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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JANUARY 2023

Stepping from the glow of Hanukkah candles into the promises and challenges of 2023, we remind ourselves that one exciting gift from NCJW involvement is the gift of personal growth.

That gift doesn't come in glittery silver paper with a big blue bow – maybe more like a crumpled paper bag – not very enticing to open. But beautiful rewards come from doing what first seemed beyond our capacity:

- On my first lobbying trip, I literally hid in the bathroom stall to avoid talking to legislators. Now I regularly testify about my pre-Roe abortion because NCJW guided me through the learning process.
- Committee member "M" announced at her first Development Committee meeting that she would help in any way except asking for money. Soon she was glowing with pride after signing up her first sponsor.
- Member "S" insisted she could never speak in public, and next thing you know, she was leading education events with confidence.

Opportunities for that same leap of confidence await YOU. Antisemitism and attacks on other minorities, rollbacks of reproductive rights, barriers to voting, lack of sensible gun regulations – the threats to the women and children we support are greater than ever.

How can we respond?

- Encourage and support each other to take the next steps along the activism path.
- Soak up the joy of putting our Jewish and universal values to work to literally change the world.
- Remember that the Divine – however you understand it – expects more of us than to stay huddled in our safe, privileged bubbles. When you push up against that comfort zone, stop and remember that – whatever the specifics of your faith tradition and practice – WE ARE DOING SACRED WORK TOGETHER.

NCJW is the perfect manifestation of my favorite reading from the Mishkan Tefillah:

*Standing on the parted shores of history, we still believe what we were taught before ever we stood at Sinai's foot. That wherever we go it is eternally Egypt. That there is a better place – a promised land. That the winding way to that promise passes through the wilderness. That there is no way to get from here to there except by joining hands and marching together.*

In loving solidarity,

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## TAKE ACTION FOR ABORTION ACCESS!

# REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM IS A JEWISH VALUE.



#JEWSFORABORTIONACCESS  
National Council of Jewish Women

### Become a Legal Clinic Observer

Are you interested in helping to protect abortion rights in a meaningful and safe way? Then the Legal Clinic Observer program might be just the thing for you.

### What is the Legal Clinic Observer Program?

A program sponsored by our coalition partner Pro Choice Missouri, Legal Clinic Observers (LCOs) are vetted and trusted volunteers who maintain a neutral position outside of a clinic and observe/record the actions of anti-choice protestors. LCOs can do this from the comfort of their own cars.

### Why are LCOs so important?

As anti-abortion protestors and politicians become more brazen in their attacks on abortion clinics, trusted volunteers are needed to provide factual, unbiased accounts of protestor actions. LCOs provide clinics with the security of knowing that, while their staff are providing lifesaving care inside the clinic, they have reliable volunteers outside who are keeping watch over protestors. LCOs must be 18 years or older, attend a mandatory virtual training, and sign all necessary waivers before volunteering. Each LCO is expected to fulfill at least one shift per month. A background in law is an asset, but not a requirement.

For more information and to volunteer, please contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org).



## ADVOCACY IN ACTION

ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

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

### FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Tackling Conspiracy Theories and Disinformation

### MARCH 16, 2023

Courts Matter

### APRIL 20, 2023

Mental Health and the Political Climate

### MAY 18, 2023

Legislative Wrap-Up

### JUNE 15, 2023

LGBTQ+ Rights

### JULY 20, 2023

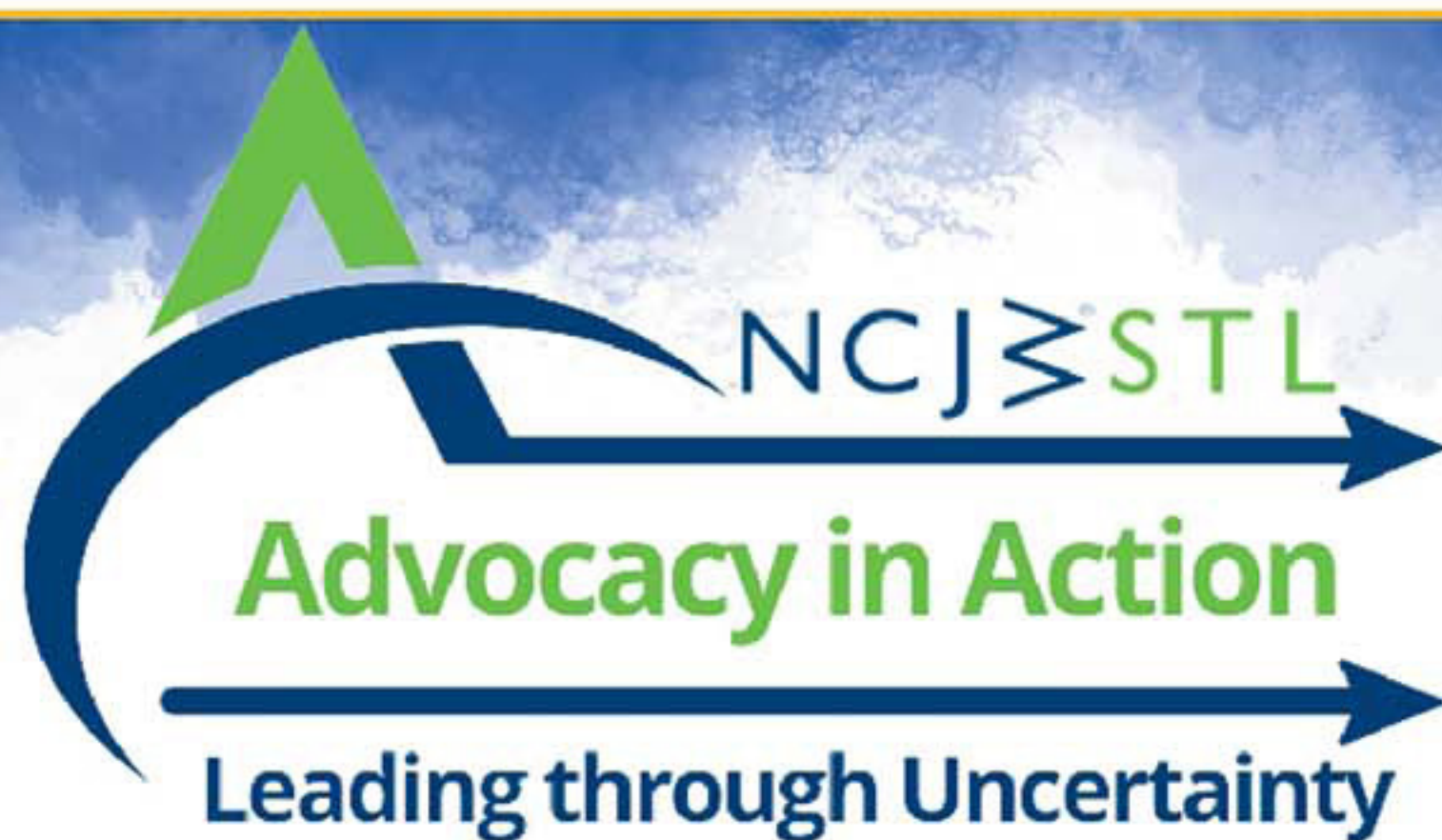
Domestic Violence Court Observer Program

## 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).





March 3 - 5, 2023

A conference around doing non-partisan  
advocacy in a partisan world.

Sheraton Westport Plaza  
St. Louis, MO

- Date:** Friday, March 3 - Sunday, March 5, 2023
- Location:** Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel  
900 Westport Plaza Drive | St. Louis, MO 63146
- Transportation:** Lambert airport is 10 minutes from the hotel. Complimentary airport transportation and parking provided by the hotel
- Registration:** \$595 for double room | \$750 for single room  
\$395 for full conference with no hotel accommodations  
Single meal and day registrations also available

*Pricing is all-inclusive and includes all meals, snacks, and a double or single hotel room, beginning with Friday's dinner and running through Sunday's lunch. Conference begins at 5 PM on Friday and concludes at 2 PM on Sunday.*

**We are excited to announce our keynote speakers:**

- Friday night: Sheila Katz, CEO of NCJW National
- Saturday lunch: Marie Griffith, Danforth Center for Religion and Politics
- Sunday lunch: Cynthia Changyit Levin, author of *From Changing Diapers to Changing the World: Why Moms Make Great Advocates*

**Interspersed will be workshops and networking opportunities to meet fellow advocates from around the country!**

**Register Now!**



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# 2023 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

For the 2023 Legislative session NCJWSTL will focus on the following areas:

## HEALTH OF WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES

Birth Control  
Maternal/Fetal Health  
Abortion  
Menstrual Access  
Gun Violence  
Domestic Violence  
LGBTQ+ Rights  
Human Trafficking

## EDUCATION

School Funding  
Bathroom Accessibility  
Sports Equity  
Accurate and Age-Appropriate  
Information in Schools

## DEMOCRACY

Voting Rights  
Initiative Petition Process  
Separation Religion/State

## ANTI-HATE

Antisemitism  
Anti-Racism



## STATE ABORTION BANS

### NCJWSTL Supports Lawsuit Challenging State Abortion Bans

NCJWSTL is proud to support a lawsuit filed on January 19 by Missouri clergy from six faith traditions, challenging the state's abortion bans and related restrictions as unconstitutionally imposing one narrow religious doctrine on all Missouri residents and thus violating the separation of church and state as laid out by the Missouri and federal constitutions. Along with Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, the National Women's Law Center, and law firm Arnold & Porter, NCJWSTL backs these thirteen faith leaders, whose religious beliefs call them to support abortion access because of the critical importance it holds for the health, autonomy, economic security, and equality of women and all who can become pregnant. While NCJWSTL is not a plaintiff, we are part of the coalition that brought the suit to Missouri in keeping with our core value of the importance of church-state separation.

As seen on the bulletin cover, several members of NCJWSTL's leadership joined local Jewish community leaders at the press conference held for the lawsuit's filing.

## LEADERSHIP

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The 2023 NCJWSTL Leadership Class series is underway! Starting February 8 and running biweekly on Wednesdays, these 8 sessions will help current and future leaders enhance their skills and learn the best ways to navigate through situations that may arise within leadership roles. Topics covered in the series include: The Power of Why, Cultural Intelligence, Being an Effective Leader, and Courageous Conversations.

### WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE MEMBERS OF THE 2023 LEADERSHIP CLASS

Barbara Barnholtz, Betty Ann Cohen, Carla Feuer, Carlotta Burton, Darcy Scharff, Diane Friedman, Estelle Rochman, Joan Lewis, Julie Olschansky, Lauren Kraus, Lauri Teagan, Milena Nutrobkina, Ruth Gerchen, Shelly Azar, and Susie Kinsella. Congratulations!







**Planning for the 2023 Back to School! Store is already underway!** On November 2, the BTSS committee met to reflect on the 2022 store and begin planning the 2023 event. The committee discussed a variety of potential models. Taking this into account, a survey was sent to 75 partner agencies. *"It is really important that we hear from our partner agencies in regards to what they want to see for our 2023 store,"* said BTSS co-chair Chris Bomze.

After nine years as a Back to School! Store co-chair, Jennifer Scissors has decided to step down. We thank her so much for her dedication to this project. We are excited to welcome Alison Fox as a co-chair along with returning co-chairs Alissa Arst, Judy Grosz, and Sarah Beth Matt. Alison has been a longtime member of the committee and oversaw the dressing rooms prior to 2020. Mark your calendars for the 2023 Back to School! Store, scheduled for **Sunday, August 6!**



NCJWSTL's Kids Community Closet (KCC) program continues to grow, with the addition of a new closet at Buder Elementary (Saint Louis Public Schools). Our partners in this build were Jim Clarkin of the St. Louis Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Program and Stephen Wurst, construction technology instructor at University City High School. Wurst was accompanied by nine of his students, who dove right in, putting together not one but two closets! Thanks also goes to Buder Elementary's Dr. Blankenship, Sarah Langley, and Ban Aljaafar for being so welcoming and wonderful to work with and for seeing this project to fruition.

We are so grateful for the KCC liaisons whose diligent work keeps the 29 closets serving 33 schools stocked throughout the school year, including the distribution of over 1000 coats so far this winter. If you are interested in volunteering with the Kids Community Closet 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.



(Pictured Above) Ban Aljaafar, Buder Elementary Family & Community Specialist; Dr. J. Kevin Blankenship, Buder Elementary Principal; Stephen Wurst, University City High School; Jim Clarkin, St. Louis Carpenters Union; students from University City High School

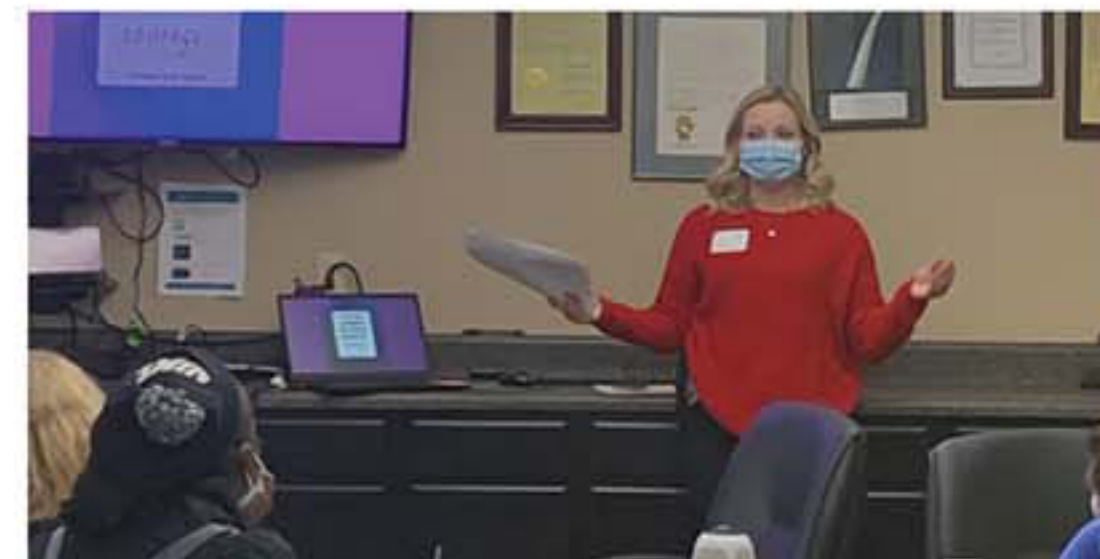




## PROJECT RENEWAL

After adapting to the pandemic and receiving feedback from our partner agencies, Project Renewal had its first in-person event since March 2020. Eleven women from three different partner agencies came to the NCJWSTL office to enjoy a day of learning and shopping. We started off the day with an interactive financial budgeting workshop presented by Tamika Staten of Carrollton Bank. Our guests were then brought over to The Resale Shop, where they could each use a voucher to purchase items of their choice. The day wrapped up with a women's safety session presented by Brooke Bedwell of the Creve Coeur Police Department.

Special thanks go to our 12 NCJWSTL volunteers who assisted our guests throughout the event. *"It was wonderful to resume our traditional model of Project Renewal and be able to have women come and engage in not just shopping but learning too,"* said co-chair Joyce Kolker. Each woman in attendance left with a swag bag including shampoo, soap, chocolate, and Color Street press-on nails. *"It was such a fulfilling day for both the participants and the volunteers. We cannot wait to continue to build on this momentum,"* said co-chair Amy Gallant. The committee hopes to host 3-4 Project Renewal events per year.



(Pictured Above) Brooke Bedwell, Creve Coeur Police Department

## HEALING HEARTS BANK

We're delighted that one of our Healing Hearts Bank partners, Olivia Adams, was among the honorees for the St. Louis Jewish Light's 2022 Unsung Heroes. Olivia is the economic stability and workforce development manager for the Women's Economic Stability Partnership of YWCA Metro St. Louis. In this role, she connects her clients with the services provided by Healing Hearts Bank. Congratulations Olivia! Healing Hearts Bank loan applications continue to come in weekly and are keeping our bankers very busy!



(Pictured Above) Patti Teper, Nina Needleman, Marilyn Ratkin, Olivia Adams, Mrs. Hudretta Williams, Dr. Demetrius Adams, Ellen Alper, Renee Sigel-Hearst

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Groups continue to meet on a regular basis and new groups form every few months, helping women create strong bonds with others after losing their life partners. In an effort to expand the program, an NCJWSTL men's grief support group is being formed and will begin meeting early this year. We are thrilled to welcome Jamie Sentnor as the group facilitator. Jamie has previous experience leading similar groups for other organizations. If you or someone you know could benefit from either of these groups, 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

• February 28, 2023 • March 21, 2023 • April 25, 2023 • May 23, 2023 • June 27, 2023 • July 25, 2023

## 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 call the office at 314.993.5181.

## WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS\*

Gail Appleson, Melissa Bock, Sandra Brooks, Laurie Burstein, Carlotta Burton, Cheri Crockett, Sarah Davis, Beth Friedman, Melanie Gunn, Melissa Johnson, Lauren Kraus, Hannah Michelson, Milena Nutrobkina, Julie Olschansky, Alisa Reichman, Ann Reif, Leah Laura Rogers, Darcy Scharff, Jennifer Schmitz, Joan Siwak, Susan Steiner, Mary Ann Tipton, Roz Sherman Voellinger, Cheryl Whatley, Lois Young

## WE WELCOME THESE NEW LIFE MEMBERS\*

Teri Brandvein, Barbara Finch, Allison Hawk, Sue Inman, Kayla Jackson-Williams, Lisa Kraner, Joan Lee, Carole Levin, Gay Lipman, JoEllen Rubenstein, Lisa Samis, Leanne Schneider, Brenda Smith, Lisa Willis-James

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR NCJWSTL MEMBERS\*

Susan Fadem, Shirley Finger, Janice Gitt, Selene Hammerman, Ruth Kessler, Dolly Newport, Eleanor Sachs, Nadine Schneider, Suzanne Weintraub, Tova Zimmerman

\*July 12, 2022 - January 15, 2023



Save the Date



NCJWSTL  
**CELEBRATING  
WOMEN**

Join us as we present the 2023 Hannah G. Solomon & Section Awards  
and celebrate all women with food and friendship!

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023**

Berges Theatre at COCA | 6880 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63130



We are delighted to honor  
**Sheila Greenbaum**  
with the 2023 NCJWSTL  
Hannah G. Solomon Founder's Award!

**2023 SECTION & COMMUNITY HONOREES**

**Leadership:** Michelle Brooks  
**Volunteer Service:** Jennifer Deutsch  
**Fritzi Lainoff Advocacy:** Dianna Fine & Wendy Flusser

**Emerging Leader:** Alison Fox  
**Community Impact:** Sarah Beth Matt  
**Community Partnership:** Jake Hummel & AFL-CIO

## DEVELOPMENT

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## THANK YOU, GRANTORS!

We extend our deepest thanks to the following individuals, organizations, and foundations who have contributed towards our work improving the lives of women, children, and families since July 15, 2021:

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## LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

### Keep NCJWSTL Thriving

Planned giving, whether through an estate gift or a life insurance policy, ensures that NCJWSTL will maintain our financial capacity and strength for the next 125 years. Please consider including NCJWSTL in your will or estate plan. It's a simple way to continue a lifetime of support for our mission. We can make it easy by providing language for you, your attorney, and/or your estate planner.

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





# NCJW TRIVIA NIGHT

EMCEED BY LOCAL JEWISH DRAG QUEEN, KEYLONCE!

**SATURDAY**  
FEBRUARY 18 2023

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## COUTURIER 2022

The 58th Annual Couturier was held October 19 – 22, 2022. We are happy to report that we had the most successful event since moving into our current building in 2011. We served over 1,200 shoppers and sold 7,540 items throughout the event!

Couturier 2022 was sponsored by Hindman Auctions. This partnership provided Couturier shoppers with an exclusive event gift bag and VIP shoppers the opportunity to attend their Lux Holiday Auction Preview Event on November 3, 2022. Couturier, our largest fundraising effort of the year, is filled with opportunities to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering for the 59th Annual Couturier, reach out to Jessica Duneman at [jduneman@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jduneman@ncjwstl.org) for more information. A big THANK YOU to all our volunteers, staff, shoppers, and the 2022 Committee!

**Couturier Committee Co-Chairs:** Alison Fox & Laurie Teagan

**Committee Members:** Faith Berger, Nanci Bobrow, Ph.D., Amy Fenster Brown, Gail Eisenkramer, Susie Fine, Hillary Friedman, JoAnn Goldstein, Lisa Gubernik, Farilyn Hale, Marlene Hammerman, Susan Dertke Hendin, Susan Katzman, Phyllis Langsdorf, Debra Cannamore Lee, Linda Mantle, Elisa Mondschein, Peggy Remis, Essie Rochman, Carolyn Satz, Randee Schmittiel, Sheri Sherman, Susan Witte



(Clockwise from top) Shopper holding the Hindman shopping bag; Couturier volunteers (left to right) Linda Mantle, Phyllis Langsdorf, JoAnn Goldstein, & Sheri Sherman; Couturier shoppers; Staff members (left to right) Miranda Dereak, Peggy Levin, & Connie Williams



# TRIBUTES JUNE 28, 2022 - DECEMBER 15, 2022

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](https://ncjwstl.org/donate/tributes) or call Miriam Schwab at 314.993.5181.

## KEY

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(WES)

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Ellen & Steve Alper (WES) ●

Shirley Alper (WES) □

### Ellen Alper | Visit to White House for Jewish New Year!

Merle & Dale Singer (BTSS/KCC) ●

Peggy Alper (BTSS/KCC) ■

### Doris Alpert | Special Birthday

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Dorothy & Billy Firestone (BTSS/KCC) ■

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Farilyn Hale (WES) □

Marlene & Harley Hammerman (SP) □

Susan Katzman (SLL) □

Susan & Alan Witte (SP) ■

### Nanci & Jim Bobrow | Speedy Recovery

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

### Michelle Brooks | Receiving Honorary Doctorate

Ina Landsbaum (BTSS/KCC) ●

### Michelle Brooks | Special Birthday

Carolyn Rochester (WES) □

### Charlie Eisenkramer | Special Birthday

Marlene & Harley Hammerman (SP) □

### Gail Eisenkramer | Love my notes - thank you

Eunice Reichman (SP) ●

### Gail Eisenkramer

Marcia & Carl Moskowitz (SLL) □

### Lexi Facktor | Bat Mitzvah

Maxine & Alan Friedman (WES) ●

### Bob & Debi Feit | Birth of grandson Austin

Sherri & Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

### Debi Feit | Special Birthday

Sherri & Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

### Rho & Stan Ferman | Special Birthdays

Arlene Shaw (WES) ■

### Steve Miller & Vicky Fraser | Receiving the Harris Frank Community Service Award from Shaare Emeth

Jane & Ken Rubin (SP)

Marlene & Harley Hammerman (WES) □

### Judith Garfinkel | Jewish Light article

Ruth & Alvin Siteman (SLL) ■

### Jessa Glick | Good Luck with your new job

Barbara Barnholtz (WES) □

### Sherri & Rick Goldman | 50th Anniversary

Marilyn & Gary Ratkin (HHB) ●

Marlene & Harley Hammerman (SP) □

### Jo-Ann Goldstein | Because you are who you are and do what you do

Cyndi Levin (SP) □

### Carl Greenberg | Hoping for good news

Susan Katzman (SLL) □

### Farilyn Hale | Birth of granddaughter Francesca

Ellen & Steve Alper (SP) ●

Drs. Nanci & James Bobrow (SP) ●

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

Marilyn & Gary Ratkin (SP) ●

Linda Sher (JB-WWW) ■

### Farilyn Hale | Parkway Alumni Assoc.

### Hall of Fame

Nanci & Jim Bobrow (SP) ●

Marilyn & Gary Ratkin (SP) ●

Sherri & Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Marlene & Harley Hammerman (WES) □

Susan Katzman (SLL) □

### Susan Hendin

Dr. Brandon & Mrs. Jennifer Haynes (AACT) ■

### Linda Holtzman | Special Birthday

Sharee & Mark Feldman (BTSS/KCC) ■

### Lisa Iken | Speedy Recovery

Carl & Gail Lang (SP)

### Sheila Katz | Special Birthday

Jacqueline Levy (SP) ■

### Beth Kodner | New Director of Development and Membership at Shaare Emeth

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

### Mr. & Mrs. Robert Krems | 50th Anniversary

Donna & David Segal (BTSS/KCC) ●

### Kenny Langsdorf | Special Birthday

Ellen & Ed Lieberman (CC) □

### Gail Lapin | Making HHB a success

Marilyn Ratkin (HHB) ●

### Alan Leban | Speedy Recovery

Sharee & Mark Feldman (BTSS/KCC) □

### Dr. Frances Levine | New Holocaust

### Museum Director

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

### Nancy Litz | Birth of granddaughter Rosa

Sherri & Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

Emilie Schaffer (WES) □

### Nancy Litz | New Presidency

Joyce Kolker (BTSS/KCC)

### Kathy McDaniel | Birth of grandson Knox

Sherri & Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

### Kathy McDaniel | Birth of grandson Wyatt

Sherri & Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □



# IN HONOR THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

**Kathy McDaniel & Gary Meltz | Engagement**

Ellen Alper (SP) ●

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

Sherri & Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

**Lindsay Morris | Outstanding work for NCJW**

Ellen Alper (SP) ●

**NCJWSTL | NCJW's Meet the Janes**

**Presentation**

Shirley Wise (WES) ■

**NCJWSTL | Those on the front lines to provide women the care they deserve**

Audrey Adreon (WES) ■

Cheryl Whatley (SP) ■

**Nina Needleman | Making HHB a success**

Marilyn Ratkin (HHB) ●

**Sherri & Steve Newstead | Birth of granddaughter Olivia Ann**

Sherri & Rick Goldman (BTSS/KCC) □

**Brooke Noecker | Birth of baby boy Leo**

Marilen Pitler (SP)

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

**Lenore Pepper | Special Birthday**

Ellen & Steve Alper and Family (SP) ●

**Marci Ranger | All the great work at NCJW**

Betsy Mehlman (BTSS/KCC) ●

**Marci Ranger | Good Luck with your move**

Phyllis Langsdorf (WES) ●

Susan Katzman (WES) ●

Barbara Barnholtz (WES) □

**Dr. Gary Ratkin | Special Birthday**

Bobby & Becky Vesper Goldberg (SP) □

**Marilyn & Gary Ratkin | Receiving the Tzedek**

**Award from Shaare Emeth**

Arlene Baer (HHB) □

Marlene & Harley Hammerman (SP) □

Susan Katzman (SLL) □

Carolyn Suffian (HHB) □

Henry & Ilene Ordower (HHB) ■

**Mandy Rubenstein | Special Birthday**

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

**Sandy Sabbath | Special Birthday**

Shirley Alper (WES) ●

**Dana Sandweiss | Special Birthday**

Ellen Alper (WES) ●

**Carolyn & Larry Satz | Birth of granddaughter**

Ellen Alper (SP) ●

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

**Rebekah Scallet | Chosen to be new Artistic**

**Director for the New Jewish Theatre**

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

**Jill Schupp | Thank you for your years in the**

**Missouri Legislature**

Linda & Ed Dahl (WES) ●

**Ken & Lucy Schwartz | 50th Anniversary**

Merle & Dale Singer (BTSS/KCC) ●

Marlene & Harley Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) ■

**Donna & David Segal | Silver Anniversary**

Ken & Sandy Birenbaum (BTSS/KCC) □

Susan Witte (BTSS/KCC) ■

**Linda Sher | Special Birthday**

Marilyn Cohn (BTSS/KCC) ■

**Barbara Langsam Shuman | Special Birthday**

Susan Dertke Hendin & Roy Hendin (SLL) ●

The Olshans (AACT) □

Daniel & Gloria Ezekiel Kweskin (BTSS/KCC) ■

Robert D. and Clare S. Seelig (SP) ■

**Karen & Mitch Stern | Happy Retirement**

Farilyn Hale (BTSS/KCC) □

**Karen Tabak | Making HHB a Success**

Marilyn Ratkin (HHB) ●

**Sandy Taryle | Speedy Recovery**

Roberta Stolz (BTSS/KCC) ●

**Patti Teper | Making HHB a success**

Marilyn Ratkin (HHB) ●

**Sally Tofle | Special Birthday**

Marilyn Cohn (BTSS/KCC) ■

**Debbie Tzinberg | Special Birthday**

Esther & Joel Weltman (WES) ●

**Virginia Broomall Weil | Happy Hanukkah**

Rebecca Zeable (BTSS/KCC) □

**Susan & Alan Witte | Vic's continued recovery**

Esther & Joel Weltman (WES) ●

**Antoinette Rose Carlie**

Ellen Alper (SP) ●

Linda & Ed Dahl (WES) ●

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

Nancy Litz (SP) □

Amanda Stein (BTSS/KCC) ■

**Gil Dolgin**

Lucy & Ken Schwartz (BTSS/KCC) □

**Susan Fadem**

Myra Katz (BTSS/KCC) ●

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

Farilyn Hale (JB-WWW) □

Nancy Litz (SP) □

**Mimi Fogelman**

Jody & Jeffrey Wald (WES) ●

**Muriel Friedland**

Stein Family (WES) ■

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Mark Winer & David Newman (BTSS/KCC) □

June Rubin Bierman (SP) ■

Richard Dillon (SP) ■

Norma Kaplan (BTSS/KCC) ■

Yuka & Albert Kuo (SP) ■

Emilie Schaffer (SP) ■

**Murray Hollenberg M.D.**

Ellen Alper (SP) ●

**Barry Iken**

Betty & Buddy Rosenbaum (CC)

**Frances Kahn**

Drs. Nanci & Jim Bobrow (HHB) ●

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

## IN MEMORY

**David Adelstein**

Ellen Alper (SP) ●

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

**Marian Auer**

Judy Milton (SP) ●

**Sandy Baum**

Deborah Feit (BTSS/KCC) ●

Mary Beth & Allen Soffer (SP) ■

**Sue Bayer**

Jane Goz Goodman (CC)

**Carol Blinder**

Peggy, Risa, Keith & Brian Alper (BTSS/KCC) ●

**Benita Boxerman**

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

Rhona Lyons (WES) □



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Joan & Sherman Silber (LF) ■

## Judy Kaplan

Karen & Henry Stern (BTSS/KCC) □

## Ruth Adler Kessler

Sherri & Steve Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

## Gene Konold

Ellen & Steve Alper & Melissa Forrester (SP) ●

## Robert Lefton

Fran Poger (JB-WWW)

Ava & Steve Schwedt (SP)

Ellen & Steve Alper (SP) ●

Janice Koertel Holtzman (HHB) ●

Nina & Steve Miller (WES) ●

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Mary Elbert (SP) □

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Joy & Jay Liss (SP) □

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Charles & Karen Elbert (SP) ■

Jeffrey Dreyer (SP) ■

Drury Hotels (SP) ■

Ed Epstein (SP) ■

Bill & Hillary Friedman (SP) ■

Nancy Goldstein (AACT) ■

Richard & Debra Halpern (SP) ■

Bruce Shapiro & Liz Guthrie (SP) ■

## Betsy Goffstein Levitt

Ellen & Steve Alper (SP) ●

Ken & Lucy Schwartz (BTSS/KCC) □

## Dr. Robert Levy

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## Burt Newman

Ellen Alper (SP) ●

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Marlene & Harley Hammerman (WES) □

Susan & Alan Witte (AACT) ■

## Delores Oser

Marlene & Harley Hammerman (WES) ●

## Joan Quicksilver

Drs. Nanci & James Bobrow (SP) ●

## Lorraine Rosenberg

Sandy Taryle (BTSS/KCC) ●

## Stuart Schankman

Marlene & Harley Hammerman (BTSS/KCC) □

## Philip Schreiber

Ellen Alper (SP) ●

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

## Walter Shifrin

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## Lillian Simpson

Sally & Ken Katzif (SP)

## Gloria Sirkin

Sherri & Steve Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

Andrea & Evan Newstead (BTSS/KCC)

Ellen & Steve Alper (SP) ●

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

## Sherman Sklar

Ellen & Steve Alper (SP) ●

## Bernard Stein

Ellen Alper (SP) ●

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Carole Simon (JB-WWW) ■

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Bob & Debi Feit (BTSS/KCC) □

## Hal Tzinberg

Joel & Esther Weltman (WES) ■

## Zena Utrecht

Susan Katzman (SL) □

## Marta Vaenberg

Peggy & Don Lents (SP) □

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Audrey Adreon (SP) ■

## Tova Zimmerman

Carla Freiman Feuer (SP) ●

## Emilie Shaffer's Aunt

Ellen Alper (SP) ●

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

## Louise Wilkerson's Fiance

NCJW Board & Staff (SP) ●

## The Whitehorn Family's Mother/Grandmother

The Ken & Lucy Schwartz Family (BTSS/KCC) ■



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Human Trafficking Lobby Day
- 2 Groundhog Day Sale @ Resale Shop
- 8 Leadership Class Kickoff
- 13 Executive Team Meeting
- 14 Heart Sale @ Resale Shop
- 16 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Conspiracy Theories & Disinformation
- 17-18 President's Day Sale @ Resale Shop
- 18 NCJWSTL Trivia Night
- 20 Presidents' Day | NCJWSTL Office & Resale Shop CLOSED
- 27 NCJWSTL Board Meeting
- 28 Coffee Talk with SnL

## MARCH

- 3-5 Advocacy In Action: Leading Through Uncertainty Conference
- 13 Executive Team Meeting
- 16 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Courts Matter
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Sale @ Resale Shop
- 21 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 22 World Water Day – Shoe & Handbag Drive Kickoff @ Resale Shop
- 24-25 Spring Fling Sale @ Resale Shop

## APRIL

- 5 Erev Passover | NCJWSTL Office closes at 1 PM
- 6 Passover | NCJWSTL Office CLOSED (Resale Shop open)
- 7-8 Dress & Suit Sale @ Resale Shop
- 10 Executive Team Meeting
- 19 Celebrating Women
- 20 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Mental Health & The Political Climate
- 22 Earth Day Sale & end of Shoe & Handbag Drive @ Resale Shop
- 24 NCJWSTL Board Meeting
- 25 Coffee Talk with SnL

## MAY

- 8 Executive Team Meeting
- 12-13 Mother's Day Sale @ Resale Shop
- 18 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Legislative Wrap-Up
- 22 NCJWSTL Board Meeting
- 23 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 24 Board Installation
- 26-27 Memorial Day Sale @ Resale Shop
- 29 Memorial Day | NCJWSTL Office & Resale Shop CLOSED



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