

GIVING TUESDAY

DECEMBER 2, 2025



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This Giving Tuesday donate to NCJW Peninsula Section to **Make A World of Difference** for women, children and families in our community and in Israel.

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Message from the President

Change is one of life's constants and change is happening at NCJW. After six dynamic years with our organization, Sheila Katz has resigned as CEO. We are grateful for her vision and her passion. Her work elevated NCJW's voice on many of the issues we care most about. We are especially proud of her work galvanizing Jews to speak out for reproductive freedom and abortion access, solidifying NCJW's position as the leading Jewish organization in this area. We wish her the best and we know that she will continue to contribute her passion and leadership to the Jewish Community for many years to come.

Our message resonates with hope for a better future:

- ◆ Access to quality reproductive health care
- ◆ Dignity for all
- ◆ Equal opportunity and justice
- ◆ Safety in our communities



The National Board of Directors has named Jody Rabhan, who has been part of NCJW's leadership team for 20 years, to the position of Executive Vice President. She will lead NCJW during this transition as the Board launches a national search to identify our next CEO.

Rest assured, our focus is not changing. NCJW has just announced its Strategic Plan for FY25–FY30–NCJW Forward: Building for the Future, Building for Impact. It's a coordinated, nation-wide effort to increase our base and multiply our impact by engaging one million supporters who believe in our work to improve the lives of women, children and families here and in Israel. It's an audacious but attainable goal.

Nationally, NCJW will continue to be a leader in advocating for progressive policy change. NCJW will continue to speak out on behalf of the needs of women, children and families. And we, NCJW PENINSULA SECTION, and all Sections across the country, will

support those efforts and we will continue to respond to the needs and issues in our local communities.

But we can't reach our goal of one million supporters by 2030 unless we engage more people in our work. We know they're out there. I'm sure each of you can think of a few people you know who would be a perfect fit for NCJW. And you, our members, are our best recruiters! This is not the time to be shy, please spread the word... The more supporters we have, the more impactful our voices will be.

— Donna Bialor

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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The International Day of the Girl, October 11

PAM SHELLEN – Facilitator/Mentor, Generation Next teens, NCJW Peninsula Section,

Since 2012 when the UN declared October 11th as the International Day of the Girl, Peninsula's teen group has been reaching out to local, state, and national legislators asking them to proclaim/recognize the day so as to underscore the marginalization of girl children throughout the globe, as well as here in the US. This year's teens—**Nicholas Gilleeny, Levi Goldin, Raven Kelly, and Helena Napoli**—wrote and posted over 20 letters, urging their representatives to recognize such injustices as compromised/or no education, human trafficking, genital mutilation, and breast ironing of girls. Through posters, classroom visits, and social media, these young advocates will educate and advocate in their schools, neighborhood businesses, and school communities.

NCJW Peninsula is proud to be the Section, helping to inspire and shape the next generation of advocates, calling for an end to discrimination with a guarantee of basic human right to all girls.



Advocacy Film Series

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highlights!

Floyd Abrams: Speaking Freely

◆ **Sunday, March 15, 2026, 2:00 pm, Gold Hall, Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library**

"Floyd Abrams: Speaking Freely" is a biopic of the First Amendment as told through the story of one of its greatest legal advocates. The film traces the path of this law from its early precedents in the 1960s to today, as pressing concerns around free speech have the nation questioning anew: what price are we willing to pay for free speech?

As the nation grapples with issues such as hate speech, censorship, the impact of money in politics, artificial intelligence and the dangers of boundless internet communication in a rapidly changing media ecosystem, Abrams continues to advocate for broad First Amendment protections—but acknowledges the increasingly heavy price we pay for such freedoms.

This topical and thought-provoking film offers critical context for how we came to this moment, where free speech issues have never felt more complicated and urgent, and explores the directions this still-evolving area of law might be going.

Tickets: There is no charge for this screening. NCJW members may call the office, 516-569-3660, to reserve a seat. Seating is open to the District 14 community.

Facilitator: Pamela Shelden, Peninsula Section's Advocacy Film Series / Moderator: James Coll, Esq.

◆ **Also – Thursday, January 15, 7:00 pm, The Hewlett-Woodmere Library**

"The Librarians" documentary, focuses on another democratic assault, book censorship and the freedom to read and think. Registration a MUST, www.hwpl.org.



Your Donation to NCJW Will Make a World of Difference

FRAN DENNY – VP Fundraising

Dear NCJW Peninsula Section Friend,

As GIVINGTUESDAY approaches we are reminded of the incredible impact that generosity has had on our community. It's a day when people all over the world come together to support causes that matter to them—causes like ours.

Your donation to NCJW will **Make a World of Difference**. With your help, we will continue to 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. Our support of Israel is needed now more than ever.

Please donate to NCJW Peninsula Section and become part the global movement of people who are giving back and **Making a World of Difference**. Thank you.

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NCJW Peninsula Section GIVING TUESDAY Donation Form

Return this form with your contribution or donate online at
www.ncjwpeninsula.org/givingtuesday/ on or before **December 2, 2025**.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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

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

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Donations to the INN Help Support Women

NCJW Peninsula Section has donated three laptops and a check to the Edna Moran Inn. The INN is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization that provides a broad variety of essential services to assist those challenged by hunger, homelessness and profound poverty. The INN partners with those in need in a dignified and respectful manner to help them achieve self-sufficiency. This donation will help the women at the INN rebuild their lives by giving them access to computers to create resumes and apply for jobs.

Our Period. Project also donated menstrual products to the INN, whose residents are in need of these items.



Pictured from left to right: Donna Bialor-President NCJW Peninsula Section; Arlene Gewanter-Coordinator, NCJW Peninsula Section; Robert Kammerer-Board Member the INN; Renee Fischer-VP Community Service NCJW Peninsula Section



Period Project Expands Its Reach

Our **Period. Project** donated 320 menstrual kits to Planned Parenthood of Greater New York. Our history goes back many years with Planned Parenthood, and they need our help now more than ever. For decades Planned Parenthood has been a vital lifeline for individuals and families who depend on affordable, accessible health care. But with government funding now cut, thousands of people are left without access to the most basic service- not just reproductive care, but everyday health essentials that many take for granted. We look forward to partnering on more projects together.

NCJW Peninsula Section began the Period. Project in 2022 when New York State mandated that all schools have free menstrual products available, but the schools had to pay for these items themselves. Some nurses were paying out of their pockets to make sure their students had what they needed. Many schools were not able to put this as a line item in their budget so, we decided to help. We have delivered over 3,000 menstrual kits to schools, women's shelters, community centers and now to Planned Parenthood. We are expanding this project and always need help when we have our Packing Parties. Keep checking your emails for our next one which will be in December or January.



(Left) Pictured left to right: Susan Schwarz (NCJW Community Service Coordinator), Angelica Medina (Planned Parenthood), Jennifer Eramo (Planned Parenthood), Bonnie Sperry (NCJW Executive Director), and Renee Fischer (NCJW VP Community Service)

Our Members Wish You a Happy and Healthy New Year 5786

Jackie and Raymond Baltch
Donna Bialor and Family
Lisa and Ed Cohen
Fran Denny
Jaclyn Feldman and
Connie DiBenedetto
Merrie and Mike Fischer
Abby Fox and Family

Myra and Carl Garber
Arlene Gewanter
Linda and Neil Gorin
Lesley Harris and Family
Judie and Vic Horowitz
Pnina and Lewis Knopf
Paul Farrell and Pamela Korn
The Mintz Family

Judy Steingart Novet
Gloria Okin and Family
Sheryl and Bob Orgel and Family
Harriet Rubenstein
Denise and Bob Sher
Sally Telias
The Tolkin Family
Natalie Zeiger and Family



THANKSGIVING

"Right now, someone is dreaming of the things we take for granted every-day — our freedom, our health, our families, our jobs, our homes, even the simple joys we overlook. Let's be grateful for what we have and never forget the blessings we enjoy are the very things others are praying for."
—Unknown author

This quote resonates so with the mission of NCJW. We at the Thrift Shop are so fortunate on a daily basis to practice gratitude. Our customers feel a sense of family, safety, and comfort under our roof. Our efforts do not stop there—we are participating globally through our dedicated shoppers.

We partnered with Manuella Silve of Port au Prince, Haiti, to prepare a barrel to be shipped to Haiti before Hurricane Melissa. We didn't have a lot of time for preparation so it was all hands on deck to complete our mission.

Sharing just one of our blessings and wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

With Love,
Marci & The Thrifties

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Marci Last, manager and Manuella Silve

THRIFT SHOP

To Purchase 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 at 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.

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.

Tributes for August 5, 2025 – October 23, 2025

GOLD ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Barbara Fishman, beloved aunt of The Kamen, Fishman & Schwartzberg Family
Patty Greenfield

Jackie Ross, her life and legacy
Lori Groisser

In Honor of:

Susan Schwarz and the wonderful work that you do for NCJW
Phyllis M. Hersh & Family

Abby Fox on the birth of your grandson
Pam Shelden

SILVER ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Roana Cohen, beloved sister of Brenda Raden
Barbara Weinstein

Elaine Zukerman, beloved wife of Ed Zukerman
Irma Latinsky

In Honor of:

Abby Fox on the marriage of your son Dylan to Phoebe
Marlene Berman

Dylan Fox on your marriage to Phoebe
Marlene Berman

Julia Edelman on your milestone birthday
Fran Denny

BLUE ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Roana Cohen, beloved sister of Brenda Raden
Natalie Zeiger

In Honor of:

Donna Bialor on being named Long Island Section 2025 Honoree
Ronna Weiss
Susan Schwarz
Natalie Zeiger

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Natalie Zeiger

Abby Fox on the birth of your grandson
Fran Denny
Harriet Rubenstein

Abby Fox on the marriage of your son Dylan to Phoebe
Donna Bialor

ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM FUND

In Memory of:

Marshall Mankin, beloved husband of Karen Mankin
Joan Butwin
Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Beloved brother-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Reses
Adrienne & Arthur Singer

In Honor of:

Abby Fox on the marriage of your son Dylan to Phoebe
Adrienne & Arthur Singer



Repro Shabbat

◆ **Friday–Saturday, February 13–14**

"Into The Woods" at Lynn University

◆ **Sunday, February 22, 3:00 pm**

Boca Raton, FL., For tickets call 516-569-3660

Relationship Between Israel & the U.N.

◆ **Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 am–Noon**

LEARN, DISCUSS, QUESTION — With Dr. Joan Lurie Goldberg, International Council of Jewish Women's NGO United Nations Representative.

Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre
Open to the public, light lunch to follow
Reservations required, couvert \$18
For more information, contact 516-569-3660

"The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store"

◆ **Wednesday, March 25, 1:30 pm**

BOOK DISCUSSION & REFRESHMENTS

\$20/Members, \$25/Non-Members. RSVP by March 18
Location will be emailed to attendees by March 20.
Please send your check payable to NCW Peninsula Section, 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559.

Game Day

◆ **Tuesday, April 21, 11:00 am**

Founder's Day Luncheon

◆ **Friday, June 12**

HANNAH G. SOLOMON AWARD — Honoring our Fab 4: Renee Fischer, Judy Novet, Pam Shelden, Natalie Zeiger. Their kickoff meeting (photo below) was held to start planning our annual NCJW Peninsula Section Founder's Day Luncheon.



Back 2 School Store 2026

◆ **Friday, August 7 and Sunday, August 9**

Gratitude to Those Who Make It Happen

HOPE COLEMAN ands SUSAN FOX – B2SS Chairs

We want to take a moment to thank our extraordinary team. Each of you helped make our **Back 2 School Store** event such an outstanding success. Your dedication, hard work, and teamwork shone through in every detail, from the planning stages to the very last of pack-up. Because of your efforts, we were able to create an event that not only ran smoothly but truly reflected the heart of our mission.

Thank You

The smiles on the faces of the children and families we served are a direct result of the time, energy, and care you put in. It's a privilege to work alongside such committed and talented people. We are grateful for each of you, and proud of what we accomplished together.

With much appreciation,
Hope and Susan

www.ncjwpeninsula.org/b2ss/

You can always donate
to the B2SS



BACK 2 SCHOOL PROGRAM HELPS HUNDREDS

How many of you remember as children doing your back-to-school shopping? That one new outfit and new pair of squishy sneakers made you feel so special and made the anticipation of an exciting new school year even more exciting.

The National Council of Jewish Women provided new school clothes and back packs to over 625 students and each child was able to "shop" at the Back 2 School Store which was set up within the confines of Atkinson School on Seaman Avenue in Freeport.

Our church's Adopt-A-Family Program was a referral agency and we submitted the names of 70 needy school and church children in grades K-5 to be recipients. Each child received a full backpack, winter coat, sweat pants, hoodie, T shirts, long sleeve shirts, underwear, socks, hat, gloves, shorts, leggings, blanket, stuffed animal, books, sneakers and a new toothbrush.

Rosina Codrington and Linda Hendrickson both served as professional shoppers and took the children around to the various rooms to select their own clothing items. The joy on their faces was the price of gold. The parents were especially grateful for the sneakers, winter coats and full backpacks.

Having the right school tools as well as clean and stylish clothing helps the students overcome some of the obstacles they face on a daily basis at school.

In the true meaning of ecumenical giving and brotherhood, Hope Coleman told Linda to come back on Monday with a truck and helpers to take some of the extra merchandise for our Adopt-A-Family Program and Soup to Nuts Soup Kitchen in Freeport.

Richard and Marilyn Holdsworth, Peter Binns, Java Bhuya, Rosina Codrington, and Linda Hendrickson packed Richard's truck and Peter's Jeep with boxes and boxes of winter coats, sweat pants, hoodies, socks, backpacks, shirts, underwear and leggings. The donation from the NCJW is a welcomed addition to the boxes of items already purchased for our Christmas program. Joy to the World!!!



"One of my favorite guidelines is: 'Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success,' said Linda. The Back 2 School Program sponsored by the NCJW had over

150 volunteers working tirelessly together. They represented so many ethnic and religious groups as well as so many age groups. They were all working to make the lives of hundreds of elementary students better for the 2025-2026 school year. Now the ripples of the NCJW's program will continue through our Adopt-A-Family Program.

The Back 2 School Program was a win-win for everyone! Thank you NCJW and may God continue to bless their marvelous program. If any church member would like to volunteer with the Back 2 School Program next year, please talk to Linda or Rosina. ☺

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