

Annual Meeting - Installation Brunch Thursday, June 20 at 10:30AM

Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Rd, West Bloomfield, MI

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Hannah G Solomon Award

Sandi Matz

Emerging Leader Award

Katie Stocker

Marsha Zucker Exemplary

Board Director Award

Sarah Gottlieb

Price: \$55.00 per person • RSVP with payment by Wednesday, June 12

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Kosher Meals on Wheels 50 Year Anniversary Celebration

Honoring Ellen (z"l) and Dr. Jim Labes, longtime KMOW Volunteers

50
YEARS

Sunday, June 2, 2024, 4pm

Adat Shalom Synagogue
29901 Middlebelt Road
Farmington Hills, MI

Concert featuring Six13

A cappella Vocal Band

Followed by Dinner catered by Quality Kosher Catering

Dietary Laws Observed



KOSHER MEALS ON WHEELS

National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan
in partnership with
Jewish Family Service of Metro Detroit

Ticket information on page 11

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



**Sallyjo Levine
President**

When you are a child you think of time as slow. Summer vacation takes forever to arrive. It seems that summer for children lasts forever. This is certainly not true for the NCJW women who tirelessly work for the betterment of our section. Time flies by

and before you know it the events and programs that we plan are gone in an instant. I think that is how I am feeling as I write my last president's article for the Bulletin.

When I spoke at installation two years ago I spoke of footprints. In my first Bulletin article I also alluded to the idea that we leave footprints for those who follow us. We are so lucky to have had footprints to lead us on this path to better the lives of women, children, and families, for over 100 years. We are equally lucky to have had the opportunity to lay down our own footprints. Now it is time for new prints...a new president, new vice-president, new board members, all to help lead our section. I could not be prouder of those joining our slate, particularly our president-elect, Amy Zeskind. Although Amy is a bit younger than the previous presidents, she is the perfect one to move us forward. She is thoughtful, kind, bright, and has a way of listening that makes you feel "heard." We could not have selected a better role model for NCJW|MI !

We invite you to spend the next few months celebrating with us. We begin in June with an incredible celebration of 50th

Anniversary of Kosher Meals on Wheels, being held at Adat Shalom Synagogue on June 2nd. There will be a concert with Six13, an a capella group of six young men, followed by a strolling dinner. Details are included in this bulletin. I hope you will join us for one or both of the events of the day. Please consider becoming a sponsor for this beautiful event.

June 20th is our annual meeting and installation at Temple Israel. This year we will welcome the new board and thank those who are stepping off. Stepping down from the board certainly does not mean stepping away from NCJW. We want our board members, armed with years of knowledge, to continue to keep us moving. We welcome their input in so many different ways.

Great things are happening at NCJW and I cannot wait to be able to share all those things in the works. As a past president I will continue to be involved. I cannot fathom a time when NCJW | MI will not be leading my thoughts and actions. I know that I have so many people to thank. First, and foremost I thank Susan Gertner for being the go-to for everything. She makes the impossible happen! The staff could not have been better to work with. Lori, Linda, Liana, and Sara made each day a little easier...no question that they lead by example. My vice presidents, executive board, and my general board were wonderful to work with. I had the best people to rely on and they always came through. I would not have had such a wonderful experience without all of them.

I thank you for allowing me to be your president. It has been an honor.

**We thank our "Bulletin Advocate"
for their sponsorship and support!**



Executive Director



Susan Gertner

Shalom,

It has been an exciting time at NCJW | MI as we plan for several anniversaries. We're celebrating our 50th Anniversary of Kosher Meals on Wheels on June 2nd. We hope you will be able to join us. See details on page 11. We are trying to reach out to our past volunteer packers, drivers, and day chairs to join us for the celebration. Please help us spread the word.

Our next upcoming celebration is our 90th anniversary of council re|sale. Stay tuned for details of that Celebration in Spring of 2025, as well as special sales and events at the store throughout the year. We do have some exciting news to share. We will be expanding the current store and taking over the space next door so that we will have more room to sell all of your donations. Keep your donations coming, the proceeds benefit our community impact projects. More news on the expansion over the next month or two.

I thank the work of our newly reorganized Outreach committee. They have worked hard to outreach to communities throughout the state and increase our supporters outside of the Detroit metro area. We welcome all new supporters throughout Michigan.

We apologize that most of you did not receive our last Bulletin. We are working with our mail house company to find out what happened. If you did not receive the Bulletin, please visit our website at any time where you can find current and past Bulletins. Please let us know if you would like to opt out of receiving a hard copy of the Bulletin and receive it through our eblasts that we send out, or obtain it on our website. Just email us at mail@ncjwmi.org and let us know. This will help to reduce our mailing costs as well as being "green."

As you may have heard, we are eliminating our annual membership dues but encourage our current annual members to instead support our Annual Giving Campaign. We thank those Section Supporters who have made a donation throughout the year. Your support enables us to provide the community impact projects and advocacy work that we do to make a difference for women, children, and families.

Supporting NCJW | MI

There are many ways to support the work of NCJW | MI. One way is by Leaving Your Legacy. Including NCJW | MI in your will or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy, helps to ensure our future and your legacy. To learn more, contact Sallyjo Levine, President, or Susan Gertner, Executive Director.

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Your Sponsorship helps cover the expenses of sending our Bulletin to our Supporters. We do not have emails for many of our Supporters and the Bulletin is essential in keeping everyone up to date with the events and work of NCJW | MI. You can become a sponsor, to promote your business, honor someone, or simply to support NCJW | MI. Choose your level of support, and if you prefer a particular issue. Your name or business will be recognized in the Bulletin.

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Bulletin Sponsor: \$3600 (listed in a banner on the front cover)
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**To become a Sponsor,
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or sgertner@ncjwmi.org**

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Volunteering at NCJW | MI does not require a board position! It's true! All it requires is some time and willingness to get involved. The Mayo clinic reports that volunteering "reduces stress and increases positive and relaxed feelings by releasing dopamine." Volunteering provides a sense of purpose, nurtures new relationships, and keeps one cognitively engaged.

NCJW | MI has many opportunities to be involved. Check out our website and pick one! Tutoring, Kosher Meals on Wheels, and Wrapped in Love are just a few of them! Come enjoy making some new friends and supporting our community. And remember, like me, you don't need to be a board member.

NCJW | MI Volunteer: Linda Sahn



Linda Levy



Lynn Lieberman

2024 is an Election Year, so all efforts are focused on Getting Out the Vote and how ALL issues inform that vote.

Strong voter turnout in 2022 led to Michigan successfully passing laws that repealed the 1931 ban on abortions and implemented the Reproductive Health Act, laws that addressed gun violence revention – Safe Storage, Extreme Risk Protection Order, Universal Background Checks for All Firearms, Protections for Domestic Violence Survivors - and laws that expanded voting rights, access and security. But all of these successes remain at risk at the federal level.

Let's Both Vote (LBV), NCJW} MI's award-winning campaign to engage young and first-time

voters in the voting process continues to be an effective tool to get out the vote. It serves to both educate on the voting process and to ensure follow-through with that process. With the new, expanded voting rights, opportunities and security measures put in place with the implementation of the passage of Proposal 2 in 2022, it is important to revisit this effort to update those young people in our lives – and to educate all of those in our community who may not be aware of everything that has been accomplished with the passage of Proposal 2. This includes the addition of a minimum of nine days of early in-person voting, improvements to absentee voting and the enactment of a permanent mail ballot list, preregistration for eligible teens aged 16 through 17-1/2 years old, and the right to hire transportation to the polls. Talking points can be found on our Election 2024 webpage at ncjwmi.org/election-2024/. More information is also available at Michigan.gov/vote (the Michigan Voter Information Center) and MichiganVoting.org. Please share these resources, not just with the young people in your life, but with all friends, family, affinity groups, co-workers – anyone who touches your life. And please watch for and share invitations from the Advocacy and Elections Committee to learn more through scheduled webinars and other opportunities that will be offered before the General Election in November.

But talking points on voting rights are only half the story. The “why voting matters” is the other half.

1. State legislatures and courts that support abortion bans have shown their extremism without regard to consequences for the lives involved. From the horrific court case of Texan Kate Cox, who was denied an abortion in December, 2023 even though a fatal fetal diagnosis threatened her health and future fertility, to the unconscionable ruling in February by Alabama's Supreme Court that frozen embryos are children, reproductive zealotry has proven to be hypocritical and, in reality, life-threatening.
2. Hate speech and acts of violence against multiple communities continues. White Nationalism espouses the “Great Replacement” theory that a conspiracy is targeting white Americans and Europeans to be “replaced” by non-white populations. This has led, in some cases, to racist violence by extremists. White Christian Nationalism is a growing influence on American politics in the United States. The misogyny, antisemitism, xenophobia, and racism directly affect our community and must be addressed. NCJW|MI proudly co-hosted a webinar in February that focused on the rise of White Christian Nationalism and its threat to democracy. Dr. Bradley Onishi, host of the podcast “Straight White American Jesus” and author of the powerful book “Preparing for War: The Extremist History of White Christian Nationalism – and What Comes Next” describes this movement that bends Christian and American principles to achieve political power. This insightful webinar can be viewed at youtu.be/5MeITE7g3xY?si=PkwA8fBIEBSI0vC4.
3. Book banning is a nationwide phenomenon, and Michigan is not immune. LGBTQ+ books, Holocaust books, and those featuring people of color have received the most attention. Book banning has threatened not only schools, but also our public libraries. The Michigan Library Association (MLA) launched the MI Right to Read campaign to educate the public and fight against book bans and censorship. NCJW|MI has been attending meetings to see when and where we can support this effort.



No matter what issue resonates with you, it is important to know where candidates stand on the issue and let that inform your vote. Your vote is your voice.

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

PLASTIC FREE JULY - THIS YEAR, TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

NCJW | MI has participated in the global challenge of Plastic Free July for the past several years. If you have been part of our effort, thank you! If you haven't, why not make this year the year that you join us?

Plastic Free July is a global movement that allows millions of people around the world to be part of the solution to plastic pollution . . . so we can all have cleaner streets, flourishing oceans, and healthy communities.

Plastic is more than a pervasive nuisance. It is harmful to humans, animals, birds, fish, and the planet. Plastic is made with over 10,000 chemicals, many of which are toxic like BPA and phthalates, and others that have never even been tested. Microplastics are in the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we eat. They have been found in human blood, lungs, veins, intestines, breast milk, and the placenta.

In Michigan, plastic threatens the rivers, lakes, and Great Lakes we love. More than 22 million pounds of plastic enters the Great Lakes each year, harming wildlife and breaking up into microplastic particles that damage the food chain and enter the bodies of fish and other water life. A recent study by the Environmental Working Group discovered that 85% of the fish it sampled from three Lake Michigan tributaries, had microplastics in their digestive tracts, including the fish we eat. Microplastic pollution has been found in every part of the waterway's food web, including mussels, algae, invertebrates, and fish.

Let's work together to reduce the plastic in our lives and on our planet. Join us by going as plastic free as you can in July! (plasticfreejuly.org) You don't have to be perfect – just try!

Email ncjwgreen@gmail.com to join NCJW Green Committee.

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 \$3 each, or 2 for \$5 including tax, at the NCJW | MI office.

August 6 Statewide Primary Election – Dates To Remember

- **May 23:** If you are not on the Permanent Mail Ballot List to automatically receive your ballot, apply for your absentee ballot online or submit a paper application (starts 75 days before Election Day) In the two weeks before Election Day (starting July 23), it is recommended that you apply for an absentee ballot in person at your local city or township clerk's office and obtain an absentee ballot to minimize possible postal delays.
- **June 27:** In-person absentee voting at your city or township clerk's office begins. Absentee ballots are available 40 days before Election Day.
- **July 22:** Last day to register to vote online or by mail to vote in the August Primary. (After this date, if you still need to register to vote, you'll have to do so in person at your city or township clerk's office with proof of residency.)
- **July 23:** Last day to drop your absentee ballot in the mail. (After this date, drop your ballot off at your city or township clerk's office or in a secure drop box provided by your clerk.)
- **July 26:** Last day to spoil an already-returned absentee ballot! (After this date, your already-returned absentee ballot will be counted).
- **July 27:** Mandatory early voting period begins. All Michigan voters will be able to vote early starting on this day.
- **August 4:** Early voting ends. This day is the last day of early voting. After today, voters will need to vote by absentee ballot at their city or township clerk's office or at their polling place on Election Day.
- **August 5:** If you're registered to vote where you live, you can vote absentee in person at your city or township clerk's office until 4 p.m. on this day. (After that, you must vote at your polling place on Election Day.)
- **August 6: ELECTION DAY!** Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. local time. If you need to register, you can register and then vote at your city or township clerk's office until 8 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR NCJW | MI VIDEO

Our NCJW | MI video is done! We have an amazing video that really speaks to who we are. You will be seeing it at upcoming special events, and will be able to view it on our website. It will also be used as a tool to introduce people to NCJW | MI. Many thanks to the generous Hannah's Heroines Fund for underwriting the video. We are delighted to be able to share it with you.

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President Amy Zeskind

Amy Zeskind became active with NCJW | MI as her youngest was getting ready to finish preschool. The great decision time came, that of returning to her career as a clinical dietitian, or finding passionate projects throughout the community. Lucky for us, she found

NCJW. Before joining the board she served as a reader for Jewish Youth Awards. While 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 has also worked on the Nominating and Leadership committee including NCJW Strong. Amy has since served as the Assistant Recording Secretary and most currently as a Vice President. Amy is very excited to start this new adventure as President. She is incredibly appreciative of her amazing husband and teammate, Ken who provides the support and encouragement to pursue her passions, of her kids for sharing her, and of her parents for instilling in her the importance of giving back to the community.



Treasurer Rusty Rosman

Rusty Rosman has served as treasurer for several organizations throughout her volunteer career. Since retiring as a teacher and a commercial real estate broker, Rusty has engaged in numerous other 'careers.' As an NCJW | MI member, Rusty has been part of the program

committee, created the Soup! fundraiser and is now an Ambassador to Flint as part of NCJW's outreach project to Jewish women throughout Michigan.

Beginning in 1986 and continuing to the present, Rusty serves on the Commerce Township Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Review, the property tax board. She is also a Senior Advisor to the Oakland County Board of Commissions. Rusty recently published her first book "Two Envelopes - What You Want Your Loved Ones to Know When You Die" and has speaking engagements around the United States. Rusty and her husband Stephen moved to Commerce 49 years ago and raised their daughter Lauren and son Brian there. Rusty is the very proud Nema of six gorgeous grandchildren.



Vice-President Marilyn Mossman

Marilyn Mossman has been a member of NCJW | MI since 2017. She was introduced to NCJW through the Back2School Store (B2SS) as a volunteer shortly after her retirement from Hillel Day School where she was the Director of

Technology. Marilyn then went on to co-chair the Volunteer Committee for B2SS. She was honored to be asked to serve on the NCJW Board in 2018.

Since the inception of the NCJW Green Committee in 2019, Marilyn has been the co-chair. One of her main passions is the crisis of plastic pollution. She has been coordinating informative webinars, plastic-free campaigns, and represents NCJW | MI in a number of anti-plastic coalitions. She is also a member of the Advocacy and Elections Committee. With her technology background, she has run nearly all of NCJW's webinars.

Marilyn and her husband of 50 years have one daughter who works at Rutgers University in the theater department. They love to travel around the country and the world.



Corresponding Secretary Barbara Hillman

From the time Barbara was an adolescent her DNA alerted her on behalf of justice for women, children, and families; the very essence of NCJW | MI. Halfway through Barbara's 33 years of teaching she went back

to school and became a clinical psychologist. Running from her classroom by day to her clinic kept her seriously busy and involved in the NCJW | MI mission; improving the lives of women, children, and families.

Board memberships, to name a few, have included: Common Ground, Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute, and Music Study Club of Metropolitan Detroit. One of her early efforts, included the creation of a baby-sitting co-op that is alive and well today. A source of pride from those who founded it, watched it grow, and serve others.

Today, Barbara is in gratitude for being an NCJW | MI Board member currently co-chairing Jewish Youth Awards, sitting on the Advocacy & Elections Committee, as well as the Israel Affairs Committee.



Recording Secretary Amy Sternfeld

Amy Sternfeld has been a member of NCJW | MI for almost 2 years. She started volunteering for Kosher Meals on Wheels during the beginning of Covid and was nominated to

be a board member by several women she worked with. Being active within the Jewish community has been an important part of Amy's retired life. She owned her own successful children's clothing store for 16 years and then continued to work in retail until she retired in 2020. It was then that she started to give back to her community. Amy also volunteers at council re|sale, is active on the Israel Affairs and re|sale Committees, has volunteered with B2SS, and helped on the mentoring program.

When not volunteering, Amy spends most of her time with her husband and two adult daughters as well as family and friends. She enjoys traveling, exercising, and cooking/baking.



Emerging Leader Award Katie Stocker

Katie Stocker grew up in Cincinnati, OH. She attended The University of Michigan and received her BA in Psychology and Master's in Educational Psychology. Katie taught

emotionally impaired students at Hawthorn Center Psychiatric Hospital and Livonia Public Schools.

Her first experience with NCJW | MI was volunteering at The Back 2 School Store and she was in awe of the work done, so she decided to get involved with such a dynamic group. Since, Katie has been involved with the Advocacy & Elections Committee, Children's Advocates, Women of Vision, and is now a co-chair of the B2SS!

Katie loves spending time with her daughter Jill and son David, their spouses, and her four incredible grandchildren.



Hannah G. Solomon Award Sandi Matz

Sandi Matz is the recipient of the 2024 Hannah G. Solomon Award. NCJW | MI is proud to honor Sandi who has given so much of her time and talents to our Section. Sandi came to NCJW | MI as a long-time volunteer in her children's schools, having served as PTO President at every level. She has devoted her time to NCJW as well as other community organizations. She is a Jewish Book Fair Associate Chair, is on the executive Board of JCRC/AJC, Adat Shalom Synagogue Board member, Adat Shalom Sisterhood co-president, and has been a Bookstock volunteer for 20 years.

At NCJW, Sandi started the Nosh and Knowledge Program. She developed and ran the Patron Campaign for Women of Vision. She has chaired numerous committees and served as section President from 2016-2019. Sandi serves on the council re|sale committee and is a co-chair of the B2SS. Sandi received the Emerging Leader Award as well as the Sinai Guild Distinguished Service Award. Sandi has wanted to make a difference in the lives of women, children, and families in our community and has done that and beyond.

Sandi holds a BA from University of Michigan and a Master of Library Science degree from Wayne State University. She has been married to Steve for almost 47 years and they are the proud parents of Jared and Semonna, Danny and Carly, and Rachel. They are the even prouder grandparents of Isaac, Benjamin, Oliver, and Teddy.



Ass't Recording Secretary Susan Friedman

After growing up in Detroit and graduating from Mumford High School, Susan attended Wayne State University majoring in Education. She taught in Michigan and Iowa for two years before starting her family.

She has always been active in the Jewish Community. When her third and last child started Hillel Day School, Susan became involved with Hillel's early fund-raising activities. Among her many activities at Hillel, she chaired the annual Ad Journal for a number of years and helped to organize the concert for the benefit of the school.

As her children, Cindy, Lowell, and Jeffrey moved on in their lives, Susan did as well, becoming involved at her synagogue, B'nai Moshe, and, eventually being elected president.

Susan has been a member of NCJW | MI for many years. However, after speaking with a friend, she volunteered as a personal shopper for the Back 2 School Store. That was all she needed to embrace NCJW! Along with co-chairing Agency Relations for two years for the B2SS, she volunteers at the resale store, and tutors for Literacy Outreach.



Marsha Zucker Exemplary Board Director Award Sarah Gottlieb

Sarah Gottlieb grew up in Detroit and received her Master's in History from Wayne State University. Sarah was a Wayne State University Librarian and worked at the Metro News Bookstore.

Sarah joined NCJW | MI in 2013 and became a Board Member in 2018. Sarah is involved in The Back 2 School Store, co-chairs The Gillman Chutz Comfort Care Kits Committee, which provides women with comforting items following an abortion, and The Backpack Project.

INSTALLATION BRUNCH
Thursday, June 20, 2024
Please respond by June 12



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Installation Chair: Linda Sahn

Outreach Committee is on the Move

The efforts of our Outreach Ambassadors are starting to gain some traction. A recent zoom webinar featuring Jocelyn Benson and two local clerks - Lisa Brown and Debbie Binder brought 150 participants together and nearly 60 of them were from areas outside of the metro Detroit area. Kudos and many thanks to the Outreach Ambassadors for working to involve people from throughout the whole state in NCJW | MI programming, and welcome to those new supporters from throughout Michigan.

We have developed Ambassadors to reach out and develop relationships in communities throughout Michigan. Ambassadors listed below have visited the various communities to speak about NCJW | MI, invite them to join our online programs, work with us on our advocacy efforts, and our Ambassadors have also attended programs in the various communities. If you know of anyone who might be interested in learning more about NCJW | MI please encourage them to visit our website or call our office.

Ambassadors:

Local Outreach - Sandy Weiss, Marian Littman

Ann Arbor- Deede Auster

Flint - Rusty Rosman

Grand Rapids/Muskegon - Francie Cook

Kalamazoo -Randie Levin

Lansing - Janice Cherkasky

Tri Cities - Sagniauw, Bay City and Midland - Stephanie Keywell

Northern Lower and the Upper Peninsula - Sallyjo Levine, Risha Ring

The areas of South Haven, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Jackson, and Mt. Clemens are all communities that we hope to soon engage in the efforts of NCJW | MI.

In our Outreach efforts, a performance with our local actors of *Vagina Monologues* performed April 3rd in Ann Arbor. We were excited to share this program on reproductive rights and look forward to further programming with supporters throughout the State.

Chair: Risha Ring



A survey was recently sent to our email supporter list to assess supporter and volunteer interests and the results will provide useful data. If you have not yet completed the online survey, please do so by visiting ncjwmi.org/engage/ or clicking the QR code at left.

BACK 2 SCHOOL STORE 2024

July 31: Card Making at NCJW | MI Office

August 5-7: Pack clothing and supplies at Hope of Detroit Academy

August 11: In-Person Store at Hope of Detroit Academy

Exciting News! The 2024 B2SS will be Hybrid. That means we will be packing up clothing for 700 children to be distributed by social service agencies as well as servicing 200 children that will attend in-person. We will be providing 900 children from the city of Detroit with clothing, school supplies, and a book to start the school year properly. Volunteers are needed for all of the dates mentioned above.

Please watch for an email at the beginning of June to sign up to volunteer.

Thank you to our generous grantors: Marjorie and Maxwell Jospay Foundation, The Ravitz Foundation, The Village Club Foundation, Bookstock and the Garber Family Foundation B2SS Fund

Chairs: Lisa Fox, Sandi Matz, Katie Stocker



CHARITY CHALLENGE

We invite you to participate in **Charity Challenge 2024!**

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

May 22 through June 7, 2024

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 for assistance



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Backpack Project 2024

Make a difference in a child's life!

Please come and help assemble more than 1500 backpacks filled with school supplies for homeless children and children-in-need in Oakland County.



SET UP:

Sunday, July 21 at 10:00am



PACKING BACKPACKS:

Monday, July 22 at 10:00am



LOCATION:

**Congregation Beth Ahm
5075 W Maple Rd, West Bloomfield Twp**

ALL ARE WELCOME, FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

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Call the office at 248.355.3300 ext. 0 for more information or to sign up.

RE|SALE NEWS

Have some free time?

Council re|sale is always in need of volunteers!

- Assist customers
- Price merchandise
- Process donations

Please call Anita Ross, Volunteer Coordinator, at (248) 548-6664 and tell her when you are available.

GREAT NEWS!

Watch for details about...

- Council Resale's store expansion...we are taking over the retail space next door!
- The upcoming 90th Anniversary Celebration...we'll have special sales throughout the year as well as a fabulous celebration in 2025 to commemorate this monumental accomplishment.

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 to receive our Council Corner e-newsletter.

Council Resale would like to thank Dubin Cleaners & Laundry in Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield for their very generous clothing donation. We appreciate their dedication and support of National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan!

In addition, a HUGE thank you goes out to our Council Re|sale volunteers. We value your endless passion, determination, and commitment...not to mention the countless hours you spend helping at the store!



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PROGRAMMING

The Programming Committee has numerous events during the year. Our purpose is to inform and enlighten supporters with a variety of programs. During the winter months, January, February and March we present Nosh and Knowledge, inviting a variety of speakers followed by lunch in our office. It's a wonderful way for our supporters to meet one another. On April 18, 2024 we enjoyed a tour of the Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills.

We are planning a trip to the Detroit Historical Museum in July to view the exhibit entitled "Neighborhood Hastings Street from 1880-1930" with docents to explain and answer questions followed by lunch at the DIA for those who desire. Be on a lookout for more information as it becomes available. Our Committee is looking for new ideas for the 2025 year.

If you enjoy planning and working on an active committee please consider joining us!

Chair: Sandy Weiss



ISRAEL AFFAIRS

SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL FOCUS

Monday, October 27 at 7PM
Israel and Media Bias

An evening with Gil Hoffman
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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.

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To apply for a loan, visit jewishcollegeloansmi.org

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**NCJW|MI Sponsored Film: "Our Story"
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**Running Time: 100 minutes Director: Yaron Arazi
Language: Hebrew with English subtitles**

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