

"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it."

– Maya Angelou



NCJW Upcoming Events and Information

December started with a real challenge - the Senate passed one of the most regressive and dangerous pieces of legislation for low-and-moderate-income families as well as working families. Challenges to reproductive freedom keep coming - in Illinois with anti-choice groups filing suit against the State to stop the law we worked so hard to get signed!

Thankfully, Chanukah begins next week. The festival of lights is also one of rededication. NCJW supporters can rededicate themselves to advocacy and action. Keep making those calls and sending those letters and emails. March in the streets and make your voices heard. The traditional Chanukah story is of a small band of fighters defeating an entire army. What a perfect image for NCJW - as progressives around the country band together to fight those who would limit our freedoms! Like the Maccabees, we will prevail!

Watch your email next Tuesday for a special Chanukah Take Action Tuesday and then make sure you follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for additional advocacy and actions items in honor of each night of Chanukah.

Think our enews is too long! [Click here for a downloadable pdf](#) that you can print & read at your leisure!

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Take 5 With Tracy Loewenthal

1. When did you join NCJW?

I think I joined NCJW sometime around 2009-2010. I know I was a member by 2010 because I was asked to plan my first NCJW event!



2) Why did you join?

After I had my 3 kids and my youngest turned two, I left my full-time career and wanted to become more involved in the community. I had previously attended a few local NCJW events, including the Luggage for Freedom Packing and Delivery Day with my daughters, and I decided it was time to commit as a member of the organization.

3) What makes NCJW special/unique/worth supporting?

NCJW's focus on issues that affect women, children and families spoke to me. And I love that we approach these issues with a Jewish lens. The women I have met through NCJW are dynamic, passionate, super smart, unafraid, and always willing to roll up their sleeves to do the work we do.

4) What is your favorite NCJW memory?

I have volunteered at the NCJW soup kitchen with my children and will never forget watching each of them participating in the meal preparation, serving and interacting with the guests, and then talking with them on the car ride home about their impressions and experiences.

5) What would you like your NCJW "legacy" to be?

I hope to be a positive role model to my children through my involvement with NCJW and other organizations. I hope to be a positive role model to my children through my involvement with NCJW and other organizations.

~Tracy Loewenthal, NCJW CNS Board Member

What is your NCJW Story?

Be featured in an upcoming issue of the Councillor? Email melissa@ncjwcns.org and share your NCJW story.

Tracy Loewenthal is not only a valued member of the NCJW Board of Directors, she is also a passionate advocate for Israel (and for the University of Michigan!). Tracy recently had an article published in the Detroit Jewish News where she describes her these two passions. [Click here to read this great article!](#)

NCJW needs your support!

The health and lives of women should be above politics; yet the right to make reproductive healthcare decisions is being eroded by those who seek to deny access to abortion, contraception and reproductive education. For 125 years NCJW has been fighting for women's rights, but **we need your support to protect the next generation** - your daughters, nieces and granddaughters.

We cannot go back to the days of back alley abortions, so powerfully symbolized by a coat hanger. Thus, for 2017, NCJW Chicago North Shore is launching: *The 100 for 100 Campaign*. For each donation of \$100 or more we will send you one of 100 symbolic pendants created by an artist with The Hanger Project, representing the desperate acts women take when they don't have access to safe abortion care. Wear it proudly!

Please consider donating even more! Become an NCJW major donor for \$500 and send an emerging NCJW leader to the 2018 NCJW Leadership Retreat. Major donor levels include: Supporters (\$500), Advocates (\$750), Pioneers (\$1200), Visionaries (\$1800). We hope to see all our major donors at our exclusive major donor event in the spring.

No woman should EVER have to resort to an unsafe remedy in place of quality healthcare. Please support NCJW as we continue to fight for social justice and improve the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.



Send in your tax-deductible donation by December 31 to ensure it counts for 2017.

DONATE TODAY!



NCJW CNS Programs

We have some great programs to add to your calendars. Please save-the-date(s) for the programs listed below and scroll down for further details.

December 5: Are we Out of the Woods Yet?

December 6: Book Club - *The God of Small Things* by Arundham Roy

December 9: Women's Gubernatorial Forum

December 13: NCJW Section Board meeting: Speaker Tamar Manasseh

December 13: Women's Salon: Topic TBA

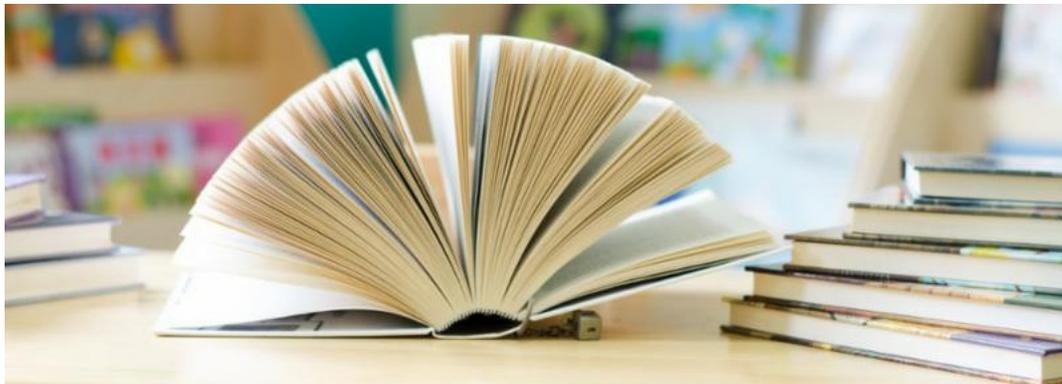
December 28: Soup Kitchen at First Methodist Church, Evanston

January 16: *Equal Means Equal* Screening and Discussion

January 21: *I am Jane Doe* Film Screening and Discussion

January 31: NCJW Section Board meeting

If you have a specific passion that you'd like to share with us or are interested in helping plan a program, email melissa@ncjwcns.org. We would love to hear from you!



NCJW Book Club

It's not too late to participate in NCJW's Moderated Book Club.

Enjoy great books and be part of lively discussions.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month** at Congregation Solel, 1301

Upcoming Discussions include:

December 6, 2017: *The God of Small Things* by Arundham Roy

January 3, 2018: *The Handmaidens Tale* by Margaret Atwood

February 7, 2018: *Jumping Over Shadows* by Annette Gendler

March 7, 2018: *Swing Time* by Zadie Smith

April 4, 2018: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

May 2, 2018: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce

If you'd like to try book club without committing to the rest of the season, please come for a one-time tryout. For more information on attending, contact Marcia at mslevy600@gmail.com.

[Click here](#) to join Book Club or to register for a Book Club Try-Out.



**Women's Gubernatorial Forum
Sat., December 9, 2:00 pm**

Chicago Temple

77 West Washington, Chicago

Illinois has a Gubernatorial election coming up – learn about the candidates and the issues most effecting women at the Women's Gubernatorial Forum at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9. Held in partnership with more than 30 women's groups across the city, the forum will be an opportunity for women to get an early look at the candidates and their views on issues of urgent concern. Illinois will choose its next governor in November, 2018; voters will choose the candidates in primaries this March. [Click here](#) for information.

**NCJW CNS Board Meeting
Wed., December 13, 10:00 am**

Chicago location given upon RSVP

Join the NCJW CNS Section Board at one of our bi-monthly board meetings. Get involved and learn more about our section. Each board meeting will focus on a different topic. The speaker for December is Tamar Manasseh, founder of Mothers Against Senseless Killing (MASK). Board meetings are open to all NCJW Chicago North Shore members. Email info@ncjwcns.org for location.

**2018 Women's March Chicago
Sat., January 20, Time TBD**

Chicago location given upon RSVP

Join NCJW Chicago North Shore at the 2018 Women's March Chicago. While the full details of the 2018 Women's March have not been set, NCJW Chicago North Shore plants to meet at Crown Fountain (Northeast corner of Michigan and Monroe) in Millenium Park for a brief Shabbat service prior to the event. Then we will walk together to the participate with hundreds of thousands working to CONNECT, PROTECT, and ACTIVATE for women's rights, civil liberties, and diverse issues. (The Crown Fountain is the pair of glass brick towers with digital faces). [Click here](#) to RSVP.

**I am Jane Doe Screening
Sun., January 21, 2:00 pm**

Northbrook Library, 1201 Cedar View this thought provoking film and join in a discussion with a panel of experts. Learn about the latest developments and how you can advocate against the third largest criminal industry responsible for trapping between 16,000-25,000 local young women every year. [Click here](#) to reserve your spot

**NCJW CNS Board Meeting
Wed., January 31, 10:00 am**
Chicago location given upon RSVP

**Soup Kitchen at First Methodist
Thurs., December 28, 4:00 pm**

*First United Methodist Church
516 Church Street, Evanston.*

Help to prepare and serve a meal to those in need. Volunteers are needed to shop for groceries, bake, prepare and serve food. Cash donations for food are also needed. NCJW members and a limited number of children, ages six & older, may volunteer. Contact Lauren at labsler@att.net.

**Equal Means Equal Screening
Tues., January 16, 10:00 am**

Location given upon RSVP
6:45pm; film begins promptly at 7.
Join NCJW for a private home screening of the documentary *Equal Means Equal*. This film offers an unflinching look at how women are treated in the United States today. There is no cost to attend but advanced registration is required. Space is limited to 25 attendees. [Click here](#) to register.

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SAVE THE DATE

**NCJW National Visitor Brunch
Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

Join us for an interesting and informative visit with Jody Rabhan Director of NCJW Washington Operations. Jody will give us an update on the issues we are most passionate about, an overview of NCJW's activities in DC, and steps we can take as part of our grassroots effort to protect the rights of women, children and families. Visit our website for more information as it becomes available.

NCJW Member News and Tributes

We Need Your News!

Whether you are celebrating a simcha or sharing your sorrow, your NCJW friends want to know!



Keep NCJW informed of your life events: weddings, babies, graduations, b'nai mitzvahs as well as illnesses and grief. We are here to share with you....

Email info@ncjwcns.org.

New Members

- * Judith Gethner
- * Doris Schyman

For A Blessing

We mourn the loss of the Life Member Joyce Nathan
We send condolences to Life Member Adrienne Eckerling on the loss of her husband Sanford

May their memories be for a blessing.

An NCJW Chicago North Shore Tribute is a thoughtful way to acknowledge a life event while supporting NCJW's many valuable projects. You may purchase an individual tribute or packages of tribute cards.

To purchase Tributes visit

To: The Family of Rose Wandel
From: Marjorie and Gene Audette
In honor of Rose Wandel. We loved her very much and will remember her always.

To: Sharon & Jeffrey Lipton
From: Shelly & Joanie Banoff
Message: Mazel Tov on the Engagement of David & Erica



Silent Witness Stories

The Silent Witness Exhibit of Illinois honors those who have died from acts of intimate partner violence. The Exhibit consists of life-size female figures, each bearing a shield telling the true story of an Illinois woman killed as a result of domestic violence. The figures provide a powerful visual impact to raise awareness of the tragedy and loss we all suffer when lives are taken senselessly through domestic violence. Groups may use the Exhibit for outreach, education and fundraising programs.

The Silent Witness Exhibit has been viewed in Illinois by thousands of people in dozens of venues since it was launched in 1997 by the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Chicago North Shore Section. The Silent Witness Exhibit of Illinois is part of the National Silent Witness Initiative, started in 1990 in Minneapolis.

[Click here](#) for more information about hosting the Silent Witness Exhibit.

Each Month in the NCJW E-News, we will highlight a Silent Witness Story, so that the victims of domestic violence will never be forgotten.

Rachel Taylor
Age 22
Aurora
January 20, 2014

Rachel Taylor was a loving mother of two children with her boyfriend Christopher Whetstone, 45. During an argument, he shot her multiple times, and she was pronounced dead at hospital. Kane County records reveal multiple incidents of domestic abuse by Whetstone involving other people, including his mother. He had been imprisoned twice for violence against another woman with whom he had two children and once for drugs. Whetstone was sentenced to 60 years in prison.

Be a Part of Something Great!

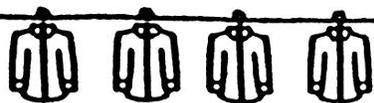


Join or renew your NCJW membership today. As a member of NCJW, you will impact your community and the world at large by becoming part of a growing grassroots network of courageous and compassionate individuals who improve the lives of women, children, and families every day. Your involvement will give you new opportunities for advocacy and leadership across the country. Our NCJW Membership Year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Help us save time by renewing your membership online today at <https://ncjwcns.org/membership>. You can also mail your \$50 membership dues check (payable to NCJWCNS) to our office:
NCJW, 5 Revere Drive, Suite 200, Northbrook, IL 60062.

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**If you haven't stopped by Encore lately,
you don't know what you are missing!**

New Encore Winter Hours!

So that Encore can provide the best possible service to its donors and customers, it has reduced its hours during the winter season. Encore's is currently **closed on Sundays and Mondays and weekday mornings** and open for donations and shopping as follows:

Tuesday: noon to 5:00 pm

Wednesday: noon to 5:00 pm

Thursday: noon to 5:00 pm

Friday: noon to 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Encore's Online Store: Sometimes you just don't want to leave the house. We get it. In addition to the amazing items featured at Encore & More, some select items are also being offered for purchase online. Visit <http://stores.ebay.com/encoremore> and see what treasures they have to offer!

Encore & More is NCJW's major fundraiser, supported by members and friends through donations of gently used men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories, jewelry, bric-a-brac, collectibles and small furniture.

Donations are accepted during Encore's business hours. Deliver to the door at the rear parking lot off 11th St. Or, call for pickup at 847.853.8888. Please note that if you are dropping off a donation or picking up materials at Encore, you may park in the back against the building provided your car flashers are activated. If you park without activating your flashers - you may be ticketed.

Luggage for Freedom Update

We wanted to thank our hard working new and returning volunteers, who participated in our Pack & Delivery Day on Sunday, October 29th. We were able to pack 138 suitcases and 189 backpacks on Sunday and deliver the items to A Safe Place, WINGS, House of Peace, PADS, YWCA Evanston, Catholic Charities, South Suburban Shelter, CAWC Greenhouse, Family Rescue, House of Good Shepard, and Apna Ghar. We know from the feedback we receive every year that the donations from Luggage for Freedom are invaluable to providing a sense of dignity and hope to so many woman and children - and this project would not be possible without all of you.



And thank you to all those who donated sheets and towels - and those that brought Ziploc bags on Sunday!! The Dignity Bags would not have been completed without your donations!

We also want to extend our appreciation to the following groups and businesses in our community for their support and donations: Alpha Chi Omega - Northwestern, American Hotel Register Company, Congregation Or Shalom - Quilting for Tzedekah, Golan's Moving and Storage, Jewel-Osco in Highland Park, Kaehler Luggage, The Kindness Connection, Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Lincoln School Service Club, Piero's Pizza, Ross's in Highland Park, Staples Inc., Uncle Dan's Outfitters, and West Ridge Center - Highland Park Park District.

Thank you very much for your efforts - we really appreciate your hard work! Nora and Pam

Luggage for Freedom Needs your Support to Keep Running!! If you would like to make a monetary donation to Luggage for Freedom, send your donation to: National Council of Jewish Women/Luggage for Freedom, 5 Revere Drive Suite 200, Northbrook, IL 60062 or go to ncjwcns.org/lff-donate.



Stop the Arm Anyone Concealed Carry Bill

With 213 co-sponsors, the "Arm Anyone" concealed carry bill (H.R. 38) passed out of the House Judiciary Committee on a party line vote. It is expected to come to the House floor for a vote at anytime. This bill would override state permitting laws that limit who can carry a loaded hidden gun in each state and would force states to allow individuals to carry guns who are not qualified to do so under their own laws. This extreme legislation is a dangerous encroachment on individual state efforts to protect public safety, and it would effectively nullify duly enacted state laws and hamper law enforcement efforts to prevent gun violence. This legislation would create a race to the bottom, allowing states with the weakest laws the furthest reach. Mandated reciprocity would effectively override the permitting requirements

Here's what we need to be done: **write, call and email your congressperson** (Capitol Switchboard - **(202) 224- 3121**) telling them opposes H.R. 38, the disastrous "Arm Anyone" Concealed Carry bill that threatens to effectively dismantle strong state concealed carry gun laws, allowing dangerous, untrained people to carry hidden, loaded guns in any state.

US Supreme Court Hears Anti-Discrimination Case

On Tuesday, December 5, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in *Masterpiece Cakeshop Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, a case stemming from the refusal of a baker to sell a wedding cake to a gay couple because of his religious beliefs. The Court will determine whether enforcing public accommodations laws, such as Colorado's non-discrimination law, violates the First Amendment. NCJW joined an [amicus brief](#) in support of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission and believes that religious freedom is not a license to discriminate.

NCJW's New Private School Voucher Talking Points

NCJW opposes school voucher programs that funnel taxpayer dollars to private schools, religious organizations, or schools with discriminatory policies toward students, teachers, and/or other school personnel. **Learn more about what vouchers are, and why we oppose them, by reading through our [new talking points](#).**

National Day of Action for the Dream Act - #DreamActNow

In September, President Trump ended the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which enabled young immigrants, called Dreamers, brought to the United States as children to work and live without fear of deportation. The Dream Act would give DACA recipients a path to citizenship, and must be passed as soon as possible. National immigrant rights & Dreamer-led groups are planning a national day of action on Wednesday, December 6, cosponsored by NCJW. There are events in all 50 states — [click here](#) to see how you can get involved. NCJW plans to join an amicus (friend of the court) brief in support of DACA. To make the brief as robust as possible, the writers need help identifying DACA recipients who are active in their religious communities, and congregations that are assisting DACA recipients through social/legal support or otherwise. If you know of any recipients or congregations that fit the bill, let NCJW know! Email Faith Williams (née Fried) (faith@ncjwdc.org) to share your story.

Courts Matter

- On Tuesday, November 28, the Senate voted [50-48](#) to confirm Gregory Katsas to a lifetime seat on the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Katsas currently serves as Deputy White House Counsel for President Trump. Katsas acknowledges that he advised President Trump on the Muslim Ban, ending DACA protections, and the so-called "Election Integrity" commission. Katsas also admitted that he had given advice to White House officials regarding the Mueller probe.
- On Wednesday, November 29, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on two circuit court nominees who have not received the support of both of their home state senators: Kyle Duncan of Louisiana (nominated for the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals) and David Stras of Minnesota (nominated for the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals).
- The mark-up and votes for Steven Gras (nominated to 8th Circuit Court of Appeals), Don Willett (nominated to 5th Circuit Court of Appeals), James Ho (nominated to 5th Circuit Court of Appeals), and seven district court nominees have been rescheduled for Thursday, December 7.
- On Wednesday, December 13, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on Elizabeth Branch (nominated for the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals), Matthew Kacsmaryk (nominated for the US District Court for the Northern District of Texas), and Charles Goodwin (nominated for the US District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma). Goodwin was the first of Trump's judicial nominees to be rated "not qualified" from the nonpartisan American Bar Association (ABA).
- **Please call your senators** – and urge your coalitions, networks, and friends to do the same – about these troubling nominees. Your senators need to hear from you as soon as possible! Call the Senate switchboard at **(202) 224-3121** or find your senators' numbers [here](#).

If you missed NCJW's most recent distance learning call, "**#CourtsMatter to Religious Freedom**" with Maggie Garrett, Legislative Director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, you can listen to the recording [here](#).

Sex Trafficking

We wanted to share with you the news that NCJW, Inc. board directors voted to support the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (SESTA, S 1693), which would hold internet

companies like Backpage.com liable for knowingly facilitating the sale of sex trafficking victims online. Specifically, SESTA would revise Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, which protects websites from being held legally liable for content posted by third-party users, making it easier to sue internet platforms for facilitating online sex trafficking. Changes were recently made to the measure to facilitate the support of the Internet Association. The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee approved the measure by voice vote on November 8 [with a Thune \(R-SD\), Nelson \(D-FL\), and Blumenthal \(D-CT\) amendment](#). Though the bill has been gaining momentum in the Senate, Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR), one of the crafters of the original Communications Decency Act and a critic of SESTA, announced he would place a public hold on the bill, which requires a 60-vote threshold and could tie up several days of floor time. Next steps in the Senate are uncertain, though we will keep you posted.

CHIP Faces an Uncertain Future

For decades, millions of children have relied on the Children's Health Insurance Program or CHIP for health care coverage. The [program](#) has provided prescription medicines, checkups, and hospital care to low- to moderate-income children with broad bipartisan support, and today, 9 million uninsured children rely on CHIP for their health care. The House of Representatives passed ([242-174](#)) a reauthorization of CHIP on November 3, but with harmful language that would make it harder for children and families to keep their coverage. Among many onerous provisions, the House bill would take away health insurance from upwards of 680,000 Americans; shorten grace periods for premium payment, terminating health insurance when someone in the marketplace is a month late paying their premiums; deny health care to pregnant women and children while back-office billing issues are being resolved; slash funding for vital public health services, taking significant funding away from state public health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and increase Medicare premiums for higher-income enrollees. Funding for CHIP expired on September 30, and some states have already requested emergency funding from the federal government.

Take Action! [Email your senators](#) to urge them to pass a five year reauthorization of CHIP with funding sources that pay for children's coverage without harming hardworking families.

Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof: Tools for Transformation

Join us on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 from 1:30-2:45 pm ET or 7:30-8:45 pm ET for the third training in our new advocacy and organizing webinar series Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof: Tools for Transformation. We'll be focusing this month on how to identify and develop leaders when doing advocacy work. We're excited to host Jeannie Appleman, Senior Organizer and Trainer for [JOIN for Justice](#), as our guest trainer.

[Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof: Tools for Transformation](#)



[Click here to RSVP](#)

Here are some of the things we'll cover in this call:

- How to identify characteristics of a potential leader
- How to ask someone to step up into a leadership role
- How to develop leaders to take action

You won't want to miss this opportunity to dive into some of the nuances of the work we do across the country. The training will be interactive and driven by the conversation we have, so every voice matters! We'll also be offering this webinar at two different times to accommodate the most schedules, so select the time frame that is most convenient for you. It'll be the same content in the afternoon and evening. If you can't make this one, don't worry – we'll send out a recording that you can watch afterwards.

Other Events and Items of Interest

Candlelight Vigil in honor of Sandy Hook Elementary School 5 year Anniversary

There will be a candlelight vigil in remembrance of the five year mark of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy on **December 14, at 7:00pm.**

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tragedy, as well as the 500,000 American victims and survivors of gun violence since December 2012. This event will be part of a nationwide tribute in partnership with the Newtown Foundation, Newtown Action Alliance, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Everytown Survivor Network, Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Organizing for Action, States United to Prevent Gun Violence, St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Women's March.

Since the tragic Sandy Hook shooting:

- Over 500,000 Americans have been killed or injured by firearms
- There have been 242 school shootings
- There have been over 1500 mass shootings (defined as 4 or more people shot in an incident)
- There has been NO Congressional action

Please join us on December 14 at 7:00pm
Congregation Solel, 1301 Clavey Rd., Highland Park, IL

[RSVP NOW](#)

Articles and Opinions

- [Jewish groups slam Trump for anti-Muslim retweets](#)
- [In Abrupt About-Face, Senator Grassley Has Decided to Undermine the Federal Courts System Rather than Support it](#)
- [Jewish groups urge Israel not to deport African refugees](#)
- [President Trump's Order Discriminates Against Muslims and Harms Members of all Faiths](#)
- [Gun dealer bill does not pass in Illinois House](#)
- [Are Some Christians More Equal Than Others in Cakeshop Case?](#)

Support NCJW

Chicago North Shore has several new ways to support our section. As always, you can make a one time donation or purchase a tribute (links are below), but we now also have a lovely, hand-crafted necklace you can purchase for yourself or for a gift. Net proceeds from the sale of each [necklace](#) supports NCJW's mission.

You can also support NCJW as a Sustaining Advocate. [Complete and print this form](#) and mail it to our office, 5 Revere Drive, Suite 200, Northbrook, IL 60062 and your scheduled monthly donation will ensure the viability of Chicago North Shore for generations to come. Your support makes it possible for NCJW to create meaningful social change for women, children, and families in the US and Israel. Make a difference for women, children, and families by giving a generous gift to NCJW through a variety of options:

[Make a Donation](#)

Put your dollars to work immediately by making a fast, secure online donation. Become a Major Donor by making a donation of \$360 or more.

[Purchase a Tribute](#)

Honor a family member, colleague, friend, or loved one by giving a gift to NCJW. A handwritten NCJW tribute card with a message of support, celebration, or sympathy will be sent to the honoree or the family of the person you wish to remember.

[Purchase a Necklace](#)

Canadian jewelry artist Hilary Druxman has handcrafted a beautifully designed necklace and has partnered with NCJW Chicago North Shore to bring her design to our members and supporters. Overlapping triangles come together to form a star, reflecting our belief in advocacy and action. Each necklace costs \$44 (\$40 + \$4 sales tax) and can be shipped anywhere in the US. Net proceeds from the sale of each handcrafted sterling silver necklace support our mission.

NCJW is recognized as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. Contributions to it are tax deductible to the full extent provided by the law.

Create a Legacy!

Want to ensure NCJW's legacy for years to come? Are you a life member and want to extend your support in perpetuity? Have you thought out a bequest to NCJW?

[Click here](#) for a sample form. It's that easy!

Already have a bequest to NCJW? Please let us know that you put us in your will so we can acknowledge you!! Email melissa@ncjwcns.org.

Support NCJW with your Purchases

Save Gas. Save Time. Raise Money!

Through iGive, Amazon smile and others, you can raise money for NCJW while you shop online. Use the links below and select NCJW Chicago North Shore as your charity of choice.

[iGive](#)

Every time you shop at any of the 1,000+ online stores in the iGive network, a portion of the money you spend benefits NCJW Chicago North Shore Section. It's a free service, and you'll never pay more when you reach a store through iGive. In fact, smart shoppers will enjoy iGive's repository of coupons, free shipping deals, and sales. To get started, just create your free iGive account at igive.com.

Start iGiving at: www.iGive.com/NCJW

[AmazonSmile](#)

You shop. Amazon gives. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support NCJW every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com and select National Council of Jewish Women Wilmette, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to directly to NCJW.

[Goodshop](#)

You shop; you save; they give

Here is a simple way to make a difference -- each time you search the web (Goodsearch) or shop online (Goodshop), Goodsearch will make a donation to your favorite cause. Just visit Goodshop and select NCJW Chicago North Shore as your charity of choice.

If you have other fundraising ideas, contact us at info@ncjwcns.org.

Connect with us

