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):

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* 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. To download a printable pdf or complete an electronic version, go to: [michjewishhistory.org](http://www.michjewishhistory.org/)
	1. Click on “Michigan Women Who Made a Difference.”
	2. Scroll to “Submit a Biography.”
	3. Click to download a PDF biography form or submit the form online.
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. Or, if you prefer, 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** to add to the biography. If these are not in digital form, please contact our office to arrange for us to scan.

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# I.GENERAL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

The subject’s full name:

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| **ADELE**  | **BEVERLY** **WEINBERG STALLER** |
| First name  | Middle Original family name Married name(s)  |
| **5/26/1934**  | **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**  |
| Date of birth  | Place of birth  |
| **11/5/2018** | **SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN** **NUSACH HA’ARI – Detroit, MI** |
| Date of death  | Place of death Place of internment  |

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

**AVERY GERALD STALLER**

Date of birth: **5/9/1929** Date of death: **9/8/1973**

**Place of birth (town, state, country): DETROIT MICHIGAN**

**Occupation: Served in Korean War. He worked at family business (Staller Brake Service). He was then owner of a Sunoco Gas Station. His last job was working at Karr’s Auto Parts.**

Husband/partner’s parents: **WILLIAM (BILL) STALLER and ESTHER SHALOFSKY STALLER**

Husband/partner’s siblings (first name, married name): **NONE**

Wedding date and location: **JANUARY 30, 1955 – DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

Other husband/partner’s name, if remarried**: N/A**

 Was the subject an immigrant to this country? **NO**

Education and degrees (school, location, dates, course of study):

1. **BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN EDUCATION – WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, 1957**
2. **MASTER’S DEGREE IN EDUCATION – TEACHING MATH TO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WITH COMPUTERS – WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, 1986**

Children (name, DOB, DOD, occupation):

1. **JULIE ANN STALLER PENTELNIK – 12/17/1955 – FREELANCE JUDAIC ARTIST; JSP Judaic Art - www.jspjudaic.com**
2. **SHARON RUTH STALLER WALLACH – 3/8/1960 - SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, SUPERVISOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION**
3. **MARA ROCHELLE STALLER STARR – 5/18/1966 - EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL**

Siblings (name, DOB, DOD, occupation):

1. **DAVID WEINBERG: Born 3/17/1917 - Died 9/10/2001 – Spouse: Evelyn Pollack Weinberg**

**Occupation: Vending Machine Business**

1. **ANNA WEINBERG CHAPIN: Born 8/8/1919 – Died 1/7/1988 – Spouse: Samuel Chapin**

**Occupation: Comptroller Jewish Welfare Federation, Detroit, MI**

1. **LESTER WEINBERG: Born 3/27/1923 – Died 10/31/2017 – Spouse: Barbara Sloan Weinberg**

**Occupation: Civil Engineer, Financial Advisor**

# II.FAMILY OF ORIGIN (BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION)

Mother’s name (first, middle, last, maiden): **SARAH ESTHER FELDMAN WEINBERG**

Date of birth: **7/4/1894** Date of death: **7/22/1985**

Place of birth (town, state, country): **DOMBROVITZ, RUSSIA**

Occupation: **A SEAMSTRESS IN RUSSIA; RAN A GROCERY STORE AND LATER A GENERAL STORE IN DETROIT WITH HER HUSBAND**

Mother’s parents: **NATHAN (NAUTA) FELDMAN AND ANNA (ELKA) KICHEL FELDMAN**

Mother’s siblings (first name, married name): **SARAH WEINBERG HAD 8 SIBLINGS, SHE WAS SECOND OLDEST**

1. **SIMON (SHIYA) FELDMAN MARRIED RUTH (RUNYA) ROTTENBERG**
2. **SAMUEL (SHAMEL) FELDMAN MARRIED SARAH (SHUSKA) SHIFFMAN**
3. **HARRY FELDMAN MARRIED SARAH FELMAN**
4. **IDA FELDMAN MARRIED SAM SILVERMAN**
5. **ANNA FELDMAN MARREID SIGMUND REIFLER**
6. **MORRIS (MORRIE) FELDMAN**
7. **DENEAL (DAVE) FELDMAN MARRIED ROSEMARY (PATTY) ARMALY**
8. **IRVING FELDMAN MARRIED LILLIAN LEVIN**

Father’s name (first, middle, last): **SAMUEL WEINBERG**

Date of birth: **10/15/1888** Date of death:  **11/6/1966**

Place of birth (town, state, country) **SEDLITZ GOBERNIA, POLAND**

Occupation: **A RABBI BY TRAINING, OWNED A GROCERY STORE IN THE LATE 1920’S AND AFTER THE WAR OPENED A GENERAL VARIETY STORE, WHICH HE RAN WITH HIS WIFE.**

Father’s parents: **AVRAM BORACH WEINBERG AND SHOSHIA FAYGA WEINBERG**

Father’s siblings (first name, married name): **HE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF NINE CHILDREN. HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WITH TWO SISTERS. ONE SISTER, RIVKA, MARRIED DAVID POMERANTZ. THE OTHER SISTER, CHANA , MARRIED LOUIE BECKER.**

III.CAREER/WORK EXPERIENCE OF SUBJECT (positions in both professional and volunteer capacities)

List occupations for which the subject received training:

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER – LICENSED TO TEACH KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE**

Positions – paid (job title, employer, dates):

1. **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER – 5TH GRADE – PITCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, DETROIT**
2. **WOODWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – LOCATED ON THE SAME CAMPUS AS NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL AND ACROSS THE STREET FROM OLYMPIA STADIUM. ADELE TAUGHT PRIMARY GRADES THERE FOR 39 YEARS UNTIL RETIREMENT**

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

1. **CONGREGATION BETH ACHIM**
	1. **PRESIDENT OF SISTERHOOD, 2 TERMS, PLUS ACTING PRESIDENT FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS**
	2. **INITIATED SUPPER SERIES PROGRAM AND LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM**
2. **ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE (AFTER THE 2 SYNAGOGUES MERGED IN 1998)**
	1. **CONTINUED AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE FIRST 2 YEARS**
	2. **CONTINUED ACTIVE INVOLVMENT WITH THE SISTERHOOD, SUPPER SERIES AND LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAMS**
3. **JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
	1. **PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBER**
	2. **CREATED AND LED TOURS OF OLD JEWISH DETROIT**
4. **JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES**
	1. **TUTOR TO IMMIGRANTS TO HELP THEM LEARN ENGLISH AND STUDY FOR THE CITIZENSHIP TESTING – 100% PASS RATE ON THE FIRST TRY**
5. **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES – CANCER THRIVERS NETWORK FOR JEWISH WOMEN**

# IV.INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY

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# V.RELEASE OF INFORMATION

We, **the daughters of Adele Beverly Weinberg Staller**, acknowledge that we 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 our knowledge after completing any research I deemed appropriate, all the information is accurate.

1. We 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.
2. We 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.
3. Any limitations that we wish to place on the use of the information in this form and any accompanying materials, including photographs, are listed here: NONE

**Julie Anne Staller Pentelnik**

Signature  Date: 7/30/19

**Sharon Ruth Staller Wallach**

Signature Date: 7/30/19

**Mara Rochelle Staller Starr**

Signature  Date: 7/30/19

# VI.NARRATIVE

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