

MICHIGAN WOMEN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

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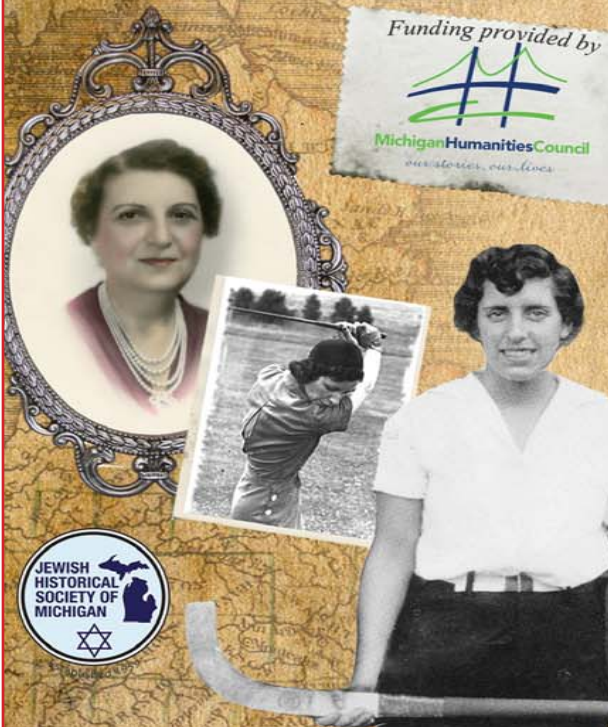
JEWISH VOICES
CONFERENCE

June 27, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Temple Emanuel, 1715 Fulton St. E.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

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Join women and men from across the state for a day of celebrating and sharing the stories and achievements of Michigan's Jewish women who helped to build and shape our communities, organizations, and institutions.

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8:30 a.m. - Check-in, Refreshments and Tours of Temple Emanuel

9:30 a.m. - Invocation and Welcome

9:45 a.m. - Morning Session 1:

"How to Preserve Women's Stories,"

a workshop led by **Aimee Ergas**.

A Show & Tell session, sharing completed biographies.

10:45 a.m. - Break

11:00 a.m. - Morning Session 2:

"Making Visible Jewish Women in American Sport History"

Linda J. Borish

12:15 p.m. - Luncheon and vocal performance by **Lori Jacobs**

1:45 p.m. - Panel Discussion: "Cultural Barriers Faced by Jewish Women Yesterday and Today"

Linda J. Borish

Kirsten Fermaglich

Karla Goldman

3:00 p.m. - Thank you and Evaluation

"The Michigan Women Who Made a Difference project provides a place for preserving Jewish women's stories and achievements. History has been "his" story. It is imperative to preserve "her" story before it is lost."

Jeannie Weiner, JHSM Vice President

"It takes vision, adaptation, involvement and dedication to accomplish a dream of preserving the past, so it may be enjoyed by the future. L'Dor V'Dor. From Generation to Generation."

Peg Finkelstein, Temple Emanuel

No charge to attend!
Temple Emanuel features Hearing Loop technology.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Learn more. Share a biography.
www.michjewishhistory.org

Dr. Linda J. Borish, Associate Professor, Western Michigan University History and Gender/Women's Studies Departments, researches sport history, women's and gender history and American Jewish history, and is the author of numerous articles. She co-authored *Sports in American History: From Colonization to Globalization* (2008) and is executive producer/historian on the documentary, *Jewish Women in American Sport: Settlement Houses to the Olympics* (2007).

Aimee Ergas, JHSM's Research Director and Collections Archivist for Jewish Detroit, Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs at Wayne State University, is the lead researcher and author of *Michigan Women Who Made a Difference: Builders of the Detroit Jewish Community* (2015).

Dr. Kirsten Fermaglich, Associate Professor of History and Jewish Studies at Michigan State University, has published several papers on Holocaust studies and early feminism, and served as co-curator of "Uneasy Years: Michigan Jewry During Depression and War." Dr. Fermaglich is currently working on her second book, *A Rosenberg by Any Other Name*, which explores the history of name changing in New York City.

Dr. Karla Goldman, the Sol Drachler Professor of Social Work at the University of Michigan, directs the Jewish Communal Leadership Program and teaches American Jewish history. She has served as Historian in Residence at the Jewish Women's Archive (2000-2008). She is the author of *Beyond the Synagogue Gallery: Finding a Place for Women in American Judaism* and is currently writing a book on Cincinnati's Jewish history.

Lori Jacobs' first album, *Free*, released in 1972, launched a nationwide vocal tour. Upon her return she became involved in community theater, including the Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids (*The Last Night of Ballyhoo*, *The Cemetery Club*, *Chaim's Lovesong*, and *Golda's Balcony*). In 2015, she played the role of Dr. Ruth Westheimer in Mark St. Germain's production of *Becoming Dr. Ruth* in Grand Rapids.

SEE & EXPLORE

Temple Emanuel

Our conference site, Temple Emanuel, is the fifth oldest Reform congregation in the United States. Founded in 1857, the congregation built its first home in 1881 in downtown Grand Rapids. In 1952, Temple Emanuel relocated to its current building, designed by world-renowned architect Eric Mendelsohn. Mendelsohn incorporated tall clerestory windows high in the sanctuary to allow in natural light and moveable walls to permit the congregation to divide space as needed. The building also features a 1,000 square foot mural painted by Lucienne Bloch Dimitroff, a protégée of Diego Rivera and the daughter of the American composer Ernest Bloch.

Gustav G.A. Wolf, who served as president of Temple Emanuel from 1909-1914, and his two brothers gave a beautiful signed Louis Comfort Tiffany stained glass window to the congregation. The Tiffany is now on permanent display at the synagogue.



Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park

JHSM has arranged for a group discount to the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids. Those interested in joining should plan to proceed to the Gardens following the final Conference session.



For more than half a century, the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan has promoted and celebrated the special story of Michigan's Jewish communities,

organizations and citizens. Our programs, tours, events and publications preserve and proudly bring to life the stories of Michigan's settlers along with the legacies of today's innovators and urban pioneers. JHSM is committed to preserving the stories and accomplishments of innovators, leaders and history-makers so that future generations will recognize their contributions.

**Thank you to
Peg & Mort Finkelstein Archives
and Temple Emanuel for
hosting the conference and
luncheon.**

The Michigan Humanities Council is supporting JHSM's Michigan Women Who Made a Difference Jewish Voices project. MWWMD seeks to identify, chronicle, and preserve the stories of Jewish women from communities throughout the state of Michigan who led community organizations, founded businesses, or were political and social justice leaders. The project's goal is the creation of a database of those who made significant contributions to their field, their community or our country, whether that field was as a professional or a volunteer.



SUPPORT

Support the MWWMD Jewish Voices Project

- I would like to become a member of JHSM and have included the \$36 membership fee with my registration form.
- I would like to make a donation to JHSM's MWWMD Jewish Voices Project.

Please make your checks payable to the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan. You may also charge your donation by calling our office or visiting our website (see below).

REGISTER

Name: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

- I will attend the entire conference.
- I will attend the luncheon and afternoon session only.
- I will attend the afternoon session only.
- I will require a Kosher lunch.

Mail this registration form to the address below or register online at: www.michjewishhistory.org.

Questions?

Phone: (248) 432-5517
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TRANSPORTATION

JHSM recognizes that, for many, coming to Grand Rapids will involve considerable time and expense. We hope that one of the options below will help.

- I will take the bus, departing from the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield (see below).
- I will drive to the conference.
- I will drive to the conference from a distance of more than 50 miles (travel stipend available - see below).
- I will be reserving a hotel room the night of June 26, 2016.

Hotel Room: \$117/plus tax

Enjoy Grand Rapids! For those wishing to arrive on Sunday, June 26, JHSM has arranged discounted hotel rooms (\$117.00 plus tax per night) at the Country Inn & Suites Grand Rapids-East. Reserve by calling the hotel at (616) 942-7000 and referencing "Jewish Historical Society of Michigan," or go online to www.countryinns.com/grmieast, click "more search options," and in the box that says "Enter Code or ID," type "JHSM." **Reservations must be made by May 25, 2016 to be guaranteed the group rate.**

Bus from Detroit: \$25

Ride in comfort, use your cell phone, chat with others! A coach bus will depart from the JCC - West Bloomfield at 7:00 a.m. and return by 8:00 p.m. The bus fee includes bus transportation, driver tip, and Meijer Gardens. The bus will make a pre-arranged dinner stop on the return trip. Cost for dinner is not included.

Travel Stipend

The Michigan Humanities Council provides a travel stipend to those living more than 50 miles away. Stipend forms will be available at the conference. In addition, those coming to the conference from the U.P. will be entitled to hotel room reimbursement.

How to submit a biography to our collection

Help us record "herstory."

Biographies – long or short - of the Michigan women in your life "who made a difference" will help us create a permanent record. A downloadable biography form is available on our website, www.michjewishhistory.org/mwwmd. A form can also be mailed. Submitting a biography is simple:

1. Go to: www.michjewishhistory.org and click on Michigan Women Who Made a Difference.
2. Scroll to, "**How to Identify a Michigan Jewish Woman Who Made a Difference.**" Download the fillable PDF biography form.
3. At this point, **PLEASE SAVE THE FORM** to your computer. Close the website, and reopen your form.
4. **Complete as much of the information** as you can for pages 1 and 2.
5. The rest of the form is narrative and is where you can **share a story**, or relate what you know of her accomplishments. Every biography, short or long, is important.
6. Be sure to consider if you have any **photos or original documents** that you can add to the biography. These can be scanned and attached to the email, or copied and mailed to our office.

Questions? We want to help.

Please call our office, 248-432-5517, anytime. Someone will return your call within two business days.