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Washington State Jewish Historical Society continues the Agents of Change project celebrating remarkable women with collaboration with Jewish Women's Archive

(Seattle, WA, May 2020) — The Washington State Jewish Historical Society (WSJHS) announces the expansion of *Agents of Change: 20 Remarkable Jewish Women of Washington State*, an exhibit on notable contemporary Jewish women that traveled to both MOHAI and the Washington State History Museum.

WSJHS expands the project with a new exhibit titled, *Agents of Change: Washington's Jewish Women's Stories- with Jewish Women's Archive (JWA)*. The exhibit will be featured in the *Washington Jewish Museum (WJM)*, the digital museum of WSJHS and on the JWA website.

Both JWA and WSJHS are known for their longtime work collecting oral histories. JWA created an app called *Story Aperture* to collect women's oral histories. The collaboration between the two organizations is natural as WSJHS promised the collection of many more women's stories. All stories collected through July 2020 will utilize Story Aperture (or by other means as indicated on the website). Stories submitted after July will continue to be accepted on WJM until the end of the year.

The women to be featured in Washington's Jewish Women's Stories have shaped Washington through their leadership or work ethic. They are the women who recognized a need within their own family or community and answered with a new program or their service. They are the women who through their ingenuity and creativity have shaped Jewish and secular Washington. And through their work they have inspired others.

Lisa Kranseler, Executive Director of the WSJHS, stated that "In honor of the hundredth anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and the desire to highlight women's achievements, we look forward to hearing about women's contributions in diverse fields and showing the ways that Jewish women have made and continue to make history in Washington State."

The names of all the women whose stories are submitted will be listed in the WJM exhibit. A curated selection of stories will be featured. Featured stories will include text, photographs and other multi-media content. The exhibit will be curated using digital technology. A first for WJM, all profiles will either be submitted digitally via Story Aperture or virtual audio interviews.

Agents of Change is being sponsored by the 4Culture Sustaining Support Grant, the Women's Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, and the Vote for Women Centennial Grant through the Washington State History Society.

Washington State Jewish Historical Society is dedicated to discovering, preserving, and disseminating the history of the Jews of Washington state and promotes interest in and knowledge of the life, history, and culture of the Jewish people and communities through publications, exhibits, displays, speakers, tours, and performance. For more information, please visit www.wsjhs.org.

Jewish Women's Archive is a national organization dedicated to collecting and promoting the extraordinary stories of Jewish women. JWA explores the past as a framework for understanding the issues important to women today; inspires young people with remarkable role models; and uses Jewish women's stories to excite people to see themselves as agents of change. For more information, please visit www.jwa.org.

Washington State Jewish Historical Society: 2019-2020 *Agents of Change* criteria:

- Nominee must identify as a Jewish woman
- She can be a contemporary or historical figure
- She must represent a significant achievement
- While nominees do **not** have to have been born in or currently live in Washington State, the majority of the work or the achievement for which she is being recognized must have been completed in Washington State
- Her work or achievement should exemplify Jewish values
- Nominations will be accepted through July 2020
- Permission must be granted for materials to be used on WSJHS website, Washington Jewish Museum, social media, physical exhibits/publication

Submissions can be made at: <https://www.wsjhs.org/aoc2020>