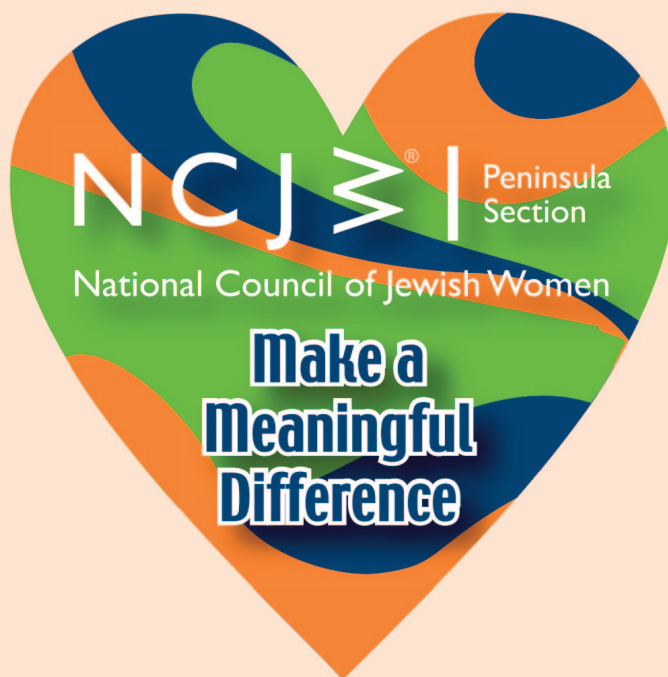


GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 28, 2023



NCJW has been supporting women, children and families throughout Israeli society as well as providing essential services and support to local families in building a stronger, more resilient community.

See page 6 for donation form or donate online at
www.ncjwpeninsula.org/givingtuesday/
on or before
November 28, 2023.

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Welcome to the November December issue of NCJW Peninsula Section's Bulletin.

On Saturday October 7, 2023 as the Jews in Israel were concluding the seven day festival of Sukkot, Hamas had something else in mind. Without warning, missiles rained down from the sky on indiscriminate targets along the southern border of Israel, leaving hundreds of bodies in the streets and destroying homes and buildings. As this occurred, Hamas troops charged into cities brutally killing and raping at random innocent citizens including babies, children and the elderly; taking hundreds of hostages including American citizens back to Gaza.

The members of NCJW are outraged and heartbroken by these tragic events and stand in solidarity with the women, children and families of Israel.

Israeli women have been organizing, through their deep pain and trauma, and National Council of Jewish Women is here for them. Through our Israel Granting Program Emergency Appeal, we will lend our support, addressing the most urgent needs, while planning for the deep and long crisis ahead. Help fund the needs of women and children most impacted by the war. Money donated will go directly to organizations in Israel, providing immediate and long term care to those most in need now: women and children.

Here at home it is important to urge Congress to Stand with Israel. Let your voice be heard by going to ncjw.org/ActForIsrael.

Terrorism is not resistance. Call out hate whenever you see it. NEVER AGAIN is now and we must stand together to support Israel.

— Fran Denny



**Donate to NCJW's Israel
Granting Program
Emergency Appeal**

You can help by donating online or if you prefer, call our office for instructions on how to make your donations. Thank you for helping our people in need.

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NCJW  Peninsula
Section
National Council of Jewish Women

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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In Just 2 Minutes You Can Send Congress a Message!

Tell Congress to address critical unfinished business and ensure women, children, and families can thrive. Click on the links below to reach your Senators and Congressperson and make your voice heard!



Take Action

TELL CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION
SECURING VOTING RIGHTS FOR ALL!



Fulfill the promise of the March on Washington: Protect the Right to Vote!

Sixty years after the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, we are still in the fight for a truly representative democracy. Over the summer we marked this 60th anniversary of the March on Washington. But Congress must make the promise of the march — then and now — a reality. **The right to vote is under attack in state houses and courts**, and with the 2024 election around the corner, restoration and advancement of our rights and liberties is essential.



Take Action

TELL CONGRESS TO FILL FEDERAL
COURT VACANCIES



Confirm Qualified, Fair, and Independent Judicial Nominees

Federal judges make decisions that affect our daily lives, and the majority of the bench is not reflective of the communities they serve. President Biden's nominees would bring much-needed diversity and experience to the federal bench, but **more than 60 federal judicial vacancies remain unfilled**. Though we have made progress with 140 exceptional federal judges confirmed in this Congress, many people are waiting for too long for justice to be served.

Visit ncjw.org/act to see all the actions you can take today to make a difference!



Don't forget to vote in your local elections on
Tuesday, November 7th. **Make your voice count.**

THE BACK 2 SCHOOL STORE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



“ My daughter attended your event and had such an overwhelming positive experience. Thank you for what you do. You really helped brighten her day.”

“If that’s what my son picked out for school, and he is happy, then I am happy, too!”

“You mean I can have these?”

“Boy, I like this place! – I’m going to say thank you to . . . EVERYONE! ”



“ A 7-year-old was adamant that she didn’t want sneakers, but then found a pair that she loved!”

“God bless you for all you do.”

“One child selected his shopping bag then stood at the door to the Back 2 School Store and said WOW! ”



“This is incredible. I can’t wait until next year.”

“This is my best day ever!”

I was VERY impressed by the entire operation and the tables in the Family Resource Area. All the volunteers, kids and parents had smiles from ear to ear.”

Five Towns Early Learning Center Graduation

HARRIET RUBENSTEIN – Chair, FTELC

The sun shone brightly on the evening of August 31 for the Graduation Ceremony of the Five Towns Early Learning Center. Twenty-one children were carefully brushed and combed in their finery for a memorable evening. Then each child came to the microphone to tell the audience what they wanted to be when they grew up, wearing a mask to identify their ambition. The Director, Pepper Robinson, then spoke to the parents telling them that preschool is a time of tremendous growth – social, emotional, and physical. It is also a time for developing good learning habits, learning to share and have positive self-esteem. Pepper thanked all the people who make the Center a success. Her words were translated into Spanish for those who needed the translation. The children then returned wearing their mortarboards and received their Graduation Certificates. The festivities ended with a raffle drawing for baskets of goodies. The Center is truly a place of PLAY and of Learning, a place to get a good start.



ENL – English as a New Language

It is VERY REWARDING to help an immigrant student learn English. To learn more about this volunteer program, contact Rhonnie at frhoncais@aol.com.

There are many other vital community services. If interested in learning about them, please contact Renee at 516-238-9279

Our Members Wish You a Happy and Healthy New Year 5784

Judi & Richard Braverman and Family

Joan Butwin

Eileen Calman

Fran Denny & Family

Jaclyn Feldman and Connie DiBenedetto

Abby Fox & Family

Myra and Carl Garber

Gewanter & Levine Family

Linda & Neil Gorin

Alyssa & Elliot Honig and Family

Judie & Vic Horowitz

Harriet Izower

Pamela Korn & Family

Muriel Lavenda & Family

Judi Levy & Family

Adrienne & Geoff Lurie

Judy Steingart Novet and Matthew Novet

Gloria Okin & Family

Sheryl and Bob Orgel

Babette & Jerry Reisman and Family

Linda & Ronald Rosen

Harriet Rubenstein and Family

Harriet Schneier

Carole & Dave Schrager

Susan Schwarz & Family

The Shelden / Napoli Family

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Barbara & Joe Sklar

Bonnie Sperry & Family

Natalie Zeiger & Family



Please Donate to the Thrift Shop

While hanging out at home
Don't waste your time on the phone
Clean a closet or two
Because we need from you
Donations!

We are looking to increase our inventory
With DKNY, MK or Tory
Especially if it's new
It brings us amazing revenue

Clothing, shoes, jewelry, bags, and bric-a-brac
Whatever you can donate, will help fill our racks
Please don't think your small donations
are underrated
Anything you can give is greatly appreciated
Our thrift shop is a huge sensation
Help us to support this great organization

For more information on donating visit our website
www.longislandthriftncjw.com



We attended the inspiring **Women Life Freedom Art and Film Festival** at the UN on 9/14/23 sponsored by StopFemicideIran and Empower Women Media. The artwork and short films represented a collective effort to support democratic change in Iran and beyond. Our National NCJW President, Shelia Katz, was one of the featured speakers. Many of the filmmakers and artists, from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds, were on hand to share how visual arts can inspire democratic change and human rights around the world.

— Judy Mintz and Sally Telias



**Donate today
and be a part of the
positive change.**

With your generous help,
we can reach our goal of \$40,000.

GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Dear NCJW Peninsula Friend,

GIVINGTUESDAY, November 28, 2023 is the perfect time to make your annual donation to NCJW Peninsula Section. For NCJW, this day of giving means both volunteerism and financial support.

Join us in making a meaningful difference in our community! Your support can change lives, uplift spirits, and create brighter futures. With your help, we can provide essential services, support local families and build a stronger, more resilient community. For more than 70 years, NCJW has been supporting women, children and families throughout Israeli society regardless of ethnicity, religion and economic status. Our support of Israel is needed now more than ever. Together we can make a lasting impact as our section has done for the past 87 years.

Thank You, *Fran Denny*, President / *Donna Bialor*, Executive VP / *Arlene Gewanter*, VP Fundraising

NCJW Peninsula Section GIVING TUESDAY Donation Form

Return this form with your contribution in the enclosed envelope or donate online at
www.ncjwpeninsula.org/givingtuesday/ on or before November 28, 2023.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

**We know that NCJW means much to you, so please give what you can to
Make a Meaningful Difference.**

Suggested donation amounts: \$72, \$144, \$216 or more – any amount is valued and appreciated.

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Tributes

Tributes for August 8 – September 26, 2023

GOLD ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

**Marion, beloved mother of
Shari Fine & Family**
Herma Levine

In Honor of:

**Pnina Knopf for all her hard work,
gratitude and love**
Karen L. Newtown

BLUE ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

**Natalie Feinne, beloved mother of
Bruce Feinne & Family**
Natalie Zeiger

**Mickey Lapkin, beloved wife of
Benjamin Lapkin & Family**
Natalie Zeiger

In Honor of:

**Myra Garber being named our
Long Island Section Honoree**
Carole Tolkin

**Renee Fischer being named our
Long Island Section Honoree**
Carole Tolkin

**Susan Fox being named our
Hannah G. Solomon Recipient**
Carole Tolkin

**Abby Fox on the birth of your
grandson**

Renee Fischer

**Renee Fischer being named our
Long Island Section Honoree**
NCJW Peninsula Section
Thrift Shop

ALL OCCASION FUND

In Honor of:

**Florence Steiger, wishing you a
total and speedy recovery**
Bonnie Sperry
Joan P. Ivler

**Abby Fox on the birth of your
grandson**
Sally Telias

ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM FUND

In Memory of:

**Marion, beloved mother of
Shari Fine & Family**
Joan Butwin

**Jerry, beloved husband of the
Pressman Family**
Joan Butwin

**Beloved husband of Toby
Bernikow**
Joan Butwin

Book Reviews



The Measure

BY NIKKI ERLICK

◆ January 24

A story of love and hope as interweaving characters display how all moments, big and small, can measure a life.

Facilitator: Barbara Sklar

Looking For Jane

BY HEATHER MARSHALL

◆ March 20

Weaving together the lives of three women, "Looking For Jane" is an unforgettable debut about the devastating consequences that come from a lack of choice—and the enduring power of a mother's love.

Facilitator: Liz Ropers

Each Book Review:

- Will be held at a private residence, TBA, 1:30 pm
- Cost, \$25, Light refreshments will be served
- Limited space available

Advocacy Film Series

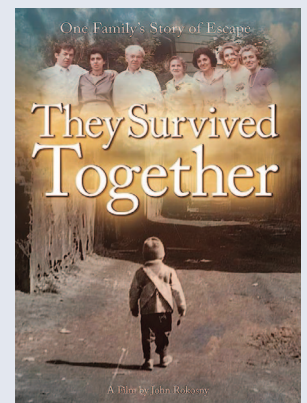
They Survived Together

◆ Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 pm, Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library

From the ashes of the Holocaust, we find hope in the Nigier family story. Part of the Krakow Jewish community, the Nigiers were leading a perfectly peaceful life until World War II uprooted their world. Forced from their home, they vowed to escape as a family—notwithstanding the circumstances that forced them to separate. This documentary tells the story of a family determined to stay alive and to survive together. In fact, they are believed to be one of the only families to escape and stay intact.

Guest Speakers: John Rokosny (director) and Andriette Redmann

Tickets: This is a free event, open to District 14 residents. You may pick up tickets at the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library, beginning November 1. NCJW members may call the office 516-569-3660 to register. Tickets will be distributed in the lobby of Gold Hall 20 minutes before the screening.





EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW

Equal Rights Amendment

MYRA GARBER – VP, Advocacy

Are you aware that the Equal Rights Amendment has still not become the law of the land?

Three years after the ratification of the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was initially proposed in Congress in 1923 in an effort to secure full equality for women. It sought to end the legal distinctions between men and women in terms of divorce, property, employment, and other matters.

It was first proposed 100 years ago, by Alice Paul, at the National Women's Party in Seneca Falls, NY. It was a proposed amendment to the Constitution which stated, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." It had failed to achieve ratification by the 38 states by 1979, the limit set by Congress. However, it is not dead.

Many states have passed the law, codifying it in their constitutions. In 2022, Nevada became the 38th state to ratify it, which would allow the 28th Amendment to become part of the Constitution. The problem is the timeline has not yet been extended.

Rep. Ayanna Presley (D-MA) and Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) have introduced bills to remove the old timeline and recognize the ratification.

We need to urge our elected politicians to vote for the resolutions—HJR 25 in the House and SJR 4 in the Senate. Please contact your representatives to ask them to do so. In the meantime, you can take action yourself and sign the petition at [Sign4ERA.org](https://www.sign4era.org).

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