



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:

First name Middle Original family name Married name(s)

Date of birth Place of Birth

Date of death Place of Death Place of internment

Husband/partner's name (first, middle, last):

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:

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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