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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT SEPTEMBER 2021

In preparing this message, I turned to my rabbi, Rabbi Andrea Goldstein, a member of NCJWSTL and Hannah G. Solomon award recipient, for a little guidance. As Rosh Hashanah starts around Labor Day, I asked for a Torah portion or Midrash that aligns with our mission of being inspired by Jewish values to advance social and economic justice to all women, children, and families. She suggested the Haftarah portion that is read on Yom Kippur from Isaiah.

Isaiah, talking for God, tells the people, "You think you are so great, fasting on this one day. That's not so great. Here is the kind of 'fast' that I really want." He continues by telling the people to take care of the less fortunate, feed the hungry, and provide for those in need.

Isn't that what we, as members of NCJWSTL, do in our programming, projects, and advocacy work, fulfilling our mission every day? We heed what Isaiah is telling us through the Back to School! Store, Healing Hearts Bank, Project Renewal, Kids Community Closet, Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman, along with our advocacy work in human trafficking, Lunch & Learns, and our legislative work, both local and in Jefferson City.

On Yom Kippur we think, pray, and consider how we can do better caring for women, children, and families in our communities.

Our 21st Back to School! Store (BTSS) was held on August 1, 2021, where 2,000 backpacks filled with school supplies as well as dental kits and period products were distributed to our participating agencies by volunteer drivers from our membership.

My special thanks to the BTSS Co-Chairs Alissa Arst, Chris Bomze, Judy Grosz, Sarah Beth Matt, and Jen Scissors, the BTSS committee, Amanda Stein, VP Community Service, and Marci Ranger, Director of Community Service, for all of their hard work this past year. And a special thank you to our volunteers and staff for making it a perfect day!

Plans are already in the works for next year - what will the 2022 BTSS look like with Covid still lurking around? Amanda Stein is leading an advisory group made up of staff representing partner agencies to discuss what is working, what isn't working, and how together we will better serve our community.

Plans are also underway for an exciting Couturier Sale at the Resale Shop beginning Wednesday, October 13, 2021 and ending Saturday, October 16, 2021. Be ready to volunteer and shop - more details will be coming soon!

For those who celebrate and observe, a Happy Rosh Hashanah, and have an easy fast. Stay safe and stay well!



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LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

NCJWSTL advocates lobby for policies that benefit women, children, and families. NCJWSTL's team of advocates stepped up and worked on the following this past legislative session:

ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Eight years after we began our work, our Victim Employment Safety and Security Act (VESSA) finally passed and was signed into law by the governor. VESSA allows victims of domestic violence to take unpaid leave to deal with legal, medical, and other concerns needed to leave their abuser, heal, and move on with their lives.

CONTRACEPTIVE ACCESS

NCJWSTL continues to fight for the rights of women to make their own healthcare decisions. Contraceptives have a transformative impact on the lives of women and families. Access to contraception enables women to finish school, pursue careers, and control the timing and spacing of their children. We were thrilled that Senators Jill Schupp (D) and Elaine Gannon (R) co-sponsored our 13-month contraception legislation. This legislation requires insurance to cover a 13-month supply of oral contraceptives. While this bill did not pass this session, we will continue the work next session. We also continue to work with our coalition partners to ensure that abortion stays safe and legal in Missouri.

TRANS YOUTH

One bill would prohibit trans children from playing on a sports team corresponding to the gender with which they identify. Another bill would make life-affirming medical care for trans children illegal. As one father of a trans child said at the hearing, "The only people bullying my son are members of the Missouri legislature." While neither bill passed, we anticipate they will come up again next year.

MEDICAID

The legislature attacked Medicaid funding by refusing to fund Medicaid expansion, even though Missouri voters approved it in August of 2020. In addition, millions of federal dollars of state Medicaid funding was held hostage so that some legislators could make unrelated grandstands about abortion. The Missouri Supreme Court ruled it constitutional at the time of this printing. It remains to be seen what will happen next.

If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of women, children, and families by being an advocate, contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or 314.993.5181 to get involved. For more information, please visit ncjwstl.org.



(Left) L to R: Jen Bernstein, Advocacy Manager, Amy Kuo Hammerman, SPA, & Heather Silverman, Director of Policy & Evaluation

(Right) L to R: Amy Kuo Hammerman, SPA, Jen Bernstein, Advocacy Manager, & Heather Silverman, Director of Policy & Evaluation, at the Missouri Capitol

SIGN UP FOR 5 WAYS TO ADVOCATE EMAILS



Do you want to stay up to date with what you can do to advocate on behalf of women, children, and families? Sign up to receive our weekly *5 Ways to Advocate* newsletter to learn how you can take action with NCJWSTL. To receive *5 Ways to Advocate* in your inbox every Monday morning, email Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call the office at 314.993.5181.



Many of NCJWSTL's core issues are in the news. Therefore, keeping our members up-to-date on the details through our Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn series is a top priority.

Lunch & Learn programs take place on Zoom on the third Thursday of each month from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT. The link to attend will be provided upon registering online at ncjwstl.org. There is no cost to attend.

UPCOMING SESSIONS

SEPTEMBER 23 - A Look into Our Election System, Election Reforms, & Voting

OCTOBER 21 - Food Insecurity in St. Louis with Erica Steen, Director of Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry, and Brittney Stone, Manager of Clinical & Community Nutrition, Operation Food Search

NOVEMBER 18 - Why is Birth Control so Controversial? with Michelle Trupiano and Mandy Hagseth of Missouri Family Health Council

DECEMBER 16 - Legislative Session Preview

LEADERSHIP

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CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP

Thoughts from Nancy Litz, President-Elect and previous Vice President of Leadership

If you attended the recent Herb-an Gardening membership event, I'll bet your plants are doing better than mine. Why? Until last week, I hadn't planted them – duh! And already I'm frustrated with their slow progress. But a garden savvy friend shared this secret: In the first year, new plants just sleep. Second year, they start to creep. And in the third year – they LEAP!



Cultivating leadership in NCJWSTL is just like that. It doesn't always mean assuming a VP role or a spot on the Board. It's not necessarily chairing a committee. But it does mean playing a role in creating a better world for women, children, and families and seeing where that leads. Every one of us is a leader – in our family, congregation, career, and community. There's always room to cultivate those skills (note the sneaky gardening reference) and NCJWSTL provides fertile soil (last one, I promise) to do just that. A popular poster from the '80s exhorted us to "Bloom Where You Are Planted." NCJWSTL's version might instead say "Plant Yourself Where You Want to Bloom."

Which aspect of NCJWSTL offers you the best mix of growth and satisfaction:

- Providing direct services to those in need?
- Advocating for more equitable public policies?
- Helping others find their place within the organization?
- Building connections among members?
- Helping to raise the funds that keep our programs running?

Sue Lapp, newly appointed Vice President of Leadership, continues:

Each choice above offers opportunities to push out of your comfort zone and make your own LEAP – growing skills and confidence while benefitting the whole community.

This year, the Leadership portfolio is launching a workshop series to develop a skillset that every person can leverage to increase effectiveness in all of their roles, including topics like:

- Planning and leading impactful meetings
- Dealing with failure effectively
- Sharing the NCJWSTL story
- Increasing cultural awareness
- Thriving under stress
- Managing multiple priorities

Be on the lookout for specific details about these upcoming opportunities. In addition, Nancy and I would love to grab coffee with you. Reach out to either one of us to chat about your ideal growth spot in the NCJWSTL garden.

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The Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman (WWW) program is excited to celebrate 45 years of helping women move from grief to growth after the loss of a life partner. To commemorate this milestone, past participants of WWW will be celebrating together at Congregation Shaare Emeth on Sunday, October 3, 2021, with refreshments. We will be honoring Eleanor Zimring for her commitment and service to the WWW program. Co-Chairs of the celebration are Peggy Cohen Voss, Rosalie Franklin, and Linda Sher, Program Coordinator. Contact Marci Ranger by email at mranger@ncjwstl.org or by phone at 314.993.5181 for more information about this event.



(Above) Eleanor Zimring,
former WWW Program
Coordinator



NCJW KIDSCOMMUNITYCLOSET

Kids Community Closet (KCC) currently serves 11 schools in the St. Louis Public School District. One of the schools we serve is Oak Hill Elementary, a K-5 school committed to cultivating an environment of academic success and positive character for the students. Of Oak Hills students, 56% are non-native English speakers. Lara Fallon who serves as the Full Services School Coordinator at Oak Hill stated, "The best part of having a closet is that it helps the families in multiple ways. When we have a new refugee family, we can supplement their school clothing and help them save money."

The closet helps increase attendance too, "When a student tells me they did not come to school due to lack of clean clothes, I can provide them with clean ones from the closet." She continued by explaining that, "For many of our families, it is difficult to get laundry done due to lack of funds, transportation, and/or working long hours. The closet can help with this." Fallon shared how appreciative the parents are of a new outfit and that the students appreciate that the items are brand new and on-trend, "It is such a great resource to have! I am so thankful to have it. I do not have to go looking for items. It makes my job so much easier." We wish Oak Hill and all of our KCC schools a wonderful start to the 2021-2022 school year! If you are interested in volunteering as a KCC closet liaison, please contact Marci Ranger by email mranger@ncjwstl.org or by phone at 314.993.5181.



HEALING HEARTS BANK

Healing Hearts Bank (HHB) welcomes a new Community Partner - Rung for Women. Rung's mission is to empower women to grow, achieve sustained independence, and move up "the economic opportunity ladder" through co-located and coordinated educational, professional, and economic resources. "We are so excited to welcome Rung as a Healing Hearts Bank community partner. Our shared values and mission are a perfect fit. We look forward to helping the women of Rung achieve their goals," said Marilyn Ratkin, HHB volunteer. For further information or to get involved with Healing Hearts Bank, please contact Marci Ranger by email at mranger@ncjwstl.org or by phone at 314.993.5181.

BACK TO SCHOOL! STORE ADVISORY COUNCIL

In June, NCJWSTL convened its very first meeting of the Back to School! Store (BTSS) Advisory Council. The mission of this council is to ensure that we meet the needs of the families and children we serve and to create the best experience possible at the Back to School! Store. The group consists of agency representatives who have been long-time BTSS partners. During the three sessions since then, the Council discussed each element of the Back to School! Store process and the items provided. The discussions have been so enlightening and we are excited to implement the feedback to improve the store experience. A huge thank you to Chris Bomze, BTSS Co-Chair and NCJWSTL Board Member, Marci Ranger, Director of Community Service, and Heather Silverman, Director of Policy & Evaluation, for their tremendous support.



NCJW **BACK TO SCHOOL! STORE**



On August 1, 2021, NCJWSTL held the Back to School! Store (BTSS) at Congregation Temple Israel. "The event was a huge success! 2,000 backpacks filled with all kinds of school supplies were loaded into the cars of over 100 volunteers who delivered them to more than 70 agencies throughout St. Louis City and County," said Sarah Beth Matt, BTSS Co-Chair.

Each child received the following supplies:

- Composition notebooks (2)
- Two-pocket folders (4)
- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- Highlighters (2)
- Glue Sticks (2)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Pencil sharpener
- Family reading guide
- Headphones with microphone
- Reusable water bottle
- Hat & glove set
- Bombas socks
- Note/Coloring Sheet from NCJWSTL
- New books on racial justice and celebrating diversity written for elementary students
- *Toothpaste Millionaire* by Jean Merrill
- *What Do You See?* by Julie Hundman



A bilingual Family Resource Directory, compiled by BTSS co-chair Alissa Arst, was also included. The directory provides families with resources in different need categories such as mental health, food insecurity, and more. The Family Resource Guide will be updated regularly. The agencies also received Delta Dental Smile Bags donated by Delta Dental, coloring and comic books on financial literacy donated by Stifel Bank & Trust, and period kits donated by Dignity Period and NCJWSTL members and supporters to distribute to the children, "Many people are unaware that feminine products are not covered by food stamps, and as a result, girls miss four to five days of school each month," said Chris Bomze, BTSS Co-Chair. Volunteers held a feminine products drive and then assembled the kits.



(Top) Volunteers at New Life Empowerment Center receiving backpacks and supplies

(Above) Children and volunteers enjoy sno-cones at SoulFisher's backpack event

(Right) Volunteers at SoulFisher Ministries posing for pictures

(Right) Melissa Forrester and Marilyn Pitler holding sign thanking our volunteers

Volunteer drivers were greeted by waves of thanks from NCJWSTL board members as they drove in for their pickup. In appreciation, volunteers received a bag of goodies, "We would be unable to do this project without our wonderful volunteers who return year after year," said Judy Grosz, BTSS Co-Chair. A cookie baked by Brenda Smith, owner of A Little Something Sweet (Cakes), and NCJWSTL Healing Hearts Bank (HHB) borrower, was one of the items in the appreciation bag. Healing Hearts Bank provides loans to women and families; Brenda used her HHB loan to start her bakery. "It is important for NCJWSTL to show volunteers all the ways we help improve the lives of others. When the chairs decided they wanted to hand out a treat, we knew it had to be from Brenda's bakery," said Amanda Stein, Vice President of Community Service. Overall, the day was a huge success!



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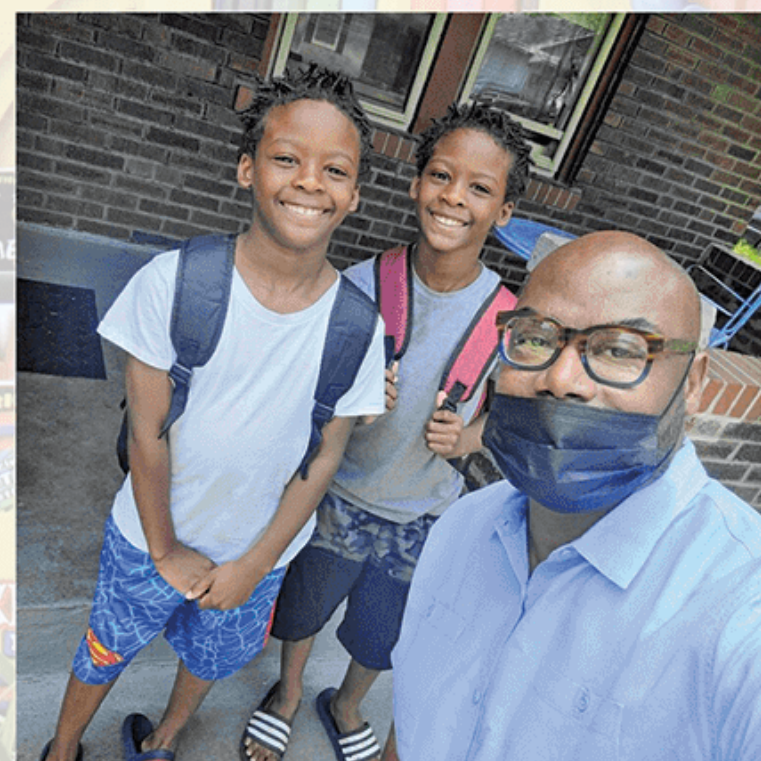
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Also, a special thank you to Amanda Arst
for donating period supplies from her
Mitzvah project!



(Above) Gail Eisenkramer, NCJWSTL
Board President, greeting volunteer
drivers at Temple Israel



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HAVE YOU MADE A LEGACY GIFT FOR NCJWSTL?

We're delighted to recognize and thank these individuals and families who are members of our Legacy Circle:

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DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

NCJWSTL 125
CREATING CHANGE AND IMPACTING LIVES SINCE 1895

Limited number of tickets available!

Bourbon & Bags

NOVEMBER 1 - 10, 2021

Your purchase supports women, children, and families.

Enter for a chance to win one of four "Bourbon and Bags" prize packages, each containing:

- One **Chanel** purse pictured below
- Six or more full-size bottles of **premium bourbon**



Sisters Act!

NCJWSTL 125TH CELEBRATION

FEATURING ACTIVIST & ACTOR

Kathy Najimy



SAVE THE DATE

Sisters Act! Luncheon

April 27, 2022

Celebrate with Kathy Najimy at NCJWSTL's Sisters Act! Luncheon and help us build on 125 years making a difference in the lives of women, children, and families in our community.

MEMBERSHIP

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COFFEE TALK WITH SnL

You're invited to join us for our virtual monthly coffee talks hosted by NCJWSTL's Past President, Susan Katzman, and Vice President of Membership, Lisa Gubernik. We will be sipping our favorite morning beverage and enjoying each other's company while discussing light topics.

Each month we also have a special guest! Previous guests have included actor Annie Potts, the Sklar Brothers, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhouses co-founder Scott Redler, former Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune executive producer, Harry Friedman, St. Louis lost restaurant and recipe enthusiast, Dr. Harley Hammerman, and interior designers, Rebecca Stisser and Billi Jo Eubank.

Coffee Talk takes place on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM CT. Please register by visiting ncjwstl.org, calling the office, or emailing Heather Libhart at hlibhart@ncjwstl.org.

- Tuesday, September 28
- Tuesday, October 26
- Tuesday, November 23
- No Coffee Talk in December
- Tuesday, January 25, 2022



NCJWSTL presents

Coffee Talk

with SnL

VIRTUAL EVENT

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS...

One of the benefits of being a member of NCJWSTL is being kept in the loop with regular communication about programs, opportunities to get involved, community updates, projects, advocacy updates and Calls to Action, events, stories about our work and each other, and so much more! To streamline our communication and responsibly steward our resources, you'll be hearing from NCJWSTL in the mail more often, but with lower production costs! YAY!

SEPTEMBER: Annual Campaign Appeal & Couturier event information

OCTOBER: Bourbon & Bags event information

NOVEMBER: Annual Report

DECEMBER: Letter from the CEO

JANUARY: Tax Letters for all NCJWSTL members who have donated

FEBRUARY: Spring Bulletin & Sisters Act! Invitation

MARCH: Resale Shop Spring Donation Mailer

APRIL: Letter from NCJWSTL President & Installation Invitation

MAY: Back to School! Store Sponsor a Child

JUNE/JULY: Partners for Our Future Report & Membership Dues Renewal Drive!

(Right) Gail Eisenkramer, NCJWSTL Board President & Ellen Alper, NCJWSTL CEO



RENEW YOUR NCJWSTL MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Your membership secures opportunities to engage in community service and advocacy, and the knowledge that your voice joins more than 1,500 others fighting for women, children, and families!

IT'S EASY TO RENEW!

Visit our website at ncjwstl.org and click 'JOIN' or call us at 314.993.5181 to renew via phone. Annual membership is July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

- Regular Dues: \$54 per year
- Young Advocates (*birth to 18*): \$18 per year
- Under 25: \$25 per year
- Sustaining Membership: \$72 per year
- Supporting Membership: \$108 per year
- Local Life Member: \$360 (*payable in monthly installments*)



(L to R) Phyllis Langsdorf, NCJWSTL Board member, Past President Marlene Hammerman, Susan Fisher, Resale Shop Associate

TRIBUTE ENVELOPES

Tribute envelopes are available upon request. Please contact Vicki Rios at vrrios@ncjwstl.org or call 314.993.5181 to pick up envelopes at the NCJWSTL office, or have them mailed to you.



WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

Stacy Berger, Vickie Bower, Stacey Deutsch, Ann Mayer Eisen, Rev. Audrey Hollis, Leslee Jacobson, Karyn Klein, Linda Kusmer, Lauren Lerner, Joan Lipkin, Elyse Mack, Tonya Rose, Randi Schenberg, Sandra Sher, Brooke A. Wallace, Amber Withycombe

WE WELCOME THESE NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Ellen Abramson, Minette (Missy) Kayman, Bette Miller, Vicki Rios, Lauri Teagan

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR NCJWSTL MEMBERS

Rosalyn Borg, Audrey Friedman, Orietta Kohn, Esther Langsam

**as of July 15, 2021*



COUTURIER

— NCJWSTL'S PREMIER DESIGNER EVENT SINCE 1964 —

OCTOBER

13-16

Join us for the 57th
Annual Couturier

Shop all your favorite
designer items for a
fraction of the cost

OCTOBER 13 | VIP EVENT

VIP Preview | 1-4pm

\$50 | Tickets must be purchased in advance
at ncjwstl.org or by calling 314.993.5181

Preview Night | 4-8pm

\$10 | Tickets available at the door

OCTOBER 14-15 | COUTURIER

14th | 10am-7pm & 15th | 10am-6pm

OCTOBER 16 | FINAL DAY

25% Off* Storewide | 10am-6pm

No coupons or discounts accepted during the event.

*Some exclusions apply.

SPONSORED BY

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THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 COUTURIER COMMITTEE!

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS - Faith Berger, Phyllis Langsdorf, and Sheri Sherman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Dr. Nanci Bobrow, Amy Fenster Brown, Bonnie Davis, Gail Eisenkramer, Susie Fine, Hillary Friedman, Sheri Glantz, JoAnn Goldstein, Farilyn Hale, Marlene Hammerman, Susan Dertke Hendin, Susan Katzman, Elise Krug, Debra Cannamore Lee, Frances Levine, Nancy Litz, Andrea Lubershane, Alice Ludmer, Sylvia Manewith, Sandra Merritt, Peggy Remis, Janie Roodman Weiss, Caryn Sandweiss, Carolyn Satz, Randee Schmittiel, and Susan Witte

2021-2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 3-4 Labor Day Sale @ The Resale Shop - 25% Off Storewide
- 6 Labor Day – NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop closed
- 7 Rosh Hashanah – NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop closed
- 8 Rosh Hashanah (2nd day) – NCJWSTL office closed
- 13 NCJWSTL Executive Board meeting
- 15 Erev Yom Kippur – NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop close at 4 PM
- 16 Yom Kippur – NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop closed
- 21 Sukkot – NCJWSTL office closed
- 23 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: A Look Into Our Election System, Election Reforms, & Voting
- 27 NCJWSTL Board meeting
- 28 Coffee Talk with SnL

OCTOBER

- 13 Couturier Preview Night
- 14-16 57th Annual Couturier
- 18 NCJWSTL Executive Board meeting
- 21 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Food Insecurity in St. Louis
- 25 NCJWSTL Board meeting
- 26 Coffee Talk with SnL

NOVEMBER

- 1-10 Bourbon & Bags Event - Your Chance to Win!
- 11 Veteran's Day Sale @ The Resale Shop - 25% Off Storewide
- 15 NCJWSTL Executive Board meeting
- 18 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Reproductive Justice
- 22 NCJWSTL Board meeting
- 23 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 25 Thanksgiving – NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop closed
- 26 NCJWSTL office closed
- Black Friday Sale @ The Resale Shop - 25% Off Storewide
- 27 Small Business Saturday Sale @ The Resale Shop - 25% Off Storewide
- 29 - Dec 4 Hanukkah Sale @ The Resale Shop
- 29 - Dec 6 Hanukkah

DECEMBER

- 13 NCJWSTL Executive Board meeting
- 16 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Legislative Session Preview
- 24 Christmas Eve – NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop closed
- 25 Christmas – NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop closed
- 27-31 NCJWSTL office closed for the holidays
- Year-End Clearance Sale @ The Resale Shop - 25% Off Storewide
- 31 New Year's Eve - The Resale Shop closes at 2 PM

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day – NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop closed
- 10 NCJWSTL Executive Board meeting
- 14-15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Sale @ The Resale Shop - 25% Off Storewide
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NCJWSTL office & The Resale Shop closed
- 24 NCJWSTL Board meeting
- 25 Coffee Talk with SnL

TRIBUTES

APRIL 10, 2021 – JULY 14, 2021

As we come together to support one another in difficult times, we also celebrate each other's joys. You can honor and celebrate a special event in your or a loved one's life by making a tribute. Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and personal wins - big or small - are all great ways to honor and celebrate those we love and are most proud of. You can set up a tribute charge account, and know that you only need to call the office to make your tribute! For more information on how to make a tribute, visit ncjwstl.org/donate/tributes or call Vicki Rios at 314.993.5181

KEY

BLUE TRIBUTE = \$10 - \$17

● CHAI TRIBUTE = \$18 - \$24

□ SILVER TRIBUTE = \$25 - \$49

■ GOLD TRIBUTE = \$50+

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
(AACT) Advocacy In Action
(WES) Women's Emergency Services Fund
(SP) Section Priorities
(SLL) Ruth and Nancy Siteman
Leadership Legacy Fund
(HHB) Healing Hearts Fund

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