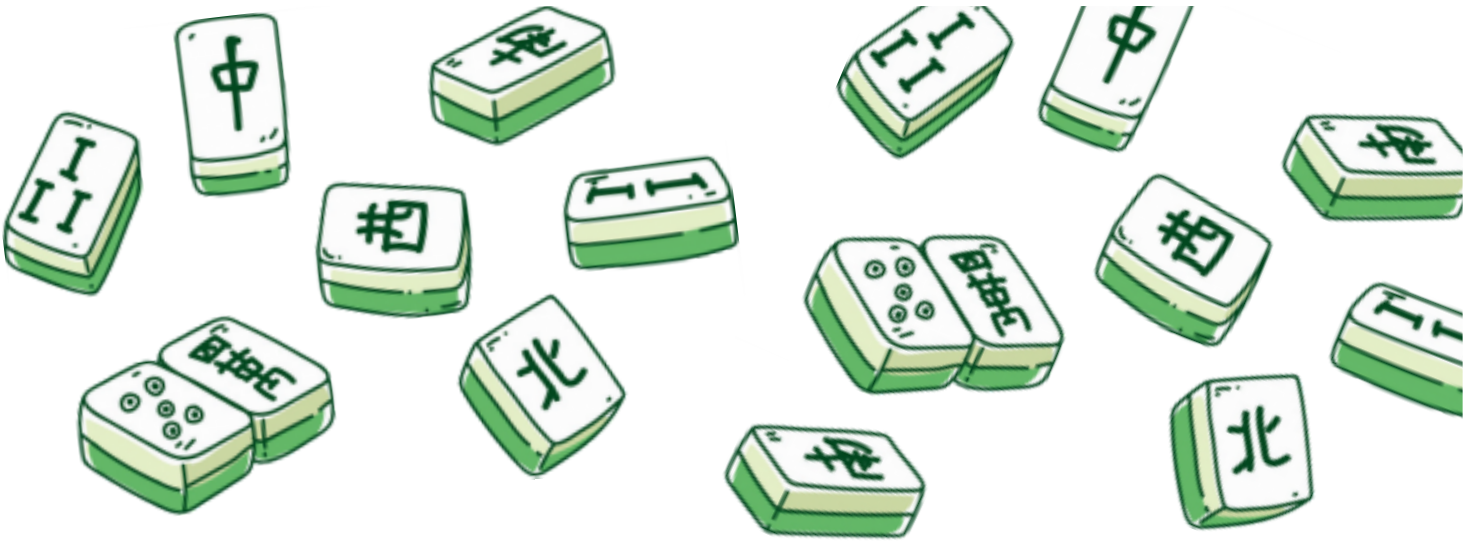
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