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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT SEPTEMBER 2023

***"If you want to change the world, you have to figure out how to pay for it."***

***- Susan Katzman***

What easier way to help pay for change than through The Resale Shop's upcoming **Couturier Event October 18-21, 2023**. Nearly half of our annual revenue comes from the shop!

Donating wardrobe treasures from your own closet helps stock the sales floor for the event. And, in turn, it helps fund our famous Back to School! Store, plus Kids Community Closet that makes coats and supplies available year-round for over 13,000 kids.

You'll also be supporting our microlending program, Healing Hearts Bank, and Project Renewal, which brings pampering and education to women in sheltered housing.

Then come back and shop the event. You'll find upscale clothing – from workout wear to formals and furs, plus designer handbags and shoes, fine jewelry and so much more – at prices to make your head spin.

You might score a fantastic find like my blue silk jacket by Nina McLemore – the designer who styles progressive icons like Hillary Clinton, Elizabeth Warren, and Fed Chair Janet Yellen. I never quite embraced the \$695 retail price, but I snagged this pre-loved one at last year's Couturier for a tiny fraction of that amount. Doesn't get much better than that, right?

Besides shopping, you can set up or help on the sales floor during the event. So many ways to support our important work. Please keep an eye out for Couturier volunteer opportunities.

PS: If you were the original owner of my McLemore jacket – thanks! And, if you've grown weary of any other lovely items in my size...well, I'll be on the lookout.



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## NCJWSTL INSTALLATION

The National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis proudly announced their 2023-2024 Executive Team and Board earlier this year. The new Executive Team and Board were recognized at the Board Installation Ceremony on May 24, 2023.

### 2023 - 2024 EXECUTIVE TEAM

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Hillary Hinz and Sue Lapp, as retiring Executive Team members, have joined our board for a one-year term. We are grateful for the following board members who completed their term: Dianna Fine, Melissa Forrester, Susan Katzman, Debbie Matson, Jane Tzinberg Rubin, Jennifer Scissors, and Karen Silverman.



(Pictured Left to Right) Retiring board members Dianna Fine, Melissa Forrester, Jane Tzinberg Rubin; Nancy Litz, President and new board members Wendy Flusser, Diane Friedman, Amy Gallant, Laura Newman, Georgee Waldman, Amy Stone; Nancy Litz, President, Phyllis Langsdorf, President-Elect, Mindy Grossmann, VP Leadership, Marilen Pitler, VP Advocacy, Michelle Brooks, Treasurer; Charles and Gail Eisenkramer, Immediate Past President

## LEADERSHIP CLASS



We're so happy to have recently completed our bi-annual Leadership Class. The 2023 class learned skills on communication styles, cultural intelligence, work-life balance, and more. This is a chance for members to connect with each other and gain knowledge and skills that will enhance their time within the organization. We continue to empower our members, and this is one way we do so! We look forward to our 2025 Class!

(Pictured Left to Right) Carla Feuer, Julie Olschansky, Milena Nutrobkina, Essie Rochman, Susie Kinsella, Darcy Scharff, Shelly Azar, Andy Thorp (speaker), Lauri Teagan, Lauren Kraus, Ruth Gerchen, Barbara Barnholtz, Diane Friedman, Carlotta Burton





## FREE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION!



### NCJWSTL is partnering with the Missouri Family Health Council (MFHC) to distribute FREE emergency contraception kits!

This effort is vitally important in the wake of last year's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe vs. Wade, especially in states like Missouri where abortion is illegal. Everyone should have the right to determine when and if they wish to start a family, and emergency contraception is vital in preventing unwanted pregnancies.

Also known as the morning-after pill, or by the brand name Plan B, the emergency contraception pill is an over-the-counter form of birth control that can be taken up to five days after unprotected sex to avoid pregnancy. The goal of this effort is to reduce geographic and financial barriers Missourians face in accessing emergency contraception pills.

While supplies last, MFHC, NCJWSTL and other partner organizations are offering free EC kits to anyone of any age. Feel free to stop by the NCJWSTL office to pick up your kit - for you or a loved one.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org).



**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 and feature outstanding guest speakers on topics related to our advocacy work. The link to attend will be provided upon registering online at [ncjwstl.org](https://ncjwstl.org). There is no cost to attend.

## UPCOMING SESSIONS

### SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Suicide Prevention Month and how gun violence impacts suicide

### OCTOBER 19, 2023

Climate Change and how it impacts communities of color and the underserved

### NOVEMBER

In lieu of Lunch & Learn, we are doing the Capital Tour (see next page)

### DECEMBER 21, 2023

Fairness in Policing

## 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, go to [bit.ly/NCJWSTL5Ways](https://bit.ly/NCJWSTL5Ways).



# REMINDER: NOVEMBER 7, 2023 IS ELECTION DAY

The last day to register to vote is October 11th. Please make sure YOUR voter registration information is up to date by going to: [voteroutreach.sos.mo.gov/portal/](https://voteroutreach.sos.mo.gov/portal/)



## SAVE THE DATE! NCJWSTL TRIP TO THE MISSOURI CAPITOL IN JEFFERSON CITY

When: Thursday, November 16, 2023

Program Chairs: Susie Kinsella and Darcy Scharff

If you've never visited Missouri's State Capitol when the politicians aren't there, this is your chance. Experience the magnificent beauty of the building itself, the public art displayed within and a faithful reflection of the themes, events, and people of Missouri.

Also, did you know that there is an active synagogue in Jefferson City? We'll also be visiting nearby Temple Beth El, the oldest synagogue west of the Mississippi in continuous use and learning a bit about its history. We will travel together by bus and lunch/snacks will be provided. Friends are welcome to join. More information, such as the cost of the event and specific times, will be forthcoming.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

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## NCJWSTL ESTABLISHES REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM WITH LOCAL CLINICS IN OUR REGION



We are excited to announce our partnership with local clinics to support patients accessing reproductive health care in our region.

Chaired by Darien Arnstein, Farilyn Hale and Anna Shabsin, this project supports patients with the non-medical items they need while accessing care. These items include clothing: t-shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants; socks; period products, diapers, non-perishable food items, gas cards for transportation, care kits assembled by our volunteers and other things that the clinics tell us their patients need. Additionally, if you are a knitter, we have tons of donated yarn that you can use to make blankets and scarves that we give to patients as well.

Just stop by the office to pick out your yarn and bring the finished product back when you are done. You can also support this effort by making tributes and donations to our Women's Emergency Services Fund. These funds are used to directly purchase the items that our volunteer team, chaired by Lisa Oxenhandler, delivers on a regular basis. During the start of the project, we even furnished a children's room with a changing table and other items for those moms needing assistance.

If you have any questions about this project, please reach out to Renee Sigel-Hearst at the NCJWSTL office. To donate please go to [bit.ly/NCJWSTLtributes](https://bit.ly/NCJWSTLtributes) and use the click down to find "Women's Emergency Services Fund" or scan the QR code above.



# **NCJW** **BACK TO SCHOOL! STORE**



**ON AUGUST 6, 2023, NCJWSTL HELD ITS ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL! STORE (BTSS) AT CONGREGATION TEMPLE ISRAEL.**

**Beyond the traditional backpack and school supplies, the in-person store supplied brand new:**

- Socks (donated by Bombas)
- Combs and Brushes
- Dental Kits (donated by Delta Dental)
- Period Pad Kits (donated by the St. Louis Alliance for Period Supplies)
- Reusable Period Pads (Donated by Dignity Period)
- Books (Anonymous Donor)
- Winter Coat
- Hat & Glove Set
- Underwear
- Athletic Shoes
- NCJWSTL Family Resource Guide (Underwritten by Royal Banks of Missouri)



This was our first ever hybrid model: in the morning, 80 volunteer drivers delivered over 1,400 backpacks filled with school supplies, coats, hats/gloves, books, and other essential items to 47 agency partners throughout St. Louis. In the afternoon, after a three-year hiatus, we were once again in-person, serving another 650 kids from 17 agency partners with over 300 volunteers. An additional 130+ volunteers helped to set-up and breakdown the week prior and after the event.

Thank you to everyone who helped support and implement the 2023 Back to School! Store. Many thanks to individual donors, sponsors, corporations, foundations, and grantors- all listed in the following pages. This important program wouldn't exist without your support!

Special thanks to our BTSS Co-Chairs Alissa Arst, Chris Bomze, Alison Fox, Judy Grosz, and Sarah Beth Matt, VP of Community Impact, Amanda Stein, and our staff partner Renée Sigel-Hearst, Director of Community Impact.





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## NCJWSTL's Kids Community Closet (KCC) program had a very successful 2022-2023 school year.

KCC provided students through our 29 closets (serving 33 schools) with thousands of uniform pants and shirts, coats, hat and glove sets, underwear, socks (donated by Bombas), Dental Kits (donated by Delta Dental), and Period Kits (donated by the St. Louis Alliance for Period Supplies and Dignity Period). NCJWSTL was awarded "The Volunteer Award" in recognition of valuable contributions to the students and staff of St. Louis Public Schools in June at a Volunteer appreciation dinner and award ceremony. We thank all our KCC Liaisons who help to make sure our closets are fully stocked throughout the school year. Many thanks to our funders and donors that make this program possible! Thank you to Michelle Brooks for her years of support as a KCC Co-Chair and we welcome Julie Hundman to take her place as she joins Diane Packman as Co-Chair.



(Pictured Left to Right) Julie Hundman, Kids Community Closet Co-Chair; Renée Sigel-Hearst; Alana Parks, Director of Family & Community Engagement



Project Renewal had its second in-person event since the end of the pandemic. Twelve women from three different partner agencies came to the NCJWSTL office to enjoy a day of learning and shopping, and of course lunch!

The day started off with an interactive financial budgeting workshop presented by Tamika Staten of Carrollton Bank. Our guests were then taken over to The Resale Shop, where they purchased with vouchers items of their choice: clothes, books, shoes, household items, etc. The day concluded with a women's safety session presented by Cambra Pogue-Tucker of the Creve Coeur Police Department.

Special thanks to our NCJWSTL volunteers, who paired up with our guests to make them comfortable and feel special for the day, as well as our Co-Chairs, Amy Gallant and Joyce Kolker, for always making sure this is a meaningful event. Each of our guests left with a swag bag filled with personal care items, chocolate, and Color Street press-on nails. Our next Project Renewal event will be in November.



(Pictured Top Right) Tamika Staten, Carrollton Bank and Cambra Pogue-Tucker, Creve Coeur Police Department

(Pictured Bottom Right) Volunteer Stacy Herbert with one of our guests



Healing Hearts Bank (HHB) Fiscal Year Recap: HHB Provided 49 microloans totaling \$29,600, helping women and families further their financial independence. We continued to partner with new agencies throughout the year. The program grew by 10% in 2022-2023 and HHB has crossed the \$100,000 threshold in loans since the program began in 2011! This could not be possible without our agency partners, volunteer bankers, generous donors and sponsors, Co-Chairs, Arlene Baer and Patti Teper, Chair for New Banks, Marilyn Ratkin and Team Leaders, Arlene Baer, Nina Needleman, Patti Teper and Marilyn Ratkin.



The Jean Stein Bloch Wife Widow Woman program helps women create strong bonds with others after losing their life partners. Groups continue to meet on a regular basis, with new groups forming every few months. In a continued effort to expand this program, we are looking to explore a men's grief support group. We'd like to thank Linda Sher, our volunteer program coordinator, for her hard work and dedication to the program. If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please contact Renée Sigel-Hearst by email at [rsigel-hearst@ncjwstl.org](mailto:rsigel-hearst@ncjwstl.org) or by phone at 314.993.5181.



# 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 have a special guest!

Previous guests have included Emmy-winning music journalist Alan Light and the founders and co-owners of Lefty's Bagels, Doug Goldenberg and Scott Lefton.

Coffee Talk takes place on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM CT. Please register by visiting [ncjwstl.org](http://ncjwstl.org) or calling the office at 314.993.5181. Once you are registered, you will receive the Zoom link necessary to attend Coffee Talk with SnL.



NCJWSTL presents

## Coffee Talk with SnL

### UPCOMING TALKS

- September 19, 2023
- October 24, 2023
- November 21, 2023
- January 23, 2024

## RENEW YOUR NCJWSTL MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Make sure you're up-to-date with dues so you don't miss any of the action! With regular events and opportunities to meet, and multiple community impact and advocacy programs and projects, there's always a way to connect with others and make an impact with NCJWSTL.

Whether you're getting involved with community impact programs like the Back to School! Store, events like Coffee Talk or Celebrating Women, or having in-district meetings with decision makers - you know you're making a difference in the lives of women, children, and families in St. Louis. It all begins with an NCJWSTL membership!

To join or renew, use our simple online form at [bit.ly/joinNCJWSTL](http://bit.ly/joinNCJWSTL) or contact Alec Rothman by email at [arothman@ncjwstl.org](mailto:arothman@ncjwstl.org) or by phone at 314.993.5181.

### WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS\*

Sharon Blaine, Susan Cohen, Sarah Falkoff, Holiday Goldfarb, Jennifer Horn, Michele Marcus, Julia Mendelow, Ellie Samson, Paula Sigel, Nadine Sokol Rinehart, Helene Victor, Lucie Watel

### WE WELCOME THESE NEW LIFE MEMBERS\*

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\*as of 1/31/23



# REMEMBERING JOYCE MARGULIS

On May 30, National Council of Jewish Women St Louis (NCJWSTL) and St. Louis lost a friend with the passing of Joyce Margulis. Joyce was our president from 1999-2001. During her tenure much was accomplished, but Joyce was also instrumental in many initiatives long before 1999.



A graduate of University City schools and Washington University, Joyce spent her career as an elementary school teacher, specializing in gifted education. After taking time to raise her four sons, she became engaged with NCJWSTL as the founder, in partnership with Karen Levy, of a new project they named Advocate Services for Abused Women (ASAW). This was in 1985.

Past-president Sally Katzif, who was very involved in the program as a volunteer, said *"when the program began, it was completely volunteer based. The goal was to connect with abused women (usually by phone) to give them information about obtaining an order of Protection (OP) and to give them referrals for shelters, emergency services, food banks, etc. NCJWSTL provided the volunteers."* The project grew as the legal community became aware of its value and soon the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri offered office space and legal services to assist the women.

In 1995, ASAW was renamed Legal Advocates for Abused Women (LAAW). Sally says the new name was less cumbersome and more descriptive of the services NCJWSTL women were providing. NCJWSTL spun the program off, as we often did, to become an independent, non-profit domestic violence organization dedicated to helping victims of abuse in times of crisis. Today, LAAW is an arm of St. Louis City and County crime services, has a board (Sally was the first president) and staff, a domestic violence response team, free legal representation for women obtaining OPs, and community outreach materials available in six languages. In 2009, for example, LAAW advocates responded 9,000 times to 6,907 victims of abuse with 6,752 children.

I had the pleasure of serving on the executive committee under Joyce's NCJWSTL presidency. This was an active period for the organization. Our offices were at Crown Center with several part-time staff. The decision was made to have our first executive director and Joyce hired Jan Baron to serve full-time.

## During Joyce's presidency, the following projects/programs were introduced:

- Council Corps offered short-term volunteer opportunities.
- Operation School Bell held drives for various items needed for students at local schools.
- Kits for Kids volunteers collected, wrapped, and delivered items to children at shelters.
- A Teen Dating Violence Information and Resource Guide (chaired by Sally Katzif and Nanci Bobrow) was produced and made available, along with a speaker's bureau.
- The Working Advantage Program (similar to Project Renewal) assisted women coming off welfare with a day at the Resale Shop shopping and gaining skills in job search, finances, and professional styling.
- Back to School! Store was brought to St. Louis and started in the summer of 2000.

According to Nanci Bobrow, a past president, Joyce *"had a wonderful sense of humor and governed with a sense of compassionate justice. Her style during her presidency was one of quiet strength."*

I can remember numerous situations where Joyce was confronted with some tough decision making. I watched her always weigh the options before making any decisions, involve others in her thinking, and then follow the decision with the most integrity. One example was moving Board meetings from daytime to 5:30 PM, so that younger women could be engaged. Another, after a field trip to the Scholar Shop, was changing how donations were processed at the Resale Shop.

Those who have been around awhile will note the root of some current programs in the projects initiated under Joyce's leadership. After the end of her presidency, Joyce became involved with the Missouri Historical Society and was on the Metropolitan Zoo Museum District Board. She was the recipient of Jewish Federation's Grosberg Young Leadership Award and the United Way Leadership Award during her many years of service to the community. A special honor to her was receiving the NCJWSTL Hannah G. Solomon Award in 1998.

I admired Joyce a great deal and learned so much. I know I am not alone in those thoughts. She will be missed.



Susan Katzman  
NCJWSTL Past President





# CELEBRATING WOMEN

In 2023, we combined Celebrating Women and our Hannah G. Solomon Award presentation with our section award honoree event. These individuals join a distinguished list of past honorees who exemplify the values of NCJWSTL through their community service, advocacy work, leadership, and volunteer efforts.

Our Honorees: Michelle Brooks, Leadership; Jennifer Deutsch, Volunteer Service; Dianna Fine and Wendy Flusser, Fritzzi Lainoff Advocacy Award; Alison Fox, Emerging Leader; Sarah Beth Matt, Community Impact; Jake Hummel, Community Partnership. Our Hannah G. Solomon Award recipient, Sheila Greenbaum, continuously shows her passion for advocating on what she believes in and stands for NCJWSTL's highest values. Sheila works to improve the lives of others and create change in the community. We are happy to have her as our 2023 Hannah G. Solomon Award recipient!



(Pictured Left to Right) Sheila Greenbaum, Hannah G. Solomon Award recipient; Linda Dahl, Fritzzi Lainoff Advocacy Award presenter, Dianna Fine, Fritzzi Lainoff Advocacy Award recipient; Wendy Flusser, Fritzzi Lainoff Advocacy Award recipient; Michelle Brooks, Leadership Award recipient, Phyllis Langsdorf, President-Elect

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## LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

### Keep NCJWSTL Thriving

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If you've already made a planned gift, be sure to let us know so we can add your name to our Legacy Circle. For more information, contact Brooke Noecker, Development Manager, at 314.993.5181 or by email at [bnoecker@ncjwstl.org](mailto:bnoecker@ncjwstl.org).



## 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:

Darien and Stephen Arnstein, Lise and Lee Bernstein, Drs. Nanci and James Bobrow, Michelle and Gary Brooks, Gail and Charles Eisenkramer, Terry Duffy, Jane Goldberg\*, Lisa and Mark Gubernik, Amy Kuo and Zach Hammerman, Marlene and Harley Hammerman, Terry\* and Harvey\* Hieken, David N. and Maureen M. Jordan, Betty Kagan, Karen Kalish, Toby\* and Irvin\* Katz, Susan Katzman, Lucy and David J. Levy, Sue Matlof, Sidney Martin\*, Sophie Martin\*, Wilma Messing\*, Nina Needleman, Sherri and Steve Newstead, Marilyn and Gary Ratkin, Carolyn and Larry Satz, Emilie Schaffer, Elizabeth Guthrie and Bruce Shapiro, Nancy Siteman, Ruth and Alvin Siteman, Lucie Watel, Rochelle Weiss, Susan and Alan Witte (\*of blessed memory)



# ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

NCJWSTL's 2023-2024 Annual Campaign starts now! Support our transformative work by donating today. Join us in "tikkun olam" – repairing the world – through programs and projects that create positive change for women, children, and families.

To donate please go to [bit.ly/NCJWSTL23](https://bit.ly/NCJWSTL23) or scan the QR code or call the office at 314.993.5181.  
**Your contribution matters – thank you!**



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A heartfelt thank you to our incredible sponsors for making Grape Escape an unforgettable evening of wine, food, and festivities. Your invaluable support enables NCJWSTL to continue our impactful work in the community improving the lives of women, children, and families. Cheers to your generosity!

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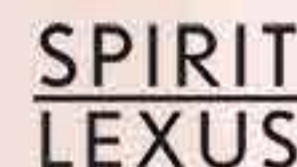
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\*as of 7/28/23





# COUTURIER

— NCJWSTL'S PREMIER DESIGNER EVENT SINCE 1964 —

## OCTOBER

### 18-21

Join us for the 59<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Couturier

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

### OCTOBER 18 | VIP EVENT

VIP Preview | 1-4pm  
\$75 | Tickets available online beginning  
September 19 at 10am. Limited Capacity.

Preview Night | 4-8pm  
\$10 | Tickets available at the door

### OCTOBER 19-20 | COUTURIER

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> | 10am-6pm

### OCTOBER 21 | FINAL DAY

25% Off\* Storewide | 10am-5pm

Thank you to our 2023 Couturier Committee Co-chairs: Amy Gallant, Hillary Friedman, Susan Katzman, Carolyn Satz, Karen Silverman

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Auctions & Appraisals



Anna Shaver, Hindman, Senior Director,  
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The Resale Shop may be known for selling the best of the best when it comes to everyday style brands and home décor, but did you know we sell luxury items as well? Even beyond our signature Couturier event, we sell multiple items a year through Hindman Auctions. Thanks to our decade-long relationship with Anna Shaver and her team, NCJWSTL raises thousands of dollars a year by auctioning donated items. Hindman's St. Louis office provides full auction and estate services and is served by specialists in multiple departments including Fine Art, Jewelry, Furniture, Decorative Arts, Couture Accessories, Collectibles, and more. Hindman accepts consignments for over 100 auctions each year reaching a global audience of buyers and collectors.

Interested in donating high-end items? Call or email Jessica Duneman, Director of Retail Operations, at 314.993.5181 or [jduneman@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jduneman@ncjwstl.org), to talk about how consigning your items with NCJWSTL through Hindman could help us raise the much-needed funds to continue our work in the community.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 Labor Day Sale @ The Resale Shop
- 4 Labor Day | NCJWSTL Office and The Resale Shop Closed
- 7 Grape Escape: The Ultimate Wine and Food Tasting
- 11 NCJWSTL Executive Team meeting
- 15 Erev Rosh Hashanah | NCJSTL Office Closes @ 1PM; The Resale Shop closes at 4 PM
- 16 Rosh Hashanah | NCJWSTL Office and The Resale Shop Closed
- 16-17 Rosh Hashanah | NCJWSTL Office and The Resale Shop Closed
- 19 NCJWSTL Board of Directors meeting
- 19 Couturier VIP Preview Tickets Go on Sale
- 19 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 21 Advocacy in Action Lunch and Learn
- 25 Yom Kippur | NCJWSTL Office and The Resale Shop Closed

## OCTOBER

- 3 New Member Event: Heart to Hearth
- 9 NCJWSTL Executive Team meeting
- 9-16 The Resale Shop | Clear the Rack Sale
- 17 Couturier Set Up | The Resale Shop Closed
- 18 Couturier VIP Preview Event @ The Resale Shop
- 19 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn
- 19-21 59th Annual Couturier Sale @ The Resale Shop
- 23 NCJWSTL Board of Directors meeting
- 24 Coffee Talk with SnL

## NOVEMBER

- 5 Holocaust Museum Tour: Part II
- 7 Election Day
- 9 Leadership Training Program
- 11 Veteran's Day Sale @ The Resale Shop
- 13 NCJWSTL Executive Team meeting
- 16 Advocacy in Action Jefferson City Tour (in lieu of Lunch & Learn)
- 21 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 23 Thanksgiving | NCJWSTL and The Resale Shop Closed
- 24 NCJWSTL Office Closed
- 24 Black Friday Sale @ The Resale Shop
- 25 Small Business Saturday Sale @ The Resale Shop
- 27 NCJWSTL Board of Directors meeting



# TRIBUTES MARCH 21, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2023

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 publication will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin. You can set up a pre-paid, in house tribute account and know that you only need to call the office to make your tribute! For more information on making a tribute, visit [ncjwstl.org/donate/tributes](http://ncjwstl.org/donate/tributes) or call Miriam Schwab at 314.993.5181.

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(HHB)

Healing Hearts Fund

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(WMF)

Wilma Messing Fund

(OACAP)

Older Adult Community Action  
Program Committee

### PRESIDENT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

(ATK)

Harry Fredrick and Ann Trepp  
Koenigsberg Fund

## IN HONOR THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

### Alice Abrams | Big Birthday

Laurie Abrams-Hall (BTSS/KCC) ■

### Ellen Alper | Grandbaby news!

Jill Gubin (SP)

### Darien Arnstein | Appointment to NCJW

#### National Board

Marilen Pitler (AACT)

Ellen and Steve Alper (SP) ●

Jen, Scott and Ari Bernstein (WES) ●

Jean and Stanley Estrin (SP) ●

Wendy Flusser (SP) ●

Sally Katzif (SLL) ●

NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●

Marilyn Ratkin (SP) ●

Lynn Harris (AACT) □

Nancy Litz (AACT) □

Barbara and Michael Newmark (SP) □

Susan and Alan Witte (AACT) ■

### Jon Baris | Birthday

Sheryl and Larry Zigler (BTSS/KCC) ■

### Lynda Baris | Happy Mother's Day

Shirlene Baris (BTSS/KCC)

### Melissa Baris | Happy Mother's Day

Shirlene Baris (BTSS/STL)

Sheryl and Larry Zigler (BTSS/KCC) ■

### Jen Bernstein | Receiving the JPro Pillar Award

Betsy Mehlman (AACT) ●

Sherri and Rick Goldman (AACT) □

Susie Knopf (ACCT) □

Emilie Schaffer (AACT) □

### Rick Bernstein | 75th Birthday

Sally and Ken Katzif (BTSS/KCC) ●

### Nanci Bobrow | Speedy Recovery

Alice and Alan Ludmer (AACT)

Fran Zamler (BTSS/KCC) ●

### Michelle Brooks | NCJW Leadership Award

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SLL)

Betsy Mehlman (SP)

Karen Silverman (WES)

Amanda Stein (BTSS/KCC)

Marlene Hammerman (SP) ●

Stephanie Kurtzman and David Levy (SP) ●

Susan Witte (SP) ●

Sherri and Rick Goldman (SLL) □

Nancy Litz (AACT) □

Emilie Schaffer (HHB) □

### Debbie and David Caplin | Birth of

#### New Grandson

Marlene and Harley Hammerman (WES) □

### Nancy Charleston | Special Birthday

Steve and Sherri Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

### Maxine Clark | Receiving an Honorary

#### Doctor of Laws Degree from Washington

#### University Class of 2023

Ellen Alper (SP) ●

NCJWSTL (SP) ●

### Betsy Cohen | 10 Year Anniversary of

#### Mosaic Project

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SP)

NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●

### Jennifer Deutsch | NCJW Volunteer

#### Service Award

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (WES)

Betsy Mehlman (SP)

Karen Silverman (WES)

Amanda Stein (BTSS/KCC)

Lisa Deutsch (BTSS/KCC) ●

Roberta Deutsch (BTSS/KCC) ●

Marlene Hammerman (SP) ●

Susan Witte (SP) ●

Fran Zamler (BTSS/KCC) ●

Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Nancy Litz (AACT) □

Laurie Schweizer (AACT) □

Congregation Temple Israel (SP) ■

### Eugene and Karen Ellis | Bat mitzvah of granddaughter, Brynn Forlizzi

Steve and Sherri Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

### Dr. and Mrs. Mark Feldman | Birth of new grandson, Noah Lev

Steve and Sherri Newstead (BTSS/KCC) ●

Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC)

Gary Meltz and Kathy McDaniel (BTSS/KCC) □

### Dianna Fine | NCJW Fritz Lainoff

#### Advocacy Award

Darien and Stephen Arnstein (WES)

Betsy Mehlman (SP)

Alice and Alan Ludmer (AACT)

Karen Silverman (WES)

Amanda Stein (AACT)



# IN HONOR THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Roberta Deutsch (AACT) ●  
 Jean and Stanley Estrin (AACT) ●  
 Marlene Hammerman (SP) ●  
 Susan Witte (SP) ●  
 Barbara Barnholtz (HHB) □  
 Deborah Gilula (WES) □  
 Sherri and Rick Goldman (AACT) □  
 Phyllis and Matthew Librach (AACT) □  
 Nancy Litz (AACT) □  
 Emilie Schaffer (AACT) □  
 Gloria Spitzer (SP) □  
 Eric and Shari Cohen (SP) ■  
 Andi Schankman (AACT) ■  
**Dianna Fine | Retiring from NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Wendy Flusser | NCJW Fritz Lainoff Advocacy Award**  
 Darien and Stephen Arnstein (WES)  
 Betsy Mehlman (SP)  
 Amanda Stein (AACT)  
 Marlene Hammerman (SP) ●  
 Susan Witte (SP) ●  
 Sherri and Rick Goldman (AACT) □  
 Nancy Litz (AACT) □  
**Wendy Flusser | New Member of the NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Melissa Forrester | Retiring from the NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Alison Fox | NCJW Emerging Leader Award**  
 Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SLL)  
 Betsy Mehlman (SP)  
 Karen Silverman (WES)  
 Marlene Hammerman (SP) ●  
 Susan Witte (SP) ●  
 Nancy Litz (AACT) □  
 Barbara Sandmel (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Emilie Schaffer (WES) □  
**Cindy Frank | Daughter's Wedding**  
 Ellen Alper (SP) ●  
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●  
 Phyllis Langsdorf (BTSS/KCC) ●  
**Diane Friedman | New Member of NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □

**Amy Gallant | Birthday**  
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●  
**Amy Gallant | New Member of NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Judith Garfinkel Woman of Achievement Award**  
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●  
**Sherri Goldman | Birthday**  
 Ellen and Steve Alper (SP) ●  
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●  
 Rick Goldman (WES) ■  
**Sherri and Rick Goldman | Ryland's Graduation**  
 Sally and Ken Katzif (BTSS/KCC) ●  
 Marlene and Harley Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Sharee and Mark Feldman (BTSS/KCC) □  
**Sherri and Rick Goldman | 50th Anniversary**  
 Sherri and Mark Feldman (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Neal and Susan Kalishman (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Sally and Ken Katzif (BTSS/KCC) □  
**Rabbi Andrea Goldstein | Receiving two degrees from Hebrew Union College and celebrating 25 years in the rabbinate**  
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●  
**Nicole Gorovsky | Facilitating a Lunch and Learn**  
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●  
**Sheila Greenbaum | HGS Award**  
 Gloria Cotlar (SP)  
 Alice and Alan Ludmer (AACT)  
 Charles and Gail Eisenkramer (SP) ●  
 Linda Kraus (WWW) ●  
 Ilene Ordower (SP) ●  
 Brenda Pereles (SP) ●  
 Janine and Mark Sobel (WES) ●  
 Jennifer Swanson (SP) ●  
 Marlene Hammerman (SP) □  
 Renee Winter and Paul Roth (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Phyllis Cherrick (SP) ■  
 Laura Cohen (SP) ■  
 Sara Epstein (AACT) ■  
 Judy Goodman (SP) ■  
 Marylen Mann (CC) ■  
 Julia and Larry Mendelow (SP) ■  
 Galia Movitz (BTSS/KCC) ■  
 Barbara and Michael Newmark (SP) ■  
 Ruth Siteman (SLL) ■

June Wolff (SP) ■  
**Mindy Grossmann | New VP**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Mindy Grossmann | Facilitating the 2023 Leadership Class**  
 Leadership Class 2023 (SP) □  
**Judy Grosz | Happy Mother's Day**  
 Shirlene Baris (BTSS/KCC)  
**Farilyn Hale | Speedy Recovery**  
 Jill Gubin (AACT)  
**Hillary Hinz | Retiring from the NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Jake Hummel | NCJW Community Partnership Award**  
 Darien and Stephen Arnstein (SP)  
 Amanda Stein (BTSS/KCC)  
 Susan Witte (SP) ●  
 Nancy Litz (AACT) □  
 Sheet Metal Workers International Assoc.  
 Local Union #6 (BTSS/KCC) ■  
**Joel Iskiwitch | JCRC Presidency**  
 Barbara Barnholtz (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Susan Katzman (SLL) □  
**Sally and Ken Katzif | Birth of Grandson, August Arthur Pfister**  
 Linda and Ed Dahl (WES) ●  
 Terry and Rick Bernstein (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Marlene and Harley Hammerman (WES) □  
**Sally and Ken Katzif | 50th Wedding Anniversary**  
 Steve and Sherri Newstead (BTSS/KCC)  
 Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Marlene and Harley Hammerman (WES) □  
 Susan Meltz (BTSS/KCC) □  
**Susan Katzman | Retiring from NCJW Board**  
 Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
 Susan Witte (SP) □  
**Sarah Kirschner | New Member of NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Phyllis Langsdorf | President-elect**  
 Kenneth Langsdorf (SP) ●  
 Marilyn Ratkin (HHB) ●



# IN HONOR THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Susan Witte (SP) □  
**Sue Lapp | Birthday**  
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●  
**Sue Lapp | Facilitating the 2023 Leadership Class**  
 Leadership Class 2023 (SP) □  
**Sue Lapp | Retiring from the NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Sarah Martin**  
 Building and Construction Trades Council (BTSS/KCC) ■  
**Debbie Matson | Retiring from NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Sarah Beth Matt | NCJW Community Impact Award**  
 Darien and Stephen Arnstein (BTSS/KCC)  
 Betsy Mehlman (SP)  
 Amanda Stein (BTSS/KCC)  
 Marlene Hammerman (SP) ●  
 Jackie and Marty Lipsitz (BTSS/KCC) ●  
 Susan Witte (SP) ●  
 Nancy Litz (AACT) □  
**Barbara and Paul Melnik | 50th Anniversary**  
 Donna and David Segal (BTSS/KCC) ●  
**Gary Meltz and Kathy McDaniel | Wedding**  
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●  
 Steve and Bonnie Rosen (AACT) ●  
 Darien and Steve Arnstein (SP) □  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
 Marlene and Harley Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) ■  
 Adam and Katie Hammerman, Zach and Amy Kuo Hammerman, Abby and Jim Owen (BTSS/KCC) ■  
**NCJW | Installation Tribute**  
 Reva Davis (SP)  
 Amy Gallant (SP) ●  
 Mindy Grossmann (SP) ●  
 Lisa Gubernik (SP) ●  
 Joyce Kolker (SP) ●  
 Amy Stone (SP) ●  
 Karen Tabak (SP) ●  
 Carla Feuer (SP) □  
 Jessica Brown-Billhymer (SP) ■

**Laura Newman | New Member of NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Sherri and Steve Newstead | 50th Wedding Anniversary**  
 Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Susan Meltz (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Bert and Laurie Schweizer (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Marlene and Harley Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) ■  
 Sally and Ken Katzif (BTSS/KCC) ■  
**Thelma Peskind | 90th Birthday**  
 Ron and Barbie Barenholtz Present (BTSS/KCC) □  
**Marilen Pitler | New VP of Advocacy**  
 Linda Dahl (AACT) ●  
 Linda Kusmer (SP) ●  
 Marilyn Ratkin (HHB) ●  
 Carla Rosen (AACT) ●  
 Sherri and Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
 Susan Witte (SP) □  
**Marissa and Howard Rosen | Josh's graduation**  
 Ellen and Steve Alper (SP) ●  
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●  
**Susan Roth**  
 Sal Valadez (SP) ■  
**Alec Rothman | Facilitating the 2023 Leadership Class**  
 Leadership Class 2023 (SP) □  
**Jane Tzinberg Rubin | Retiring from NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Lisa Einbender Samis | Special Birthday**  
 Ann and Ron Einbender (AACT) ■  
**Jennifer Scissors | Retiring from NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Donna Segal | Speedy Recovery**  
 Bob and Debi Feit (BTSS/KCC) ●  
 Carolyn and Larry Satz (SP) ●  
**Sheri Sherman | Induction into the UCity High School Hall of Fame**  
 NCJW Board and Staff (SP) ●  
**Margie Siegel | Happy Birthday**  
 Fairlyn Hale (BTSS/KCC) □  
**Renee Sigel-Hearst | Facilitating the 2023 Leadership Class**  
 2023 Leadership Class (SP) □

**Karen Silverman | Retirement**  
 Julie Oglander (BTSS/KCC) ●  
**Karen Silverman | Retiring from NCJW Board**  
 Nancy Litz (SP) □  
**Karen Silverman | Facilitating the 2023 Leadership Class**  
 Leadership Class 2023 (SP) □  
**Bonnie Solomon | Birthday**  
 Maxine Friedman (CC) ●  
 Judi Kramer (CC) □  
 Doris Alpert (WES) ■  
 Judy Schenberg (JB-WWW) ■  
**Donna Spiegel | Happy Mother's Day**  
 Shirlene Baris (BTSS/KCC)  
**Hannah Stolz | Graduation from Missouri State**  
 Merle Singer (BTSS/KCC)  
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