

# *125th Anniversary Celebration*

HIGH TEA

*Wednesday, May 11, 2016*

*at the home of Doreen Hermelin*



National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Detroit Section

*Celebrating 125 Years of Social Change*

*1891-2016*



*NCJW/Greater Detroit*  
*125th Anniversary Celebration Tea*  
*May 11, 2016*

**WELCOME**

**PAST PRESIDENTS' RECOGNITION**

*Susan Marwil, NCJW/Greater Detroit President*

**REMARKS**

*Susan Gertner, NCJW/Greater Detroit Executive Director*

**CORINNE STAVISH, STORYTELLER**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

*Jacqueline Elkus and Irma Glaser, 125th Anniversary Co-chairs*

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## PAST PRESIDENTS 1891-2016

**IDA E. GOLDMAN GINSBERG**  
*Founder—Jewish Women's Club*  
*President 1891-1893, 1894-1898*

**Rose Wolenburgh** 1893-1894

**Ida B. Krolik** (Mrs. Henry A. ) 1898-1906

**Rosa T. Rosenfield** 1906-1908

**Bella Goodman** 1908-1913

**Lillian Simons** (Mrs. Charles Casper) 1913-1916

**Miriam D. Goldman** 1916-1919

**Hattie J. May** (Mrs. Max) 1919-1921, 1924-1925

**Gertrude Glowgower** (Mrs. Samuel) 1921-1924

**Mildred Welt** (Mrs. Joseph M.)

1st President – Detroit Section 1925-1928

President - National Council of Jewish Women  
1943-1948

President - International Council of  
Jewish Women 1948-1951

**Blanche Gilbert** (Mrs. Isaac) 1928-1930

**Mignon Ginsberg** (Mrs. Fred A.) 1930-1933

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**Josephine S. Weiner** (Mrs. Leonard H.)

President – Detroit Section 1942-1944

President - National Council of Jewish Women  
1967-1971

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1956-1957

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**Nita "Billie" Barak** (Mrs. M. Morton)  
1965-1967

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**Helen Shevin** (Mrs. Frederick) 1969-1971

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**Irma Glaser** 2010-2012

**Suzanne Simon** 2012-2014



**THE JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUB**  
*DETROIT, MICHIGAN*

*1891*

**MONTHLY DUES:**

*10 cents*

**MOTTO:**

*"Giving is Receiving"*

**MISSION:**

*To promote kindness and helpfulness in general and to elevate the mental, moral and social status of young Jewish women in particular .*

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTRESSES, 1891**

**MRS. BERNARD GINSBERG, PRESIDENT**

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**IDA E. GINSBERG**  
**FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT**

## OUR HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

*“All of our bright tomorrows are built upon the firm foundation of our yesterdays.”*  
Anonymous

- 1891** Rabbi Louis Grossman asked Ida E. Ginsberg to guide the formation of the **JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUB** of Temple Beth El. Mrs. Ginsberg was elected the first president.
- 1892** A committee was formed to visit the sick, provide classes in dressmaking, physical culture and the study of English.
- 1893** A committee was appointed to represent the Jewish Women's Club at the Women's Congress at the Chicago World's Fair, establishing the **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN**. Hannah G. Solomon was elected its first president.
- 1902** The establishment of our first **EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND**, the Ida E. Ginsberg Scholarship Fund, used for educating worthy girls.
- 1905** The Women's Club began its advocacy work by adding its name to a list of organizations sent to Congress protesting inhumane practices in the Congo.
- 1911** The **PENNY LUNCH PROGRAM** was instituted: council members prepared and served school lunches to underprivileged children in the Detroit School system.
- 1925** The Jewish Women's Club became the **DETROIT SECTION of NCJW**. **Mrs. Joseph M. Welt (Mildred)** was elected the first president. She served as National President from 1925-1928, and International Council of Jewish Women President 1949-1951.
- 1931** The **NATIONAL CONVENTION** of NCJW was held in Detroit (also in 1971 and 1996).
- 1934** **COUNCIL RESALE SHOP** located at 89 Rowena Street Detroit, Michigan opened its doors.  
**JUNIOR COUNCIL** was organized.
- 1944** **TWELFTH STREET COUNCIL CENTER** opened in cooperation with the Jewish Community Center. One hundred and twenty five volunteers served 1,000 people a week with educational and recreational programs.
- 1946** Joined Resettlement Service, and the Jewish Welfare Federation to form **SERVICE TO NEW AMERICANS**.
- 1952** High school age girls formed the **"COUNCILETTES"** providing a program for social activities, community service and support to the Hannah G. Solomon Scholarship Fund.
- 1955** Detroit's first **ANGEL BALL** was held on Thanksgiving eve at the Book-Cadillac Hotel.
- 1960** **OPERATION FRIENDSHIP**, a program for convalescing mental health patients. Later became **PROJECT FRIENDSHIP**, in partnership with Kadima.
- 1962** **THE ORCHARDS RESIDENTIAL HOME**, a treatment home for emotionally impaired boys opened their doors in Livonia, MI. This developed into **ORCHARDS CHILDREN'S SERVICES**, ranked first in Foster Care, second in Adoptions in the state of Michigan.
- 1963** Detroit Section donated over its fair share to the **HEBREW UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL in ISRAEL**, as well as giving an additional amount for the **DETROIT ROOM** at the High School.
- 1964** The **CUSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL project** was inaugurated: 100 volunteers began serving as tutors, teacher's aides, enrichment trip assistants, and drivers.
- 1965** A citation was presented to the Detroit Section of NCJW by the Round Table of Catholics, Jews and Protestants, in recognition of the section's affiliation and cooperation.
- 1966** NCJW/Detroit Section was awarded the **UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATION CITATION** for Outstanding Volunteer Services.
- 1969** NCJW, Inc adopts a resolution to work for abortion rights and to eliminate obstacles that limit this right.  
DETROIT SECTION becomes **GREATER DETROIT SECTION NCJW**, with its move to the suburbs.
- 1973** **MEALS ON WHEELS** was established to provide Kosher meals to home-bound adults.

- 1978** **SPACE**, a support group for Jewish Single Parents was initiated. SPACE broadened its scope in later years to involve divorce, bereavement, and many other support groups to meet the needs of the community.
- 1980** **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)** project began in Oakland County Juvenile Court. Then expanded to Legal Guardian Program for Adults. Now renamed **CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES. ORCHARDS CHILDREN'S SERVICES** was honored by a joint legislative resolution that commended NCJW for its work in the mental health field.
- 1981** **FIRST FASHION SPREE** was held at the Southfield Civic Center. **THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL BRANCH**, a new group of professional women, was formed as part of NCJW/Greater Detroit.
- 1984** **ACCESS GUIDE** for the physically impaired was printed.  
**FIDDLER in the KITCHEN**, our fundraising cookbook was published.
- 1985** **UP and OUT**, a new community service project for seniors was inaugurated.
- 1990** **THE BACKPACK PROJECT** began as a way to support those children in need in Pontiac, Michigan. It has now expanded to giving out over one thousand backpacks to Oakland County children. **JEWISH NEWS on TAPE**, became a service for the visually impaired and the blind.
- 1991** **100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.**
- 1992** **PASSPORT TO ISRAEL** was launched to educate children in the Detroit Metropolitan area about Israel.
- 1993** **SAFE PLACE**, a Kosher shelter for abused women was opened.
- 1995** **ADOPT-A-SCHOOL**, later renamed **ADVENTURES IN READING** program for K-1<sup>st</sup> grade students began in Ferndale, later expanding to include tutoring at **COLEMAN A. YOUNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** in Detroit and **DARCHAI TORAH** in Southfield.
- 1997** **HIPPY** program (**Home Instruction for Preschoolers**) began in Farmington Public Schools. Office moved to our current location at 26400 Lahser Rd, Southfield, MI 48033.
- 2002** Distributed 3000 copies of the **TEEN YELLOW PAGES**, a resource guide to services available for teens. Now, in its fifth printing.
- 2003** **ALL KIDS PAYGROUND**, the DaVinci Award winning universally accessible playground opened at Hess Hathaway Park in Waterford. NCJW/Greater Detroit Section hires its first **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Susan Gertner.**
- 2005** **TEEN DATING ABUSE AWARENESS** program launched for high school students. **WRAPPED IN LOVE** project, creating blankets for children removed from their homes, and for other children receiving medical treatment in a hospital began.
- 2007** **SHOES TO SHARE**, a shoe collection project for school children and adults distributed to Metro Detroit area agencies began.
- 2009** **LUGGAGE FOR FREEDOM**, provided personal and household items for domestic abuse victims, who are housed at the Haven (a local woman's shelter), as they transition to a new living environment.
- 2010** **re|design Home consignment** store opened, in Royal Oak.
- 2011** **120th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**
- 2012** Name changed to **NCJW/Greater Detroit**
- 2013** **DIANE C. JONES AWARD** given by Blue Cross/Blue Shield for "providing exemplary programs and services to improve the overall well-being of older adults" for our MEALS ON WHEELS program. Received **UNSUNG HERO AWARD** from Detroit Public Schools for Outstanding Literacy contribution to Coleman A. Young Elementary including tutoring, reading and library restoration.
- 2014** **BACK 2 SCHOOL STORE** launched, a one day pop-up store now serving 450 Detroit inner city students with a set of clothes, shoes, coats and backpacks filled with school supplies, toiletries and a book.
- 2015** Two **NCJW Book Clubs** created.  
Instituted first leadership program: **NCJW STRONG: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.**
- 2016** **COURT WATCHERS PILOT PROGRAM** established.  
**HUMAN TRAFFICKING SYMPOSIUM** to educate teens, parents, teachers, and the community to be presented.  
**YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP** formed (B&P revival).

Received **COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AWARD** from Orchards Children's Services

LETTER FROM NCJW/GDS  
PRESIDENT

125th Celebration Program  
May 11, 2016

Dear NCJW Members,

Since 1891, National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section volunteers have been turning progressive ideals into action. Our first President, Ida E. Ginsberg, and all the presidents that followed her, have served our organization with their guidance, leadership, wisdom and insight.

We are proud of who we are and what we have done to make our community and society a little better than it would have been had we just stood idly by. Our accomplishments and our goals have been consistent throughout the years as we fulfill our commitment to striving for social justice by improving the quality of life of women, children, and families.

It is truly a privilege and an honor for me to be your president at this special time in our Section's history. The highlight of my volunteer career has been the opportunity to share my passion and commitment with you as we pursue social justice and turn progressive ideals into action. I am so proud of what we have accomplished together.

Warmly,  
Susan Marwil  
President



LETTER FROM NCJW/GDS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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May 11, 2016

Dear Friends,

Happy 125th Anniversary to National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section! We have accomplished so much over these years in making a difference in the lives of women, children and families. We have done so through our community service projects and taking action through our social justice advocacy work, at the local, state and national levels.

Our work has been accomplished by our dedicated and progressive thinking volunteer leadership, thousands of hands on volunteers, NCJW/Greater Detroit staff, our coalition partners, collaboration with Greater Detroit Jewish communal agencies and human service agencies throughout the Greater Detroit area, our funders, donors and all who have supported us throughout the years. Our work could not have been accomplished without all of you and we thank you for your partnership in helping NCJW/Greater Detroit make a difference.

As the first Executive Director of our Section, I am proud to be part of such an amazing group of women and I wish our future generations as much success as we have accomplished in our first 125 years. Mazel Tov.

Susan Gertner  
Executive Director



LETTER FROM THE NCJW, INC  
PRESIDENT

LETTER FROM  
125TH ANNIVERSARY  
CO-CHAIRS

125th Celebration Program

May 11, 2016

Dear Members of the NCJW Greater Detroit Section,

On behalf of the NCJW, Inc. Board of Directors, it is my great pleasure to congratulate you on all that your section has accomplished over the past 125 years.

For more than a century your section has proudly worked in partnership with NCJW, Inc. and dozens of other sections and groups across the country toward achieving our common mission: to improve the lives of women, family, and children in the US and Israel. You have stood strong and faced many challenges and have spearheaded valuable programs that support and defend those most vulnerable in your community. You have strengthened the capacities of the many extraordinary women who dared and have set the bar high for what NCJW women can achieve through relentless action and commitment to tzedakah and tikkun olam.

The Greater Detroit Section's dedication to women and children, and to creating a more vibrant community and just world exemplifies Hannah G. Solomon's vision for NCJW – courageous, compassionate, powerful, and, above all, pioneering. I am grateful to all the women who have engaged in NCJW with the Greater Detroit Section to ensure that the voices and action of progressive Jewish women have a powerful and lasting impact on social change.

Thank you for your strong commitment to your community and the NCJW mission. Again, Mazel Tov on your 125th anniversary!

Debbie Hoffmann

NCJW, Inc. President



125th Celebration Program

May 11, 2016

Dear Guests,

Thank you very much for coming today to join in the celebration of another milestone in our illustrious history. What a delight it has been to co-chair the 125th Anniversary Committee. Our deepest appreciation goes to the committee members who have been great with giving suggestions, diligent in carrying out their responsibilities, and so very enthusiastic about the entire project.

The year is not over yet, and we will continue to offer other opportunities for the community to share in the pride of our accomplishments. The online Memory Book will be something that can be enjoyed for at least another 125 years, and we welcome more memories to be included. Adding to the excitement will be our participation in The Walk for Israel on May 15th and a trip to the Reuther Archives and tour of the old Temple Beth El on June 29th. Please join us at these events, and watch for the upcoming article on our Section in the Michigan Jewish Historical Society.

125 years of working to improve the lives of women, children and families, and our job is still not done. We wonder what the next 125 years will bring!

With warmest regards,

Jacqueline Elkus and Irma Glaser  
125th Anniversary Co-Chairs







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## HANNAH'S HEROINES

Hannah's Heroines was formed in 2007 as a special fund dedicated to ensure the future of NCJW's Greater Detroit Section. To date, 35 participants have stepped forward to make a commitment of \$5,000, payable over a 5 year period, to build and to support this fund. Hannah's Heroines are recognized at various events throughout every year, and a special plaque with funders' names is prominently displayed in our office. Joining Hannah's Heroines would be a great way to celebrate our Section's 125th anniversary so please consider being a part of the future of our section.

**Linda Bloom**  
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## HANNAH G. SOLOMON AWARD

Hannah Greenberg Solomon was founder and president of National Council of Jewish Women, Inc. the oldest Jewish women's organization in the United States. This national award is presented to an individual who has changed the lives of others through his or her leadership efforts and service in improving the lives of women, children and families.

**Arlene Schindler** 1970  
**Kenneth Batemen** 1972  
**Mrs. Gerald Slattery** 1973  
**Mildred Welt** 1973  
**Martha Wylie** 1973  
**Regene Freund Cohane** 1973  
**Josephine Weiner** 1975  
**Florence Kreger** 1976  
**Krana Grossman** 1979

**Helen Shevin** 1983  
**Dorothy Kaufman** 1985  
**Freddy Shiffman** 1985  
**Gerald Levin** 1986  
**Sylvia Druckman** 1989  
**Ann Daniels** 1991  
**Sondra Nathan** 1991  
**Maxine Berman** 1994  
**Irma Starr Taylor** 1997

**Carol Sue Coden** 1999  
**Terran Leemis** 2002  
**Ellen Labes** 2007  
**Judy Rosenberg** 2009  
**Myrna Edgar** 2011  
**Marlene Goodman** 2013  
**Sally Schottenfels** 2014  
**Linda Bloom** 2015  
**Carol Freedman** 2016



## JOSEPHINE S. WEINER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Josephine Stern Weiner was President of our Section from 1942-1944 and later became National President of NCJW, Inc. The award honors an individual/ individuals or organizations in the Greater Detroit Metropolitan area whose work benefits the community, serves as an inspiration to others and reflects the mission statement of NCJW/Greater Detroit.

**Hon. Dennis W. Archer** 1997

**Janette Shallal** 1997

**Hon. Edward Sosnick** 1997

**Grant and Betty Silverfarb** 1999

**Mildred Jeffrey** 2001

**Doreen Hermelin** 2003

**Kathleen Strauss** 2005

**Marilyn Levine** 2008

**Lois Granader** 2010

**Amy Good** 2010

**Eleanor Josaitis** 2010

**Toby Arons** 2011

**Wendy Wagenheim** 2011

**Jewish Dental Clinic** 2011

**Cancer Thrivers** 2012

**Gilda Z. Jacobs** 2012

**Marsha Zucker (z'l)**  
2012

**Gail Katz** 2013

**Sharon Lipton** 2013

**Rose Lynn Schlusel**  
2014

**Rochelle Riley** 2014

**Elizabeth Bank** 2015

**Michael Williams** 2015

**Ellie Slovis** Sept, 2016



**HANNAH G. SOLOMON**  
1858-1942



**JOSEPHINE S. WEINER**  
1912-2000



# NCJW/GREATER DETROIT

**Adult Guardianship Review:** Acts as liaison to Oakland County Family Court reviewing assigned adult guardianship cases.

**Advocacy and Action:** Takes action on issues relating to women, children and families through programming, letter writing and other grassroots advocacy efforts at state and national levels.

**All Kids Playground:** A universally accessible playground for all kids located at Hess Hathaway Park in Waterford.

**Backpack Project:** Provides backpacks filled with school supplies for homeless children in Oakland County and needy Jewish students in our community.

**Back 2 School Store:** Provides a one-day event for Detroit students in need with the right tools for a successful school year. Each child “shops” with a personal shopper for new clothing and a backpack filled with school supplies.

**Bookstock:** Participates in the annual used book sale.

**Children’s Advocates:** Represents children requiring legal guardianship within the Oakland County Family Court system.

**Domestic Abuse Awareness:** Plans projects and programs geared to prevention of domestic abuse.

**Education Assistance:** Provides interest free loans and grants to Jewish college students in cooperation with the William Davidson Jewish College Loan Program.

**Fundraising:** Events and fundraising campaigns to support our Section.

**GROW (Girls Reaching OutWard):** A branch of NCJW/Greater Detroit for high school girls offering community service projects, advocacy and leadership skills.

**Jewish Community Center Programs:** Co-sponsors of Book Fair and Lenore Marwil Film Festival.

**Jewish News on Tape:** Provides audio tapes of Detroit Jewish News articles for the visually impaired.

**Jewish Senior Life Bus:** Provides funding for buses that transport residents to grocery stores and to community events.

# NCJW/GREATER DETROIT

**Jewish Youth Awards:** Recognizes Jewish high school seniors with scholarships for their academic achievements and community service.

**Kosher Meals on Wheels:** Volunteers pack and deliver meals to the homebound in cooperation with Jewish Family Service and Jewish Senior Life.

**Literacy Outreach:** Reading and tutorial programming for elementary school students at Coleman A. Young Elementary School and Darchai Torah.

**Luggage for Freedom:** Provides HAVEN, a local women's shelter, with personal and household items for their clients transitioning to a new living situation.

**Project Friendship:** Sponsors Sunday programs and brunches for adults with psychiatric disabilities in cooperation with Kadima.

**Programming:** Provides educational programs for the community.

**re|sale shops:** Tax-deductible donations, consignments and purchases help support and sustain NCJW/Greater Detroit's community service projects.

**Safe Place:** Provides kosher temporary housing for women and their children due to domestic abuse situations in cooperation with Jewish Family Service.

**Shoes to Share:** An annual shoe drive for children in need in our community.

**SPACE for Changing Families:** Provides ongoing bereavement and divorce support groups.

**Teen Dating Abuse Awareness:** Facilitates programs in schools to foster awareness of teen dating abuse.

**Teen Yellow Pages:** A resource guide on critical topics for high school students in Oakland County.

**Wrapped in Love:** Creates fleece blankets for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care or institutions and for children receiving medical treatments in a hospital.

**In Israel:** Advocacy and Action Coalition work, Israel Granting Program, Israel Study Tours, Gender Equality in Israel Initiative.

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