

“Everyone has a right to love and be loved, and nobody on this Earth has the right to tell anyone that their love for another human being is morally wrong.”

— Barbra Streisand



## NCJW Upcoming Events and Information

On February 1, 1960 - In Greensboro, North Carolina, four African American students sat down and ordered coffee at a lunch counter inside a Woolworth's store. They were refused service, but did not leave. Instead, they waited all day. The scene was repeated over the next few days, with protests spreading to other southern states, resulting in the eventual arrest of over 1,600 persons for participating in sit-ins.

As Jews, we believe that every human being, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, or physical or mental ability is deserving of full inclusion and every opportunity. This belief underpins our work to advance civil rights.

NCJW advocates for policies that promote equal rights, end discrimination, and encourage opportunities for individuals of all backgrounds, such as:

- LGBTQ equality and inclusion, including fighting poverty, homelessness, violence, and discrimination;
- Overhauling our broken and racially-biased criminal justice system, in which 2 million are currently incarcerated, disproportionately people of color;
- Improving hate crime laws to protect marginalized communities from bias and violence;
- Expanding opportunities for individuals with disabilities; and
- Ensuring that all children have the opportunity to learn and be educated.

From the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act, NCJW has been and continues to be on the front lines helping to enact

## QUICK LINKS:

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landmark civil rights legislation.

Check out our [Civil Rights Action Resources](#).

**Melissa Prober**  
Executive Director, NCJW Chicago North Shore

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## Take 5 With Evie Levin

**1) When did you join NCJW?**

I joined NCJW Chicago Section back in 1976.

**2) Why did you join?**

I joined NCJW to meet like minded women in the community on the subject of choice as well as other political and communal affairs effecting women, families and our long support of the State of Israel.



**3) What makes NJCW special/unique/worth supporting?**

NCJW is special in it's involvement in the local community, the national community and the international community fighting for justice for all people

**4) What is your favorite NCJW memory?**

My favorite memory with NCJW was the first time I went to Washington Institute as part of the Chicago Section SPA Committee. It was wonderful how we were received by the people in Congress who really listened to us.

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

We have to change the way we think about a volunteer organization because there just aren't as many people available to give substantial time to community service. We have to think about fund raising and advocacy in different ways. As an advocate, I am for changing with the times and NCJW must also change.

~Evie Levin, NCJW CNS Past President

**What is your NCJW Story?**

Be featured in an upcoming issue of the Councillor? Email [melissa@ncjwcns.org](mailto:melissa@ncjwcns.org) and share your NCJW story.

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## 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.

February 13: Women's Salon

February 21: Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof: Tools for Transformation

February 25: Sexuality and Consent in the age of the internet and #MeToo  
February 28: Harvest Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

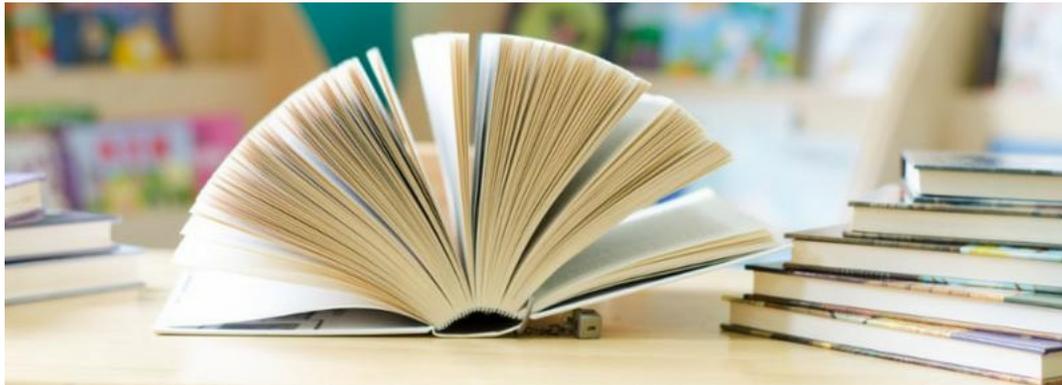
March 7: Book Club - *Swing Time* by Zadie Smith  
March 7: NCJW Chicago North Shore Board Meeting  
March 14: Women's Salon  
March 19: Equal Means Equal Screening  
March 22: Theatre Outing: The Green Book

April 4: Matzo Toppers, Education and Advocacy  
April 11: Behind Closed Doors in Washington, DC with Jody Rabhan  
April 23: Major Donor Dinner

### SAVE THE DATE

May 22: NCJW Spring Event: Sip and Savor with Elaine Soloway

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](mailto: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 Clavey Road, Highland Park from 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. Refreshments are provided

Upcoming Discussions include:

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

Our book club is nearing the end of the 2017-2018 season. This is the perfect time to check out our book club before committing to the series in the fall. If you'd like to try book club, please come for a one-time tryout. For more information on attending, contact Marcia at [mslevy600@gmail.com](mailto:mslevy600@gmail.com).



**Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof: Tools for Transformation - Webinar**  
**Wednesday, February 21**  
**12:30 and again at 6:30**  
[Click here to RSVP](#)

**Equal Means Equal Screening**  
**Monday, March 19, 7:00 pm**  
*Northbrook Public Library*  
*1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook*  
Watch the history of the ERA unfold

Learn how to answer difficult questions (and ask them too) in your advocacy work. Join us for the next installment of our advocacy and organizing webinar series Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof: Tools for Transformation. NCJW's own Ari Conrad, Grassroots Associate, will be facilitating this training.

**Sexuality and Consent in the age of the internet and #MeToo Sunday, February 25, 4:00 pm**

*North Shore Congregation Israel  
1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe IL*

Our kids are growing up in a world very different than previous generations. They have easy exposure to pornography (90% of kids ages 8-16 have seen pornography online) and cultural attitudes towards "hooking up" often impact their sexual development and safety. This program will help adults understand the risks kids face, and the opportunities we as parents and grandparents have to impact boys' development through appropriate (sometimes uncomfortable) conversations with our sons about sexuality and relationships. JCAST Chicago is excited to partner with Tracey Kite, LCSW, of Jewish Child and Family Services, National Council of Jewish Women Northshore, and North Shore Congregation Israel to provide this new program.

[Click here to register by February 22.](#)

\*\*\*Also Join us on Sunday, April 22, for **Let's Talk About Girls:**

**Sexuality and Consent in the age of the internet and #MeToo**

- This program will help adults understand the risks kids face, and the opportunities we as parents and grandparents have to impact girls' development through appropriate (sometimes uncomfortable) conversations with our daughters about sexuality and relationships.

**Vineyard Food Pantry and Clothes Closet**

**Wednesday, Feb. 28, 5:00pm**

*Vineyard Christian Church Harvest Food Pantry and Clothes Closet*

in this powerful documentary. Full legal equality still eludes American women, as documented in this film on the Equal Rights Amendment. Outdated attitudes and inadequate laws influence how women are treated in the workplace, domestic life, healthcare system, and the judicial system. The Equal Rights Amendment can put women's civil and human rights on a solid foundation. [Click here](#) to register.

**Theatre Outing: The Green Book**

**Thursday, March 22; 7:30 pm**

*Pegasus at Chicago Dramatists  
773 N. Aberdeen, Chicago*

The Green Book centers on the Davis', an African-American family who open their home to black travelers in the south during Jim Crow/segregation and activism. The play is also an investigation of the impact of civil rights on contemporary American issues. Inspired by Victor Hugo Green's historical "The Negro Motorist Green Book," the setting takes place during a weekend when the Davis' are celebrating the arrival of Dr. W.E.B. DuBois for a lecture. The appearance of a white visitor, who turns out to be a Jewish Holocaust survivor, sets off a chain of events that shows that racism and anti-Semitism cannot be ignored. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

**Matzo Toppers, Education & Advocacy**

**Wednesday, April 4, 6:00 pm**

*Highland Park location*

Trash the leftovers and try matzo with something new! Passover is our story of slavery. Learn about the 16,000 and 25,000 American born teens caught in sex trafficking bondage today. Trash the leftovers and join JCAST Chicago, NCJW North Shore, and NA-AMAT for this fun and tasty evening.

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

**NCJW Washington DC: An Insider's View**

2495 Howard Street, Evanston  
NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY  
For those of you who are unfamiliar, the Harvest Food Pantry of Evanston each week on Wednesdays serves approximately 200 families, providing each with 3-4 grocery bags of fresh produce, meat, dairy and dry goods, including personal care products, usually of their choice. In addition, families may visit the Clothes Closet for needed items, which are provided free of charge. There is room for 10 volunteers. As always, NCJW members will have first priority. To volunteer email [labsler@att.net](mailto:labsler@att.net).

March 7: NCJW Chicago North Shore Board Meeting  
**NCJW CNS Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 7, 10:00 am**  
*Northbrook location*  
Join the NCJW CNS Section Board at one of our bi-monthly board meetings. Get involved and learn more about our section. **Board meetings are open to all NCJW Chicago North Shore members.** Email [info@ncjwcns.org](mailto:info@ncjwcns.org) for location.

Wednesday, April 11, 10:30 am  
Lloyd's Chicago, 1 S. Wacker Dr.  
You may be familiar with NCJW's here in Chicagoland, but do you know what NCJW does in Washington, DC? That's where the federal advocacy action is. NCJW is a strong presence on the hill and has developed a wonderful relationship with both progressive and conservative members of Congress. Join NCJW Chicago North Shore and South Cook Sections for a lovely brunch with Jody Rabhan, Director of NCJW Washington Operations for a look at NCJW in Action – what's happening on DC and NCJW's advocacy history and legacy.

Early bird reservations are \$25. After March 15, registration will be \$30. Advance registration will close on April 6. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. At the door registration is \$36.  
[Click here to register.](#)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Annual Major Donor Dinner**  
**Monday, April 23**

## SAVE THE DATE

### Sip and Savor with Elaine Soloway Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Spend an evening in the city with Elaine Soloway, author of *Bad Grandma and Other Chapters In A Life Lived Out Loud*. Elaine Soloway has lived the past four decades of her life out loud and in the public eye. At the age of 78, Elaine has four successful and widely-read blogs, has published three books, and most recently has seen aspects of her life immortalized on the Golden Globe and Emmy Award Winning "Transparent," which is produced and written by her daughters, Jill and Faith Soloway. Through a combination of traditional and social media, Elaine shares her life generously with her readers -- exposing both her successes and challenges to public scrutiny.

## NCJW 2018 Leadership Retreat



We can't wait to see you on June 1, 2018. Our leaders are some of the most resourceful, smart, dedicated and knowledgeable people across the country and Leadership Retreat gives us a chance to learn from each other and experts in the field, and gather skills to continue to fight the good fight.

### **When is Leadership Retreat?**

June 1-3, 2018. The retreat kicks off on Friday at 2:00pm central time, and wraps up at 1:30pm central time on Sunday.

### **Where is it?**

St. Louis, Missouri! Specifically, at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 600 West Port Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146.

### **What is the goal of Leadership Retreat?**

To provide NCJW leaders with knowledge, skills, resources and connections to the NCJW network so they are better able to deliver on the mission of NCJW locally and nationally.

### **What should I expect from Leadership Retreat?**

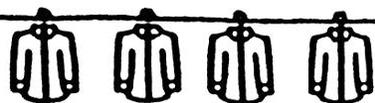
As a result of attending, you will:

- Build leadership skills to support your role as Section President, Board Member, Committee Chair, Advocacy Leader or NCJW advocate or volunteer
- Gain the knowledge and skills you need to build and maintain a strong section or action team.
- Learn from and build connections with other NCJW leaders from around the country.
- Feel empowered as a leader of complex social justice work.
- Connect with the Jewish values that guide our work.
- Build relationships and have fun!

Email Melissa at [melissa@ncjwcns.org](mailto:melissa@ncjwcns.org) for more information.

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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**

### Donate your Silver-Plate

Are you tired of looking at all that tarnish. Hate polishing your gravy bowl? Encore & More has a wonderful buyer for silver plated items and the proceeds go to NCJW! Just bring your items to Encore during business hours!

**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.*

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## 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](mailto: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](http://igive.com).

Start iGiving at: [www.iGive.com/NCJW](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@ncjwcns.org).

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