SUBJECT BIOGRAPHY FORM
INTRODUCTION AND INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE HELP US COLLECT AND PRESERVE THE STORIES OF JEWISH MICHIGAN WOMEN WHO HELPED TO BUILD AND SHAPE OUR COMMUNITIES. THESE NAMES AND THEIR STORIES WILL BE COLLECTED AND ARCHIVED BY THE JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN.

Before you start, please make sure that your chosen Michigan woman meets at least one of the following criteria (check all that apply):

☐ Provided inspiration. The individual sought to lift up the poor and oppressed by becoming an active voice in social movements, including the labor movement, civil rights, and the first and second wave of the women’s movement.

☐ Overcame gender barriers. The individual rose into a position of leadership, achieved prominence and/or success in a field or position traditionally dominated by or held by men, in particular: business, athletics, medicine/science, or religious institutional leadership.

☐ Overcame religious bias and ethnic barriers. The individual, despite blatant or subliminal anti-Semitism, was able to achieve success or reach a level of accomplishment despite these barriers.

☐ Displayed perseverance. The individual forged ahead, despite obstacles, in order to achieve her dreams, no matter the odds.

☐ Contributed to her field and/or community.

☐ Was a “Beloved Bubbie.” By providing a nurturing, supportive home, the individual enabled those around her to live happier, more fulfilling lives.

Submitting this biography form is simple:

1. If you already have a paper copy of this form and prefer to hand write your responses, please skip down to step 3.
2. If you prefer to type a fillable PDF version of the form, go to: www.michjewishhistory.org
   a. Click on “Michigan Women Who Made a Difference.”
   b. Scroll to “How to Identify a Michigan Woman Who Made a Difference.”
   c. Download the fillable PDF biography form.
   d. At this point, please save the form to your computer.
   e. Close the website and any versions of the form that are already open.
   f. Then reopen the form that you saved.
3. Complete as much of the information as you can for Sections I, II, III, IV, and V.
4. Write a Narrative about your Michigan woman in Section VI. This is where you can share a story, or relate what you know of your Michigan woman’s accomplishments. Every biography, short or long, is important. If your narrative is 300 words or fewer, feel free to type or write it in the space provided on the form in Section VI. If it is longer, or if you prefer, please type your narrative in a separate document. Email the document to us in Word or PDF format, or attach it to this form and mail to our office.
5. 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.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN.**
6600 WEST MAPLE RD., WEST BLOOMFIELD MI 48322

**YOU MAY ALSO EMAIL THIS FORM TO INFO@MICHJEWISHHISTORY.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 248-432-5517**

### I. GENERAL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

The subject’s full name:

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<th>First name</th>
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Date of birth

Date of death

Place of birth (town, state, country):

Occupation:

Husband/partner’s Parents:

Husband/partner’s Siblings (first name, married name):

Wedding date and location:

Other husband/partner’s name, if remarried:

Was the Subject an immigrant to this country? __________ yes __________ no  If yes, please answer:

- From what country did she immigrate to the U.S.:

- When did she arrive in the U.S.:

- To what city/area:

- When did she come to Michigan and where did she settle:
Education and degrees (school, location, dates, course of study)
1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________
3. ________________________________________________________________
4. ________________________________________________________________

Children (name, DOB, DOD, Occupation):
1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________
3. ________________________________________________________________
4. ________________________________________________________________

Siblings (name, DOB, DOD, Occupation):
1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________
3. ________________________________________________________________
4. ________________________________________________________________

II. FAMILY OF ORIGIN (BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION)

Mother’s name (first, middle, last, maiden) ________________________________________________________________
Date of birth: __________________________ Date of death: __________________________
Place of birth (town, state, country): ________________________________________________________________
Occupation: ________________________________________________________________
Mother’s Parents: ________________________________________________________________
Mother’s Siblings (first name, married name): ________________________________________________________________

Father’s name (first, middle, last) ________________________________________________________________
Date of birth: __________________________ Date of death: __________________________
Place of birth (town, state, country): ________________________________________________________________
Occupation: ________________________________________________________________
Father’s Parents: ________________________________________________________________
Father’s siblings (first name, married name): ________________________________________________________________
III. CAREER/WORK EXPERIENCE OF SUBJECT (positions in both professional and communal career)

List occupations for which the subject received training:

________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

Positions – paid (job title, employer, dates)

1. ___________________________________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________________________________________________

Positions – volunteer (civic, community, religious, political). List the Organization, the type of work and any associated titles, and dates.

1. ___________________________________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________________________________________________

IV. INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY

First name _______________ Last name _______________ contact phone number _______________

Address, City, State _______________ Place of Birth _______________

Email address _______________ Connection/relationship to Biographical subject _______________

Source(s) of information in this form _______________

Source(s) of any accompanying materials _______________

Other person who could be contacted for more information (with contact email or phone) _______________

Other name(s) who could be contacted for more information (with contact email or phone) _______________
V. RELEASE OF INFORMATION

1. I, ___________________________, acknowledge that I have completed this form for the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan’s Michigan Women Who Made a Difference archive project and that to the best of my knowledge after completing any research I deemed appropriate, all of the information is accurate.

2. I hereby grant and assign to the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan all rights, title, and interests, including copyright, of whatever kind in and to this completed form.

3. I understand that the information in this form and any accompanying materials, including photographs, may be used by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan in any manner that it deems appropriate, subject to any restrictions listed below. Such use may include, but is not limited to, publication in all media (print, graphic, film, and electronic media including websites) currently in existence or yet to be developed in the future.

4. Any limitations that I wish to place on the use of the information in this form and any accompanying materials, including photographs, are listed below:

___________________________________________________________________________
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Signature of individual completing this form: ___________________ Date: __________________

VI. NARRATIVE

Please be sure to include how this woman meets one or more of the following criteria:

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