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Our Thrift Shop Is Open! Thanks to our shop managers, Marci and Lori, who spent months researching, planning, ordering and emailing customers, we were able to open as soon as Long Island entered Phase 2 of the state's plan. Our staff, **Dwight**, Nita, Travis, and Timmy, put in hours of work cleaning and helping to set up the shop so that all employees, volunteers, and shoppers could enter safely. Because of their hard work, we are able to continue the many projects and community services we support. hank Please check the thrift shop website at www.longislandthriftncjw.com or follow our Constant Contact emails for our most updated shopping and donation hours. Please contact us if you are interested in Volunteering in Thrift Shop.

Message from the Editor

Welcome to our first digital *Bulletin*. When viewing this pdf file you can go directly to articles by clicking on the sections below and you can go to various websites by clicking on the links throughout this issue.

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Message from the President

Welcome to NCJW Peninsula's first totally virtual Bulletin. We have entered the 21st century (finally) to reach out in the digital format. We hope you enjoy this issue, and that your technical capabilities are increasing, as are all of ours.

As we began to shelter in place last March, we searched for an efficient way to communicate. Our National offices have been running meetings and webinars using Zoom technology, and Peninsula Section has adopted the format. We recently had our "Zoomstallation", swearing in the 2020–21 slate of officers and Board. It's wonderful to see everyone and catch up while we continue to work with each other and for you.

During the shutdown, the Five Towns Early Learning Center was open, servicing the children of essential workers. Older sisters and brothers were also allowed to attend. CALE, while not physically open, has offered virtual experiences. We still presented Community Service awards to graduating seniors at local high schools.

We had a fabulous Food Drive, raising over \$4,000 and collecting over 200 pounds of food for the Gural JCC's Food Bank. Our Back 2 School Store continued its mission in a different form. Over 1,700 backpacks, filled with school and art supplies were distributed at five sites for children in the local communities. If a door isn't open, our wonderful Board finds a window to go through, to deliver important items to those in need.



We still plan to have an event featuring Catherine Sanderson on "The Science of Happiness" in October. We will let you know the format as it evolves. We all can certainly increase our happiness quotient.

NCJW Inc., our national organization, has been very active in our advocacy efforts. We had a virtual Lobby Day recently. I spoke with an aide to Senator Schumer about the need for mail-in voting for all, especially in times of crisis. Our New York State advocacy efforts include the Pro-Truth Campaign, to reveal what really goes on in pregnancy centers that do not offer all reproductive services to women in need. Get involved in these or any of our issues to protect women, children and families. Even if we are not marching on the front lines, calls, emails, texts and social media posts to our elected officials are important. Let them know your point of view. If you are not sure of whom to contact, reach out to us – Peninsula Section – or NCJW Inc. – for contacts. We will be delighted to assist you.

I hope by our next issue there will be a vaccine for Covid-19, and we can resume our in-person meetings. I want to honor our well-deserving women leaders and volunteers. Until that time, I virtually toast all of you, because together we have the strength to weather through this challenge and come out better at the other side. — Myra Garber



A FAITH IN THE FUTURE. A BELIEF IN ACTION.®

Mission Statement

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

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THE SCIENCE OF HAPPINESS

Program Meeting - Thursday, October 1 Catherine A. Sanderson, Speaker, Author, Professor

Happiness can be elusive, more so than fame or fortune for many. Successful people are not necessarily happy, but happy people are more likely to be successful – and healthier – and they tend to live longer. Interest in the subject has soared – even the United Nations issues a World Happiness Report. It is a matter of intense study by social scientists, among them Catherine Sanderson, who is known as the Professor of Happiness.

Because we value your safety, our first program of the year, will be presented via Zoom.

Catherine A. Sanderson is the Manwell Family Professor of Life Sciences (Psychology) at Amherst College. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology, with a specialization in Health and Development, from Stanford University, and received both masters

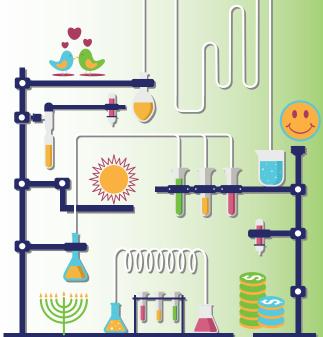
and doctoral degrees in psychology from Princeton University.

Her latest book, The Positive Shift, examines how mindset influences happiness, health, and even how long we live. In 2012 she was named one of the country's top 300 professors by the Princeton Review.

Professor Sanderson speaks regularly on topics such as the power of emotional intelligence, the mind-body connection, and the psychology of good and evil.

Her book, Why We Act: Turning Bystanders Into Moral Rebels examines why good people so often stay silent or do nothing in the face of wrongdoing.

Catherine lives with her husband, Bart Hollander, and three children, Andrew, Robert, and Caroline, in Hadley, Massachusetts.



Catherine Sanderson

Please sign me up for "The Science of Happiness"

Members: Free / Non-members: \$5.

Email us at office@ncjwpeninsula.org to provide your email address for the Zoom login code no later than Friday, September 25. Space is limited. Questions? Call our office at 516-569-3660.

Payment must be received by **September 21**. There are two ways to pay:

- 1. Send your check payable to NCJW Peninsula Section, to 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559. You must include your name and email address along with your payment.
- 2. Sign up at www.ncjwpeninsula.org/get-involved/donate/, then go to "The Science of Happiness".



Next Program Meeting (date to follow) "The November Election - Where Do We Go from Here?"

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service Happenings During Quarantine

PENNY SANTIAGO – Community Service, VP

High School Community Service Awards

As a grassroots organization of volunteers, National Council of Jewish Women Peninsula Section paid it forward by acknowledging young volunteers for their community service. Awards were presented to three seniors from local high schools for outstanding community service. Students from Lawrence, Hewlett and Freeport High Schools were presented with a certificate and a check for their efforts with the hope they will continue on a path to an adult life of helping others in their community.

FTELC – Essential for Working Families

Throughout the pandemic, Five Towns Early Learning Center continues to service children without stopping. They now service approximately 40 children and have 11 employees. FTELC has been granted a waiver to have older children attend the center. All at the center have made great efforts to support essential families and their children.

CALE Forges on . . .

Center for Adult Life Enrichment (CALE) has created vibrant "virtual" support for its members. As they work to provide outdoor activities under a tent, they are regularly providing a constant stream of zoom events such as trivia, comedy, information, education, and exercise opportunities. CALE is planning to open the building for their members in the Fall, abiding by all guidelines for the pandemic. The Hewlett-Woodmere School district is doing its part to assist by converting all plumbing facilities to touchless and providing hand sanitizing stations. The contribution is greatly appreciated.

SIBSPlace Goes Virtual

SIBSPlace began offering therapy sessions on the online Zoom platform and they reach out "virtually" with activities and supports for their families.

Successful Food Drive

As the Coronavirus raged, our programs and lectures needed to be postponed. Our Thrift Shop closed and our community services came to a halt. Schools closed and people were out of work. We at NCJW Peninsula Section knew we had to help. In these trying times people were hungry and needed help feeding their families. NCJW Peninsula Section teamed up with the Marion and Aaron Gural JCC in Cedarhurst. Their Rita Shkolnik



Pallets of food being delivered at the Food Pantry. (from left) Bonnie Sperry, Abby Fox, Linda Gorin and Laurie Stone Brofsky

Kosher Food Pantry feeds more than 575 families/month and the need was growing. They have seen a 44% increase due to the pandemic. NCJW Peninsula Section members responded generously and gave over \$4,000. Thank you to all who donated.

Preschool Vision Screening

Pre-quarantine, our NCJW Peninsula Section volunteers, Joyce Solovay, Martha Leviton and Linda Pachter conducted vision screening for over 80 children in the Lawrence #4 School Early Education Center. Instructions were given, eyes were covered and uncovered, charts were read, pictures were taken and stickers were given out. The screening team identified children that needed a follow-up by medical professionals. Kudos to our volunteers for helping these children to have a bright future.

For up-to-date information regarding our Community Services, please visit www.ncjwpeninsula.org/what-we-do









Happy faces

As you know, the Coronavirus has hit us all very hard. We are all trying to do our best to get through this trying time. In that light, and to keep everyone safe, we had to cancel our traditional Back 2 School Store (B2SS) event. But not all is lost. With the great spirit of the women of NCJW Back 2 School Store committee, we were able to put together a backpack program. Hopefully, we will resume our normal B2SS in 2021. Please all stay safe and healthy. For more information visit **www.ncjwpeninsula.org/b2ss/**



LECTURE SERIES

Join Us for an Exciting Lecture Series

Series Reservation Fee \$18 for Members; \$24 for Non-Members Single Reservation Fee \$10 per lecture for Members; \$12 for Non-Members

Please send your check payable to: NCJW Peninsula Section, to 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559. You must include your name and email address along with your reservation.





the lecture.

If You Could See Cabaret Through My Eyes . . .

♦ TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6



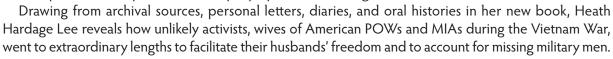
David Benkof is a Jerusalem-based teacher whose online classes (tinyurl.com/BenkofClasses) help students find meaning in cultural products like literature, musicals, art, music, and TV/film. He has a master's degree in modern Jewish history from Stanford, and is the author of Modern Jewish History for Everyone. Other hats: essayist, crossword constructor, trivia buff. His videos can be found at youtube.com/user/DavidBenkof.

In Cabaret, the classic musical of stage and screen, what does the Kit Kat Klub represent and how do you know? And who is Elsie? Master online Jewish Culture teacher David Benkof will show clips and lead a Zoom discussion on the themes and symbols of this extraordinary work. Lots to learn for longtime fans and newbies alike.

From White Gloves to Boxing Gloves: How the League of Wives **Brought Their Husbands Home from Hanoi**

♦ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Heath Hardage Lee is an independent historian, biographer and curator. Heath's narrative nonfiction book is entitled The League of Wives: The Untold Story of the Women Who Took on the U.S. Government to Bring Their Husbands Home from Vietnam. Her exhibition, The League of Wives: Vietnam POW MIA Advocates & Allies about is traveling through 2022 to museum venues all over the country. Actress Reese Witherspoon and her production company optioned *The League of Wives* for a feature film.





A Virtual Tour of the HMTC (Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center)

♦ TUESDAY, DECEMBER I



Helen Turner is the Director of Education at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center (HMTC) of Nassau County. Ms. Turner earned her BA in European History from Binghamton University and her MA in History, specializing in Holocaust and Genocide studies from Stony Brook University. Her historical research focuses on Auschwitz-Birkenau. Her article, "Resistance as Examined through Material Possessions in Auschwitz-Birkenau" was published in Between Collaboration and Resistance, a Metropole publication.

Join Helen Turner and HMTC on a tour of their five gallery exhibition on the Holocaust as they examine history through the choices of ordinary people, organizations and nations. This tour conects the global perspecitive with a local lens as HMTC's unique collection connects the Holocaust to Long Island Survivors.

ADVOCACY

Rabbis for Repro

MYRA COHEN - Advocacy, Chair

In June 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court weighed in on abortion rights and access nationwide, which reaffirmed our constitutional right to obtain this essential health care. However, this fight is far from over with anti-abortion lawmakers continuing their attacks on our reproductive freedom. Now more than ever we need Jewish leadership to speak out for reproductive health and rights. Rabbis are in a position to help lead the fight for reproductive health and rights by educating their communities.

We are asking Rabbis, Cantors, and Jewish educators to sign this pledge to help lead the fight for reproductive health rights by educating their communities and teaching and speaking on this subject. Jewish law not only permits the termination of pregnancies but also requires it when the life of the pregnant person is at risk. Rabbis are a trusted resource for congregants. They educate their communities and make themselves available for the conversations that many need to have.

NCJW works as an ally to the reproductive justice movement along with those most impacted by reproductive oppression: people of color, low income people, young people, immigrants and LGBTQ individuals. Reproductive health care has been



under a sustained attack since 2011. There have been over 450 laws that constrain access to reproductive health care. We need to change the conversation and educate our communities about religion and reproductive rights. We must embrace those who have had, are considering, or may ever consider having an abortion.

N.Y. State Advocacy Pro-Truth Campaign

MYRA COHEN - Advocacy, Chair

Led by the National Council of Jewish Women New York, Pro-Truth is a coalition of reproductive rights advocates, policy makers, and service providers, united to fight fake abortion clinics. We aim to educate vulnerable communities, across the country, about the dangerous and deceptive tactics, empowering them with information to protect themselves.

Over 50 people from the Rochester, Peninsula, and South Shore sections joined the New York Section (based in Manhattan) for "Covid-19 and Crisis Pregnancy Centers: A Virtual Advocacy Day for Reproductive Justice." As a result of this virtual lobby day and NCJW action over the past year, they helped pass a bill that requires the New York State Department of Health to conduct a study of Crisis Pregnancy Centers and their effect on pregnant people across the State. www.protruthny.org

Facts About Crisis Pregnancy Centers

- There are more than 120 fake abortion clinics, throughout New York State, outnumbering legitimate reproductive health clinics.
- Fake clinics tend to use misleading language designed to deceive pregnant people.
- Fake clinics are not considered medical facilities, and therefore do not have to comply with HIPAA.

What You Can Do - Fake Clinics: Let's Put an End to It

- Anyone can report a fake clinic by calling 311 or through the Dept. of Consumer Affairs portal.311.nyc.gov/.
- Share your opinion by submitting a letter about limited service pregnancy centers (fake clinics) to your local newspaper. Download our guidelines to write to the Editor protruthny.org/join-protruth
- Urge your NY State senators to pass \$6311 to further investigate these centers.



Our Members Wish You a Happy and Healthy New Year 5781 Lisa Alper & Family Alyssa Honig & Family Marcia Roth & Family Judie & Vic Horowitz Judy & Al Bernstein Harriet Rubenstein & Family Judi & Richard Braverman Elayne Kirshner & Family Harriet Schneier Muriel Lavenda & Family Joan Butwin & Family Carole & Dave Schrager Linda & Henry Davidson & Family Martha & Ted Leviton Susan W. Schwarz & Family Arthur & Fran Denny Ann & Peter Liss & Family Enid Scwarzbaum & Family Susan & Shelly Fox Adrienne & Geoff Lurie & Family Pam Shelden & Family Denise & Bob Scher & Family Abby Fox & Family Alan & Myra Markowitz Adrienne & Arthur Singer Rhoda Friedland Marsha & Larry Miller Myra & Carl Garber & Family Sandra Mintz & Family Barbara & Joe Sklar The Gewanter Family Judy Mintz & Family Bonnie Sperry & Family Terri & Steven Gold Gloria Okin & Family Gloria Stark & Family Pauline & Henry Goldberg Sheryl & Bob Orgel Florence Steiger & Family Rene Powers & Family Carole Tolkin Neil & Linda Gorin Laney & Steve Honig Arliene & Michael Reich & Family Barbara & Mel Wolff & Family Bernice Rood Natalie Zeiger & Family

Rosh Hashanah Flowers

A beautiful bouquet of flowers from Masters & Co. is available for delivery in time for Rosh Hashanah. The cost of the arrangement is \$65, plus delivery (where applicable). Send one to your friends, family or yourself!

Orders due by Wednesday, September 9 Delivery on Friday, September 18

Please send your check payable to: NCJW Peninsula Section 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559

Please include the following information for EACH order.

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My order information

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*Delivery charges

Lawrence, Cedarhurst, Rockville Centre FREE
Hewlett, Woodmere, North Woodmere, Inwood FREE
Atlantic Beach, Long Beach \$10
Lynbrook, East Rockaway, Oceanside \$6
Valley Stream, Baldwin \$7
Merrick, Bellmore \$8
Wantagh, Massapequa, Bethpage, East Meadow \$10





"The Song of the Jade Lily" by Kristy Manning

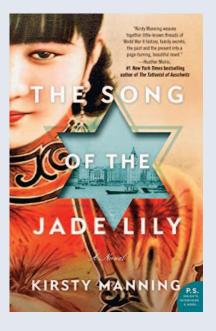
Tuesday, October 20 at 1:00 pm via Zoom

Kirsty Manning makes her U.S. debut with this gripping historical novel that tells the little-known story of Jewish refugees who fled to Shanghai during WWII. The Song of the Jade Lily is a lush, provocative, and beautiful story of friendship, motherhood, the price of love, and the power of hardship and courage that can shape us all.

Discussion will be led by Edna Ritzenberg.

Reservation details

- Members: \$10 / Non members: \$15
- Please send your check payable to: NCJW Peninsula Section 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559
- Reservations due by October 13th
- You must enclose your email address with your reservation.
- We will send you the Zoom login code by Friday, October 16th





Hopefully We Have Weathered the Storm

NATALIE ZEIGER- Membership Coordinator

INVOLVEMENTS CANCELLATIONS DISAPPOINTMENTS THANKFUL HOPE FRUSTRATION CONNECTING **ISOLATION**

Cancellations, disappointments, frustration, panic, and upset routines. Yes, that is what the Coronavirus has dealt us. Plans for honorees, new craft projects, game day . . . all delayed or scratched. Were you inconvenienced, isolated and questioning what you were going to do. Well, my advice is to continue your involvements, go forward, think of the less fortunate.

I was lucky, as so many of you, to have members of NCJW reach out, call, connect and make sure we were ok. So you missed an event, or could not attend a meeting that was scheduled. Think of the havoc of lost jobs, income reduced and loved ones gone.

Remember our mission . . . Make the world a better place for women, children and families. We need you . . . Keep your membership up to date ... We need to heal and to make the world a better place.

www.ncjwpeninsula.org/get-involved/join/



January 23, 2020 - July 21, 2020

GOLD ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Sunya Kleiner

Laurie Stone Brofsky

Florence Kruman

Laurie Stone Brofsky

Sondra Schrag, beloved sister of Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Babs Yaspan

In Honor of:

Marci Last, Hannah G. Solomon award recipient

Jacqueline Pinto

SILVER ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Sunya Kleiner

Carole Schrager Norma Bush Flora Elias Carole Tolkin Helen Pollack

Florence Kruman

Carole Shrager
Norma Bush
Renee Lane
Florence & Elliot Gross
Marilyn & Hank Levy
Morris Gewirtz
Fran Denny
Carole Tolkin
Natalie Zeiger
Linda Gorin
Babs Yaspan

Paul Shelden, beloved husband of Pam Shelden

Renee Fischer Susan Fox

In Honor of:

Adrienne & Arthur on the birth of their great-granddaughter lade Darling

Anne Siegel Renee Fischer Babs Yaspan Carole Tolkin

Florence Steiger on all that you have done for NCJW Peninsula Section

Renee Fischer

BLUE ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Rita, beloved mother of the Kessler Family

Terri Goldberg

Charles Lipsen

Natalie Zeiger

Florence Kruman

Enid Schwarzbaum

Angela Telias, beloved mother-inlaw of Sally Telias

Carole Tolkin

Marilyn, beloved sister of Vivian & Charles Weintraub

Rene Powers

Paul Shelden, beloved husband of Pam Shelden

Judy Bernstein Sally Telias Marlene Berman Carole Shrager Natalie Zeiger Myra Garber

Sondra Schrag, beloved sister of Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Ellen Goldman

In Honor of:

Linda & Neil Gorin on the birth of your grandson Alexander James Carole Tolkin

Fran Denny on the birth of your great-grandson Alexander James Carole Tolkin

Susan & Shelly Fox on the birth of your grandson Ezra Lennox Carole Tolkin

Harriet Rubenstein and a total and speedy recovery

Carole Tolkin

Linda & Neil Gorin on the birth of your granddaughter Rya Ashley Carole Tolkin

Fran Denny on the birth of your great-granddaughter Rya Ashley
Carole Tolkin

Adrienne & Arthur Singer on your grandson's wedding

Carole Tolkin

ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Harvey Rehner, beloved husband of Ruth

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Florence Kruman

Barbara Wolff
Myra Garber
Marlene Berman
Sally Telias
Harriet Rubenstein
Sandra Mintz
Adele Birnbaum
Judi Braverman
Abby Fox

Sunya Kleiner

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Paul Shelden, beloved husband of Pam Shelden

Fran Denny Abby Fox Harriet Rubenstein Rene Powers Carole Tolkin

Shirley Johnson, beloved sister of Raela & Marvin Bloom

Judi Braverman

In Honor of:

Linda and Neil Gorin on the birth of your granddaughter Rya Ashley

Judi Braverman Myra Garber Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Fran Denny on the birth of your great-granddaughter Rya Ashley

Judi Braverman Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Susan and Shelly Fox on the birth of your grandson Ezra Lennox

Judi Braverman Bonnie Sperry Myra Garber

Martha Leviton on the birth of your granddaughter

Abby Fox

Abby Fox on being named Long Island Section honoree

Shelley Karp

Deneshwar Soogrim on the birth of his son

Carole Tolkin

Lori Grossman on the engagement of her daughter Lexi

Abby Fox

Ruth Hirsh on your milestone birthday

Shirley Horowitz

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In Memory of:

Florence Kruman

Marcia Roth

Sunya Kleiner

Marcia Roth

Lawrence Kogan

Barbara Wolff

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Rene Powers Marcia Roth

Karen Moses

Bunny Gelfand

Sondra Schrag, beloved mother of Billy Schrag

Marcia Roth

Paul Shelden, beloved husband of Pam Shelden

Marcia Roth

In Honor of:

Susan & Shelly Fox on the birth of their grandson Ezra Lennox Shelley Karp

Adrienne & Arthur Singer on the birth of their great-granddaughter Jade Darling

Abby Fox Ioan Butwin

Ronnie Seidenberg on the birth of your granddaughter Jade Darling

Joan Butwin

NCJW Tribute Cards

Making a donation is a meaningful way to celebrate a special occasion or a thoughtful way to let someone know you are thinking of them. Cards can be purchased by contacting our office at 516-569-3660 or by going to www.ncjwpeninsula.org/tribute/.

ALL OCCASION FUND

Supports NCJW Peninsula Section's efforts to improve the quality of life for women, children and families and ensure individual rights and freedoms for all.

 Sentiment is listed in bulletin, a card is sent from our office Metallic Gold Trim: \$50 Blue Trim: \$18
 Metallic Silver Trim: \$25 Basic Card: \$10

ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM FUND

All donations to this program enable us to partner with a granting site in Israel. All projects advance women's empowerment.

Sentiment is listed in bulletin, a card is sent from our office: \$10

Volunteers

We Made It Through - Thanks To You!

ARLENE GEWANTER - Membership VP **NATALIE ZEIGER – Membership Coordinator**

BP (Before Pandemic) you did whatever was needed to make our programs so successful. We thank you. Now, after almost six months of a new world, we are beginning to emerge, with the same projects and more need than ever. During this time, so many volunteers have called and asked what they could do. Even though some of our future plans are unknown, we are so impressed that you have signed up to be on your committees, to help at meetings, to read to young boys and girls, to advocate for women, children and families - whenever these programs will resume. You are all amazing.

It has been six months with your donating funds for those in need, saving items for the Thrift Shop and maintaining your membership. We are so grateful. All of us look forward to seeing you when the time is right. We thank you for all that you have done. We admire your community spirit.

Thank you, dear volunteers, for being part of this team.

For more ways to volunteer, please visit www.ncjwpeninsula.org/get-involved/volunteer/



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