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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Susan Katzman  
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To our members and supporters:

It is an honor for me to serve as the 50th president of NCJW St Louis. I follow in the footsteps of women who have formed and guided this section into one of the most admired and strongest sections in the United States. I want to thank Susan Witte for being our latest leader. I will need her strong counsel as I continue to learn my role. And I look forward to the occasional meetings with all the past presidents whose collective wisdom continues to help us shape our direction, especially as we look at our 125th anniversary in 2020.

I have only been on the job a couple of weeks but during that time we have hosted local municipal leaders, conducted a trafficking panel, oriented a newly installed Board of Directors, reached milestones in our Resale Shop, held a Men's Event to benefit the Back to School! Store, designed a new membership plan, garnered additional grants to support the Back to School! Store and increased the Hannah G. Solomon Society fundraising well over that of 2017.

Also during my first couple of weeks, the National NCJW Leadership Retreat was held in St. Louis at the Sheraton Westport. Designed as an opportunity for leadership training, I found it beneficial because presidents were there from most of the 61 sections from around the country. It was interesting to learn about programs and new ideas, as well as become aware of concerns and issues that places like Omaha, Philadelphia, Columbus or Houston might have. It was fun to take the women from Cleveland to see our Resale Shop. They, too, have a shop but they seem to be very different in their approach and the monies they garner.

What I learned the most from the retreat was, as I stated above, that our section is so admired and envied for so many things: our projects, our hard-working executive director, our professional staff, our leading role in advocacy, the number of young women we have engaged and the pipeline of leaders we are building, our partnerships in the community, the strength of our board and leadership and the high level of success of our Resale Shop. I think our challenge is twofold: to continue to deliver all of our services with quality, equity and compassion and to expand the awareness of who we are and our work to an even broader degree throughout the metropolitan area.

I hope you will take the time to review our bulletin, that you will consider inviting in a new member (we currently have about 1,600) and that you will call or write me with ideas and/or questions.



Susan Katzman, President  
NCJW STL

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**WASHINGTON INSTITUTE**  
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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THERESALESHOP

As a volunteer at The Resale Shop, you will enjoy:

- Meeting new people
- Making a real difference in the lives of St. Louis women, children and families
- Having a flexible schedule (daytime hours, Monday-Saturday)
- Working side by side with our amazing shop staff processing donations and helping customers

Email Stephanie McCreary at [smccreary@ncjwstl.org](mailto:smccreary@ncjwstl.org) or call 314.993.5181 if you're interested in volunteering!





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OCTOBER  
**25**

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OCTOBER  
**26**  
**27**

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OCTOBER  
**29**  
**30**

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## UPCOMING SALE DATES @ THERESAESHOP

8/3-8/4

BACK TO SCHOOL SALE

8/31-9/1

LABOR DAY SALE

10/8

COLUMBUS DAY SALE

10/25-10/30

COUTURIER

11/23

BLACK FRIDAY SALE

11/24

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY SALE



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## A CLOSET IS JUST A CLOSET, BUT....A KIDS COMMUNITY CLOSET IS MAGICAL



On May 1, the NCJW Kids Community Closet (KCC) co-chairs Michelle Brooks and Diane Packman hosted an event to thank our 42 KCC Liaisons for their hard work and dedication that make these closets happen. The impact of the Kids Community Closets was best captured in a note we received from Robin Wolfgram, School Social Worker at Dewey Elementary School in the St. Louis Public School District.

*"Our clothes closet has been a blessing beyond belief for our families and staff. Our families sometimes don't have the resources to replace clothing that is too small, worn out, or lost because of fire or homelessness. Being able to provide uniform clothing when a child needs it helps to relieve their stress and increases their self-esteem. The clothes closet also helps decrease the stress our staff feels, because we can help their students and they don't have to purchase the items for their students. I wish you all could see the happiness these items bring to our students. Thank you for making a difference!"*

We want to thank our retiring KCC Liaisons for Kratz Elementary—Emily Morgan, Roberta Deutsch and welcome new liaisons Arlene Baer, Joan Block and Louise Mass. We are looking forward to the new school year!



(Left) KCC Co-Chairs Michelle Brooks and Diane Packman (Right) KCC Program Assistant, Teri Brandvein; Julie Hundman, VP Community Service, Melissa Baris; Program Manager, Marci Ranger; Betsy Mehlman, Ellen Moss, Jody Kaplan, Donna Segal, Joyce Kolker, Cyndi Levin, Carole Goldstein, Diane Packman, Marilyn Ratkin, Andy Shanker, Ellen Gross, Barb Kramer, Michelle Brooks, Joy Sterneck and Karyn Klein

## wifewidowwoman ncjwjeansteinbloch

For over forty years NCJW St. Louis has coordinated the Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman support group. A cohort typically consists of 10 to 13 women from all walks of life who experienced the loss of a spouse or life partner four to six months before the start of the group. Meetings are held every other week for six months and may discuss a number of topics depending on the need. Participants agree to keep what they hear confidential which builds a foundation of trust. Groups often stay together and meet socially after their sessions end.

The next group will start this September. If you know of anyone that might be interested in joining or want more information about the program contact Heather at [hsilverman@ncjwstl.org](mailto:hsilverman@ncjwstl.org) or 314.993.5181.







On Sunday, April 15, NCJW Project Renewal hosted 10 women from Harris House, an agency whose mission is helping people recover from drug and alcohol addiction, for an afternoon of life skills workshops, shopping and pampering.

Our wonderful NCJW volunteers accompanied participants as they: attended a session on interview skills with Mark Morgan from MERS Goodwill; learned about making nutritious meals on a budget with Marlene Pfeiffer; did rejuvenating yoga with Marla Levinson; received one-on-one attention as they shopped in The Resale Shop with a voucher provided by NCJW; and had their hair and make-up done by talented artists from Jon Thomas Salon.

John Aliperti, the Executive Director at Harris House, expressed his appreciation and brought to life the meaning and value of Project Renewal to the women we serve:

*"I wanted to thank you all for taking such good care of the ladies from Harris House last Sunday at Project Renewal. The Harris House staff member Shelia talked about how amazing each volunteer was providing one-on-one attention for each lady. The ladies you helped have been through hell and back not only with addiction but all the horrible stuff that goes along with it. Thanks for your personal effort in making them feel pampered and special like they deserve. We at Harris House appreciate you all!"*

A special thank you to the Project Renewal co-chairs Amy Gallant and Joyce Kolker and to our amazing NCJW volunteers: Shirley Alper, Kathy Berg, Reva Davis, Dianna Fine, Joan Katz, Sue Lapp, Carla Rosen, Sheri Siegel, Marla Shyken, Harriet Sudduth, Julie Winkle, Rita Worth and to our volunteer instructors for bringing joy and dignity into these women's lives.

The next Project Renewal is scheduled for Sunday, October 7. Be on the lookout for an e-blast in September to volunteer.



Haven House participants and NCJW volunteers (L to R) Julie Winkle, Harriett Sudduth, Joyce Kolker and Reva Davis



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Many of NCJW's core issues are in the news and we want to keep our members up-to-date on the details through our Advocacy in Action Lunch and Learn series of informative sessions at the NCJW office. We begin gathering at 11:30 and our top-tier speaker will speak from noon to 1:00 pm. Bring your lunch, we will provide drinks. It's also a great opportunity to introduce a friend to NCJW's impressive advocacy work.



August 16 / Infant Mortality  
September 20 / Clean MO Ballot Initiative  
October 18 / Minimum Wage Ballot Initiative

To make sure we have adequate seating, please RSVP to Lorie at 314.993.5181 or llong@ncjwstl.org.

We look forward to seeing you!

## VOTE NO ON PROP A

NCJW hosted a special Lunch and Learn on July 19th to discuss why Prop A would be bad for Missourians. State Senator Jake Hummel spoke to the effects Prop A would have on workers' rights and pay if it passes.

He said, "We've got to turn out in August because so much is on the line for Missouri's working people. Prop A could cost thousands of dollars each year for working families. It doesn't just hurt union members, it's an attack on our entire state."

### DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know 12 of the 15 states with the worst pay gaps between men and women are "right-to-work" states?



## #PROTECTYOURPAY

## NCJW STL HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMITTEE

Members of NCJW STL Committee to Combat Human Trafficking met with St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger to discuss trafficking in our region. The County Executive agrees, "Human trafficking is a crime against the whole of our society and our own St. Louis community. We must continue to join forces to work together to free its victims and to eradicate this crime."

Several action steps to combat human trafficking in St. Louis County were identified. NCJW STL is currently working with the County Executive's office to place a poster in the county offices at the Crossings at Northwest Plaza that will help educate the community about human trafficking as well as provide information for victims to get help.



(L to R) Program Director, Heather Silverman; Immediate Past President, Susan Witte; St. Louis County Executive, Steve Stenger; NCJW STL Human Trafficking Committee Co-Chairs, Marilen Pitler and Louise Levine, Executive Director, Ellen Alper



# NCJW STL LEGISLATIVE RECAP

It's been quite a year for NCJW STL in the Missouri legislative session

In our A-List ad at the beginning of session we laid out three legislative priorities:

- 1 Pass legislation to help combat human trafficking
- 2 Ensure that our court system is fair and balanced
- 3 Save the state of Missouri money and help women have the opportunity to reach financial success by making access easier to long acting reversible contraception



We're happy to say that we made significant progress on all three priorities! We've worked for three years on legislation that requires the posting of the national trafficking hotline number in various establishments including truck stops, train stations, strip clubs, and other places where victims may see the posters. It was the first bill passed this year and was signed by the Governor. HB 1246 will take effect in January of 2019.

Raising the age to marry is also critical to combatting trafficking in Missouri. At the beginning of the legislative session, Missouri had the lowest marriage age of the 48 contiguous states. The legislation raises the age that two people can marry to 17. HB 1630 takes effect August 28th. Congratulations to Marilen Pitler and Dianna Fine for their work that helped ensure this legislation passed this year. The bill was signed into law by the Governor on July 13, 2018.

Working with coalition partners, NCJW opposed a bill to modify the way our judges are chosen. That bill did not pass out of committee.

Lastly, our bill to support Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) for MO Health Net patients was passed. Thanks to the leadership of Marlene Hammerman and her LARC advocates working this throughout session, HB1499, the abandoned units bill, passed as an amendment to SB826. It faced almost no opposition in the House or Senate; passing out of the House 133-10 and out of a Senate committee 5-0. With time running out for a full vote of the Senate, it was a strategic move to add the language to several bills that were relevant. The House and Senate reconciliation committees left the language of HB1499 in SB826, so it is officially a done deal.

This bill allows 1,100 MO women to have the ability to have same-day insertion of LARC devices who otherwise wouldn't. Previously, LARC devices that were not claimed after being ordered for MO Health Net patients were destroyed. This was a waste of \$250,000 annually.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Jefferson City this year to work to improve the lives of women, children and families in Missouri. A special thank you to Steve Jackson who donated his time as a lobbyist to ensure we had the most up to date information on these issues as well as the most effective strategy.

NCJW continues to be a growing force in the Capitol. We have significantly increased the amount of time we are in Jefferson City meeting with legislators, testifying on legislation and providing awareness about our issues. NCJW volunteers and staff went to Jefferson City almost every other week during session and this presence is what helped create our success this year.

If you want to get involved in our legislative advocacy contact our Program Director, Heather Silverman at [hsilverman@ncjwstl.org](mailto:hsilverman@ncjwstl.org) or 314.993.5181



# DEVELOPMENT

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Jenny Hoffman, LCSW



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(L) Emcee Julie Buck, Rachel and Ben Poremba (R) Spring Luncheon Co-Chair Dianna Fine, Rachel Poremba, Ben Poremba, Spring Luncheon Co-Chairs Dana Windsor and Emily Morgan





## MEN'S EVENT RECAP

A great time was had by all at this years Men's Event on June 19. We raised over \$8,000 for the Back to School! Store thanks to the generosity of everyone who donated, sponsored a child and participated in the silent auction.



(L) Men's Event Co-Chairs Kevin Hinz, Mark Gubernik and Irl Scissors (R) Paul Townsend, Benjamin Levinson, Ross Silverman and David Lopez

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE APRIL 7-9, 2019

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## EQUALITY DAY EQUITY HONOREES FOR 2018

Congratulations to Ellen Alper on being chosen as one of the Missouri Women's Network 2018 Equality Day Equity Honorees! There is a brunch gala honoring all of the winners on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the Clayton Plaza Hotel (formerly the Crowne Plaza) from 10:00am – 2:00pm. If you would like to attend, tickets are \$40 and RSVPs can be sent to Julia Triplett, 401 Oakmont Circle, Ballwin, MO 63011 or email [sbreeze@mindspring.com](mailto:sbreeze@mindspring.com) with questions. Mention NCJW as you register.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - LOOKING TOWARD OUR FUTURE

The NCJW STL Nominating committee will be meeting later this fall to begin the selection of new leadership and board members for the 2019-21 term, to be installed in May, 2019. If you know someone who would be a terrific leader with NCJW, including self-nominations, we welcome them!

Please contact Susan Witte at [switte@prodigy.net](mailto:switte@prodigy.net) by **October 31**.

Include a short statement about your/their background, interests in NCJW, and leadership capabilities.

The following positions are open for the next term:

- Treasurer
- VP Advocacy
- VP Leadership
- VP Marketing
- VP Membership
- President Elect
- Board members





# NCJW LEADERSHIP RETREAT

On June 1-3, over 200 NCJW women from around the country came to St. Louis to Learn, Connect and Do

This leadership retreat takes place every three years and we were honored to host in St. Louis. Not only did we have almost 30 women attend from our Section, but we had the opportunity to showcase our work and our people. A special thanks goes out to all the women from the St. Louis Section who volunteered at the event and helped us prepare for it.

We spent our time on four tracks of training: Personal Leadership, Outreach and Engagement, Leading for Change and Our Work.

Local presenters included NCJW St. Louis Board members Melissa Alper, Susan Katzman, Darien Arnstein, Dianna Fine and Carly Sparks, along with Marci Mayer Eisen from Jewish Federation and Ruth Lederman from the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Louis. This cadre spoke about basics like running meetings, personal care for advocates, social media, volunteer outreach, trafficking, governance and raising money through grants and sponsorships. In addition, Adrienne Davis, Vice Provost at Washington University Law School, opened with our keynote program about Women in Leadership and Saturday night featured Mother2Mother: a conversation with black mothers to white mothers about raising our children, sponsored by The Ethics Project.

All attendees were given a little taste of St. Louis in their meeting bags that included a chocolate arch, makeup bags courtesy of Marmi/Wolff Shoes, chocolate bars courtesy of Bissinger's, and eye glass wipes courtesy of VITAS. And, since we couldn't give them provel cheese and toasted ravioli, we opted for a traditional St. Louis treat—mini gooey butter cakes. Everyone learned new skills, connected with leaders from around the country and went back home with a long list of "to do" items in their communities. Learn. Connect. Do. It's who we are and what we do that makes a difference; and coming together to share makes us even stronger.



(Top Left) NCJW delegation attending the Leadership Retreat (Top Right) NCJW Board Member Carly Sparks presenting on self-care for advocates (Bottom Left) Farilyn Hale, Darien Arnstein, Betsy Mehlman and Carole Levin (Bottom Right) Back Row: Lee Braff, Nancy Weigley, Michelle Brooks, Betsy Mehlman, Diane Packman, Amanda Packman, Heather Silverman, Carly Sparks, Amy Stone, Becky Clausen. Middle Row: Susan Katzman, Gail Eisenkramer, Susan Witte, Darien Arnstein, Karen Francis, Dianna Fine, Pat Shores, Samantha Weil, Amy Hammerman, Maxine Weil. Front Row: Ellen Alper, Melissa Alper



# MEMBERSHIP

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## NCJW CELEBRATING WOMEN

Celebrating Women will take place on October 16 at City Place One from 5:30pm-7:30pm. This year we will be honoring two faith leaders, Rev. Traci deVon Blackmon and Rabbi Andrea Goldstein with the NCJW Hannah G. Solomon Founder's Award for the work they do in our community on behalf of social justice and women's issues. Formal invitations coming soon!



Rev. Blackmon is the Executive Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries for The United Church of Christ and Senior Pastor of Christ the King United Church of Christ in Florissant, MO. As a featured voice on many regional, national and international platforms, Rev. Blackmon's life work focuses on communal resistance to systematic injustice. Her response in Ferguson to the killing of Michael Brown resulted in national and international recognition, gaining her many audiences spanning the breadth of the White House to the Carter Center to the Vatican. Rev. Blackmon is a recipient of the NAACP Rosa Parks Award, The Urban League of St. Louis Women in Leadership Award; the National Planned Parenthood Faith Leader Award and was listed in Ebony Magazines 2015 Power 100. Rev. Blackmon was named 2017 Citizen of the Year by the St. Louis American and as one of St. Louis' 100 most influential voices.



Rabbi Andrea Goldstein has been a rabbi at Congregation Shaare Emeth, the largest Reform synagogue in St. Louis, for the past 20 years. Rabbi Goldstein currently serves on the Union of Reform Judaism's Commission on Social Action and the Central Conference of American Rabbis' Justice Team. She is a board member of Nishma and Metropolitan Congregations United and serves on the NCJW Advisory Council as well as the Advisory Committee of the Robert P. Jacob's Jewish Fund for Human Needs. Rabbi Goldstein is a graduate of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality's Rabbinic Leadership Program and the Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Teachers' Training Program and is the founder and director of the Jewish Mindfulness Center of St. Louis. Her rabbinate is centered around the call for social justice and the cultivation of spiritual practices.

## INSTALLATION AND SECTION AWARDS RECAP

Section Awards were presented on May 24 at NCJW STL's Annual Installation and Section Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to the 2018 Section Award Winners!

Fritzi Lainoff Advocacy Award: Felice Joyce  
Emerging Leader Award: Allison Izsak  
Volunteer Service Award: Shirley Alper and Linda Mantle

Community Service Award: Amy Gallant and Joyce Kolker  
Leadership Award: Amy Fenster Brown



(L) Shirley Alper, Amy Gallant, Joyce Kolker, Amy Fenster Brown and Felice Joyce (R) Susan Witte hands over the presidential gavel to Susan Katzman

### NEW MEMBERS

March 16 - June 8, 2018

Kathy Becker	Hon. Steve Stenger
Gretchen Curry	Daniella Velazquez
Marci Ranger	Eugenia 'Jeanne' Webdell
Valerie Shapiro	Sara White

### IN LOVING MEMORY

March 16 - June 8, 2018

Teel Ackerman	Elisabeth Isserman
Gladys Freund Barker	Lynne Palan
Ted Cohen	Bobbie Ring
Gloria Cohen	Ruth Stone

### DIRECTORY CHANGES

March 16 - June 8, 2018

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## RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER OF NCJW STL TODAY!

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Local Life Membership: \$360 (not transferable to other sections)

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## EXHIBITS

**SEP 12**

A WALK AROUND  
DECORATIVE ARTS

**OCT 10**

THE ART OF BALANCE

**NOV 14**

POWER OF THE PORTRAIT

*Kehinde Wiley,  
Barack Obama portraitist*

**DEC 12**

A CLOSER LOOK:  
THE EXQUISITELY SMALL

**JAN 9**

NOW LET'S ROCK AND ROLL!

*American Prints 1960-NOW*

**FEB 13**

RHYTHM & DESIGN IN PATTERN

**MAR 13**

INTERACTION WITH  
ABSTRACTION

**APR 10**

SCULPTURE/INSTALLATION ART

*Installation Artist Rachael Whiteread*

**MAY 8**

GOING PLACES: PATHWAYS,  
WATERWAYS, CONTEMPLATION  
& MORE

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# TRIBUTES

March 26 - June 8, 2018

Thank you to all of our tribute donors! The money raised through tributes is very important in helping us meet our goals and uphold our mission.

Tributes are listed under the name of the person honored or remembered. Each tribute is keyed with the initials of the fund to which the contribution was made. The fund initials appear after the donor's name. Tributes received after the deadline for this bulletin will appear in the next issue.

## KEY

### CHILDREN

(BTSS/KCC) Back to School! Store™ & Kids Community Closet Fund  
(LF) Lassie Frager Fund  
(WBL) William B. and Bernice Susman Lee Fund for Back to School! Store™

### DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

(SF) Sosnoff Fund

### SERVICES TO WOMEN

(JB-WWW) Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman Fund  
(WES) Women's Emergency Services Fund  
(SP) Section Priorities  
(SLL) Ruth and Nancy Siteman Leadership Legacy Fund  
(HHB) Healing Hearts Fund

### PRESIDENT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

(ATK) Harry Fredrick and Ann Trepp Koenigsberg Fund

### SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS

(CC) Crown Center and Older Adult Programs  
(WMF) Wilma Messing Fund  
(OACAP) Older Adult Community Action Program Committee

○ Chai Tribute = \$18 - \$24

□ Silver Tribute = \$25 - \$49

■ Gold Tribute = \$50+

## IN HONOR THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Jan Abrams, Unsung Hero Award  
Marilyn Ratkin (BTSS) ○  
Cynthia Albin, being installed as VP Administration  
Rick & Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ○  
Shirley Alper, Section Volunteer Service Award  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ○  
Fran Kunitz (BTSS)  
Alissa Arst, Retiring Board Member  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Melissa Baris, being installed as VP Community Service  
Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ○  
Melissa & John Baris, In Honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day  
Sheryl & Lawrence Zigler  
Ellen & Merry Berger's Special Anniversary  
Sharee & Mark Feldman (BTSS) □  
Gordon & Terry Bloomberg's 60th Wedding Anniversary  
Nanci & Jim Bobrow (SP) ○  
Lea Borg Friedman, in honor of Mother's Day  
Roselyn Borg & Family (BTSS)  
Harvey Cotlar's Special Birthday  
Mandy Rubenstein (BTSS)  
Linda Dahl, A speedy recovery  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)  
Marlene Hammerman (WES) □  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Dr. John Daniels' Special Birthday  
Jen, Scott & Ari Bernstein (BTSS) ○  
Marni Deutsch, in honor of Mother's Day  
Annette & John Fudenberg (BTSS) ■  
Amy Fenster Brown, Section Leadership Award  
Alissa Arst (BTSS) ○  
Rick & Sherri Goldman (BTSS) □  
Andrea Newstead (BTSS)  
Karen & Gary Silverman (BTSS)  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Dianna Fine Chairing the 2018 Spring Luncheon  
Jen Bernstein (BTSS)  
Marilen Pitler (BTSS)  
Ilene Follman's Special Birthday  
Karen & Henry Stern ○

Cara Fudenberg, in honor of Mother's Day  
Annette & John Fudenberg (BTSS) ■  
Amy Gallant, Section Community Service Award  
Laura Silver (SP) ○  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Lori Goldberg, a Speedy Recovery  
Jen Bernstein (BTSS) ○  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)  
Sherri Goldman, Retiring Board Member  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Rabbi Andrea Goldstein, Hannah G. Solomon Award  
Karen Silverman (BTSS)  
Nikki Goldstein, 2018 Harvey A. & Dorismae Hacker Friedman Award for Excellence in Service to Older Adults  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)  
Jill Gubin, in Appreciation of Service as VP Development  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Eric Hammond and Tim Cline, Congratulations on your Wedding!  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)  
Norm Handshear, Clayton Hall of Fame Award and Special Birthday  
Sally & Ken Katzif (SLL)  
Anne Harber's Retirement  
Sharee Feldman (BTSS) □  
Mindy Horwitz, Retiring Board Member  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Allison Izsak, Section Emerging Leader Award  
Darien Arnstein (SP) ○  
Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ○  
Phil & Mary Marblestone (SP) ■  
Laura Silver (SP) □  
Karen & Gary Silverman (BTSS)  
Amy Stone (BTSS) □  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Allison Izsak, Speedy Recovery  
Darien Arnstein (SP) ○  
Jen, Scott & Ari Bernstein (BTSS)  
Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ○  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)  
Andrea Newstead (BTSS)  
Marissa & Howie Rosen (SP) ○  
Amy Stone (BTSS) □

Maureen Jordan, appreciation as a New Member  
Marlene Hammerman (WES) ○  
Felice Joyce, Section Fritzzi Lainoff Advocacy Award  
Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ○  
Marilyn Ratkin (HHB)  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Betty Kagan's installation NCJW St. Louis VP Development  
Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ○  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Eleanor Kaiser's Special Birthday  
Ida Landsbaum (BTSS) ○  
Ken & Sally Katzif's Special Anniversary  
Steve & Sherri Newstead (BTSS)  
Susan Katzman's installation as NCJW St. Louis President  
Darien Arnstein (SP) ○  
Katie Durham (KCC) ■  
Sharee Feldman (BTSS) □  
Hillary & Bill Friedman (ATK)  
Sherri Goldman (BTSS) □  
Marlene & Harley Hammerman (ATK) □  
Sally Katzif (SLL) ○  
Danna Katzman (KCC) ■  
Mike & Carol Katzman (KCC) ■  
Joyce & Arthur Margulis (BTSS) □  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)  
Andrea Newstead (BTSS)  
Marissa Rosen (SP)  
Karen Silverman (BTSS)  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Jeff & Mar Klein's Special Birthdays  
Alissa Arst (BTSS)  
Ron & Lisa Kohn, the birth of granddaughter Lily Elizabeth  
Steve & Sherri Newstead (BTSS)  
Joyce Kolker, Section Community Service Award  
Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ○  
Fran Kunitz (BTSS)  
Marilyn Ratkin (BTSS)  
Susan Witte (SP) ○  
Rita & Barry Worth (BTSS) ○  
Susan Kottler, Unsung Hero Award  
Susan Katzman (SLL) ■



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Benjamin Kruger's Special Birthday  
Nathan Arst (BTSS)

David Lander, Unsung Hero Award  
Susan Katzman (SLL)

Ina Landsbaum, A speedy recovery  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)

Linda Mantle, Section Volunteer Service Award  
Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ○  
Susan Witte (SP) ○

Gary Meltz, A speedy recovery  
Marlene Hammerman (BTSS) □

Emily Morgan Chairing the 2018 Spring Luncheon  
Jen Bernstein (BTSS)

Barbara & Michael Newmark, JCRC Batya  
Abramson-Goldstein Legacy Award  
Susan Katzman (SLL) □

Andrea Newstead, in Appreciation of Service  
as NCJW Secretary  
Susan Witte (SP) ○

Andrea Newstead, Sponsor a Child for BTSS  
Patty Bloom (BTSS)

Sherri & Steve Newstead's Special Anniversary  
Rick & Sherri Goldman (BTSS) □  
Marlene & Harley Hammerman (BTSS) □  
Sally & Ken Katzif (BTSS)

Patty Padawer, a Speedy Recovery  
Carl & Gail Lang

Edwin & Lenore Pepper's Special Anniversary  
Rick & Sherri Goldman (BTSS)

Edwin & Lenore Pepper, American Jewish Congress  
Netzach Award  
Susan Katzman (SLL) □

Sherri Radman and Rich Iken's Wedding  
Amanda Packman and Michael Stein (BTSS) ■

Marilyn Ratkin, 2018 Woman of Achievement  
Rosalyng Borg (SP)  
Kathy Dewoskin (HHB) □  
Rosalie Franklin & Oscar Goldberg (WWW-JB) ○  
Gail Friedman (SP)  
Marjorie Gold (HHB) ○  
Rick & Sherri Goldman (BTSS) □  
Marlene & Harley Hammerman (SP) □  
Margie Jaffe (HHB)  
Susan Katzman (SLL) □  
Joyce Kolker (BTSS)  
Harriet & Jeff Kopolow (HHB) ■  
Linda & Jerry Kraus (SP) ○  
Carol & David Lander (WES) ○  
Sarah Martin & Jake Hummel (HHB) □  
Betsy Mehlman (BTSS) ○  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)  
Merle & Marty Oberman (BTSS) ○  
Henry & Ilene Ordower (BTSS) □  
Marilen Pitler (KCC)  
Mandy Rubenstein (SLL)  
Leanne & Harvey Schneider (HHB) □  
Dan & Joanne Schwartz (HHB) ■  
Jane Tzinberg-Rubin (HHB)  
Susan & Alan Witte (SP) □  
Rita & Barry Worth (BTSS) □

Marissa Rosen's installation as VP Membership  
Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ○

Mandy Rubenstein, A speedy recovery  
Rick & Sherri Goldman (BTSS) □

Shari Saiken Jankowsky, in honor of  
Mother's Day  
Rosalyng Borg & Family

Karen Sher – Thank you for being such a  
wonderful leader of the Millstone Fellows!  
Jen Bernstein (BTSS) ○

Helene Sherman, A speedy recovery  
Marilyn Ratkin (HHB)

Heather Silverman's Election to Creve  
Coeur City Council  
Marilen Pitler ○

Karen Silverman, Town & Style Volunteer  
Reaching Out Award  
Rick & Sherri Goldman (BTSS) □  
Susan Katzman (SLL) □

Karen Silverman, becoming NCJW  
St. Louis Secretary  
Andrea Newstead (BTSS)  
Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ○  
Susan Witte (SP) ○

Ruth Siteman, in honor of Mother's Day  
Nancy Siteman (SLL) ■

Jane Sitrin's Special Birthday  
Laurie LeMaster Stern (WES) ■

Kathleen Sitzer, Happy Mother's Day,  
Happy Birthday, and Happy Retirement!  
Sara Sitzer (WES) ■

Carly Sparks becoming a Board Member  
Andrea Newstead (BTSS)

Bonnie Solomon, Retiring Board Member  
Susan Witte (SP) ○

Bettina Weinberg, A Speedy Recovery  
Carl & Gail Lang

Bill Weiss' Special Birthday  
Irv & Ileana Fagin (WWW-JB)

Wendy Willis, in honor of Mother's Day  
Rosalyng Borg & Family

Dana Windsor Chairing the 2018  
Spring Luncheon  
Jen Bernstein (BTSS)

Susan Witte's Term as President  
Darien Arnstein (SP) □  
Terry Bernstein (BTSS) □  
Sharee & Mark Feldman (BTSS) □  
Rick & Sherri Goldman (BTSS) ■  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)  
Marilyn Ratkin (ATK)  
Marissa Rosen (SP)

The Birth of Aliza Devorah Witten,  
granddaughter of Barry & Evelyn Witten  
Steve & Sherri Newstead (BTSS)

Barry Worth's Special Birthday  
Mandy Rubenstein (SLL)

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Zamler, in honor of  
the marriage of Rachel & Kurt  
Ruth Berger (BTSS) ○

Vivian Zwick's 101st Birthday  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)  
Nanci & Jim Bobrow (SP) ○

Joseph Glick  
Nanci & Jim Bobrow (SP) ○  
Phyllis Goldberg (WWW)  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)  
Anna & David Poger (BTSS) □

Rita Goldberg  
Randy (Gilson), Eliana & Danit (Kaya) (SP) □

Tommy Goldenberg  
Betsy Mehlman (OACAP) ○  
Betty Ann & Harvey Cohen (OACAP)

Ted Hoffman  
Ruth & Alvin Siteman (SLL) ■

Elizabeth Isserman  
Carolyn & Steve Wolff (SP) □

Frances Jaffee  
Bob & Ellen Feinstein (CC) ○

Harold Katz  
Mark & Jane Tucker (BTSS)

Janice Kessler  
Ruth Sandler (KCC) ■

Joyce Lodato  
Myrna Sokolik (WES)  
Sue Steiner (BTSS) ○

Lynne Palan  
Marlene Hammerman (BTSS) □  
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Laurie & Bill Stern (SP) □  
Susan Witte (SP) ○

Leonard Rich  
Thema Schrier □

Jeanne R. Rimmel  
Susan Matula ■

Bobbie Ring  
Rosalie Franklin (WWW-JB) □

Naomi Schmerer  
Ellen Alper (SLL) ○

Melvin Shaikewitz  
Joan & Sherman Silberman □

Lucas Shanker  
Jane & Mark Tucker (BTSS)

Burton Shostak  
Lisa Gubernik (BTSS) ○

Dr. Joseph Shuman  
Judy & Keith Grosz (BTSS) ○  
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Nate Silverman  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)

Nate Singer  
Marlene & Harley Hammerman (ATK) □

Thomas Singer  
Anna & David Poger (BTSS) □

Ruth Stone  
Anna Lee Nissenholtz (CC)

Hortense Tarkow  
Irene Fowle (WWW) □

Anita Waldman  
Steve & Sherri Newstead (BTSS)

Tine Weitzer  
Laurie & Bill Stern (WES) □

Craig S. Wolff  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)

Barbara Zinn  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)

## IN MEMORY

Mathilde "Teel" Ackerman  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)

Gladys Freund Barker  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)

State Representative Cloria Brown  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ○

Molly Burack  
Sharee & Mark Feldman (BTSS) ■

Gloria Cohen  
Susan Katzman (SLL) □  
Gertrude Hulbert (CC) □

Ted Cohen  
Marlene Hammerman (BTSS) ○  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)  
Adam, David, Anna & Arden Poger (BTSS)  
Marissa & Howie Rosen (BTSS) ○

Eugene Fine  
Marlene & Harley Hammerman (BTSS) ○

Joel Fine  
NCJW Board & Staff (SP)



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## AUGUST

- 8** Wife Widow Woman Group/Croughan (LAST SESSION)
- 16** Advocacy in Action Lunch and Learn
- 23** Resale Shop Volunteer Recruitment Open House
- 27** Board & Executive Team Meetings
- 29** Wife Widow Woman Group

## SEPTEMBER

- 3** LABOR DAY (Office/Shop Closed)
- 10-11** ROSH HASHANAH (Office/Shop Closed)
- 12** Art Interest Group / Wife Widow Woman Group
- 17** Board & Executive Team Meetings
- 19** YOM KIPPUR (Office/Shop Closed)
- 24-30** SUKKOT (Office Closed September 24)
- 26** Wife Widow Woman Group
- 28** Resale Shop Volunteer Recruitment Open House

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 1** SHEMINI ATZERET
- 2** SIMCHAT TORAH
- 8** COLUMBUS DAY
- 10** Leadership Class #1 – Communications
- 10** Art Interest Group / Wife Widow Woman Group
- 16** Celebrating Women
- 18** Resale Shop Volunteer Recruitment Open House
- 22** Board & Executive Team Meetings
- 24** Wife Widow Woman Group
- 25** Couturier Preview Night
- 25-30** Couturier
- 31** HALLOWEEN