

# THE COUNCILLOR

A Faith in the Future | A Belief in Action

## Upcoming Events

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## 2017 Installation Celebration

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**Celebrate...**

NCJW Chicago North Shore

2017 Installation Celebration

Featuring keynote speaker:

Susan Gzesh

Executive Director

University of Chicago Pozen Family Center for Human Rights

RSVP at <https://ncjwcns.org/installation/>

Questions? Contact Melissa at 847-853-8889 or [info@ncjwcns.org](mailto:info@ncjwcns.org).



### My NCJW Story

Back in the '70s, Marliss Levin invited my mother to join her at an NCJW meeting. Roughly 40 years later, Marliss's daughter Julie Schaeffer invited me to an NCJW Next Generation meeting. I quickly joined and got involved co-chairing events, editing the bulletin and joining the Next Gen board. Shortly thereafter, then-president Donna Gutman hired me to take on some small administrative tasks for a few hours each month.

Fast forward a decade or so and Donna Gutman, once again a section president, asked me to step into the role of Executive Director. I am so pleased to be able to spend my time working for and with women who amaze and inspire me every day. NCJW is your legacy and I am so pleased that it is mine as well.

-Melissa Prober, NCJW life member and Chicago North Shore Executive Director

### 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.

## NCJW Chicago North Shore 2017-2018 Slate of Officers

Slate of Officers will be voted on at the Installation Celebration on Wednesday, June 28 at Happ Inn, 305 Haps Road, Northfield.\*

### Executive Board

Co-President – Tina Cantrell\*  
Co-President – Donna Gutman\*  
Treasurer – Stacy Saef\*  
Secretary – Merle Gross\*\*

### Immediate Past President

Stacy Saef

### Directors

Lorna Cohen\*  
Laurie Grauer\*  
Carole Levine\*\*  
Marcie Levy\*\*  
Jill Lexier\*  
Tracy Loewenthal\*\*  
Maria G Medina\*\*  
Beth Najberg\*  
Robbie Schreiber\*\*  
Deborah Vietinghoff\*\*  
Anita Weinstein\*\*

\*Term Ends in 2018

\*\* Term Ends in 2019

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### Get Involved with NCJW Chicago North Shore

If you've been wondering how to get involved with NCJW Chicago North Shore, wonder no longer! There are opportunities to get involved as a volunteer (page 3), as a supporter (page 4), by registering for an event (page 6), or by attending a board meeting or joining a committee (keep reading!).

NCJW Chicago North Shore board meetings are open to all section members in good standing. Board meetings generally are held during the day at board member's homes. Attending a board meeting is a great way to learn more about NCJW and NCJW Chicago North Shore and our current initiatives. Email [melissa@ncjwcns.org](mailto:melissa@ncjwcns.org) if you are interested in attending. Board meeting for the 2017-2018 programming year will be added to our calendar in July.

There are other ways to get involved with NCJW Chicago North Shore - such as by joining a committee. We hope to start new committees in the areas of communications and membership and we have active committees in the areas of programming and fundraising. And we are always looking for new ideas if you wanted to suggest an additional committee.

In addition, we want to recognize our long-time members and supporters, email [melissa@ncjwcns.org](mailto:melissa@ncjwcns.org) and let me know when (approximate year is fine) you first joined NCJW. We especially want to acknowledge our 25 and 50 year members so please let me know!

**Community Service**

Please join us for one of our upcoming community service projects. Details below:

**Luggage for Freedom Collection Drive**

Sunday, June 2, 2017, 10am-12pm  
 Extra Space Storage  
 1610 Old Deerfield Road  
 Highland Park.

\*Luggage for Freedom is collecting donations of NEW sheets, NEW towels, new or gently used luggage (NO oversized or garment bags please) backpacks, purses and children’s books, as well as NEW stuffed animals to assist women and children leaving domestic violence shelters. Extra Space Storage is a drive-through facility. No need to get out of your car. Just follow the signs and volunteers will take your donations out of your car! For more information or to make a monetary donation to help us continue our project please call 847-853-8889, email [luggageforfreedom@ncjwcns.org](mailto:luggageforfreedom@ncjwcns.org) or go to [ncjwcns.org](http://ncjwcns.org).

**Soup Kitchen at Beth Emet**

Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 4 - 7 pm  
 Beth Emet Synagogue  
 1224 Dempster, Evanston.

\*Help shop, prepare and serve dinner and bag lunches. The evening is part of an ongoing collaboration between NCJW and Project Hamotzi to provide free meals to the area’s homeless and working poor. NCJW members and a limited number of children, ages six & older, may volunteer. Contact Lauren at [labsler@att.net](mailto:labsler@att.net).



**Programming Updates**

NCJW Chicago North Shore had a busy month of programming in May with Israel solidarity day, 50/50 Day in Naperville, our Major Donor Dinner and our successful Mother’s Day Project.

**Mother’s Day Project:** Once again our mother’s day project was a great success. The women of the Downers Grove Domestic Violence Shelter were treated to wonderful baskets full of pillows, journals, towels and socks and other luxuries. It is only through the generosity of our members and supporters that this project thrives so THANK YOU!.

**50/50 Day: Getting to a More Gender Balanced World:** On May 10, NCJW hosted a 50/50 Day event in Naperville where a terrific group of NCJW supporters and friends discussed global gender inequality and viewed the acclaimed film 50/50 by Emmy-nominated filmmaker Tiffany Shlain. Mark your calendars for April 26, 2018 for the next 50/50 Day!



**Major Donor Dinner**

On May 21, NCJW Major Donors were treated to a lovely dinner and an intimate conversation with Lorie Chaiten, Director of the Reproductive Rights Project of the ACLU of Illinois. Special thanks to the Fundraising Committee: Cindy Wolfson, Ellen Gussin, Carole Levine, Donna Gutman, Karen Coplan and Tina Cantrell for all your hard work and an extra special thanks to Cindy Wolfson for opening up her beautiful home to us!



## Join me in A Faith in the Future

Like you, I support National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore. It's the organization that introduced me to women who I cherish. It's the voice of progressive Jewish women. It's the organization that has provided me a way to connect with other like-minded individuals who are interested in repairing the world.

NCJW Chicago North Shore has a robust future. Our daughters, nieces, and granddaughters are next in line to advocate for women's issues. There is much work to still be done and we need the continued support of those who want to make sure that our NCJW Chicago North Shore voices heard will continue to be heard and enact change.



Along with some of our members, we created *A Faith in the Future* giving program for those of us who want to leave a legacy gift to NCJW Chicago North Shore. By participating in A Faith in the Future, we can better ensure that NCJW Chicago North Shore can continue to serve the needs of our local women through advocacy, education, and programming.

Joining the Faith in the Future giving program is simple:

1. Complete the Declaration of Intent (located on the next page) to join our giving society
2. Discuss adding a legacy gift to NCJW Chicago North Shore in your will or estate with your estate planning professional

I have made a commitment to the future of National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore and hope that you will join me. It's up to us and the time is now.

Most Sincerely,

Donna Gutman  
President



National Council of Jewish Women  
Chicago North Shore Section

## A Faith in the Future Giving Society Declaration of Intent

As a proud supporter of National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore, I am pleased to make this Declaration of Intent to help NCJW Chicago North Shore to further its mission into the future.

I/we intend to make a commitment and will formalize my/our gift within \_\_\_ months.

I/we have already done so but haven't shared the information with NCJW Chicago North Shore.

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My/Our legacy gift in the approximate amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ was completed through (check one):

- Bequest/Will**
- Life Insurance**
- Retirement Plan Assets (IRA)**
- Charitable Remainder Trust**
- Charitable Gift Annuity**
- Real Estate or Business Interest**
- Donor Advised Fund**
- Other** \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME(S) FOR FORMAL RECOGNITION

I/we would like my/our gift to remain anonymous at this time.

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EMAIL

You have my/our permission to share my/our commitment with NCJW Chicago North Shore.

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## Other Events of Interest

The following events are listed as a courtesy to our members and are not sponsored by NCJW CNS.

### Race - the Power of an Illusion

Wednesdays – 6:30 -8:30

Northbrook Public Library

1201 Cedar Lane

June 7: The Difference Between Us

June 14: The Story We Tell

June 21: The House We Live In

Race is one of America's most

complex socio-economic

challenge. Join RAIN (Racial

Awareness in the Northshore) to

view and discuss the PBS film

series: *Race - the Power of an Illusion*

### Israeli Social innovation 2017

Tuesday, June 6th, 2017, at 4:30 pm

1871, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza

This event was born from Israel's

innovative character, in the fields

of water, technology, defense, and

cyber security. The purpose of the

program is to spread awareness of

the remarkable capacity Israel has

to develop initiatives that benefit

society. Visit [https://](https://israeliconsulate.wixsite.com/israelisocialinno)

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and to register.

### NCJW South Cook Day in the City

Wednesday, July 26 - 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a fascinating peek into

Chicago's architectural past and

see how ornamentation is made.

Begin with a private tour of

Decorators Supply Corporation,

3610 S. Morgan, followed by lunch

For more information contact

Irene at [inewman680@aol.com](mailto:inewman680@aol.com).

## Tributes



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 online visit <https://ncjwcns.org/donations/tributes>

To purchase a tribute by mail, follow the directions below:

- \* There is a minimum donation of 5\$ for an individual tribute
- \* Packages of tributes are \$25 plus shipping (\$2 shipping first package, \$1 shipping each additional package)
- \* Please make your check payable to: "NCJW CNS" and mail to:  
NCJW, 5 Revere Drive, Suite 200,  
Northbrook, IL 60062
- \* Please include the recipient's complete name and mailing address as well as your complete name and address and either a phone number or email should we need to contact you. Please also include the reason for Tribute (birthday, anniversary, in memory of, etc.) or any specific message you would like to include.

### May Tributes

**To:** Karen Muskat

My sympathy to you on the death of your mother. May her memory be a blessing.

**From:** Sharon Weingarten

## Chicago North Shore Membership Updates

### 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, babys, graduations, b'nai mitzvot as well as illnesses and grief. We are here to share with you....

Email: [info@ncjwcns.org](mailto:info@ncjwcns.org).

### Mazel Tov!

Mazel tov to life member, SPA and past-president Donna Fishman on the confirmation of her daughter Shira  
Mazel tov to Life member and Executive Director Melissa Prober on the confirmation of her daughter Ellie  
Mazel tov to life member, section treasurer and past-president Stacy Saef on the confirmation of her son Aaron

### For A Blessing

We mourn the loss of NCJW life members Nancie Blatt and Judith Shore. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families. May their memory be a blessing.

We offer condolences to the following section members on the passing of their loved ones:

- ▶ Life member Shirley Blatt on the loss of her sister-in-law Nancie
- ▶ Life member Linda Fink on the loss of her husband Matthew
- ▶ Life member Karen Muskat on the loss of her mother

May their memories be for a blessing

### Membership Renewal

Membership renewal season is upon us. Our NCJW Membership Year runs from July 1 through June 30. Annual membership entitles you to receive our section eNews, NCJW In Action updates, invitations to NCJW events, and State Policy Action Committee (SPA) updates.

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.



## Advocacy Updates

### Protect our Healthcare

Recently, Congressional Budget Office (CBO) finally released its analysis of the devastating American Health Care Act (AHCA) that passed the House earlier this month. According to the non-partisan report, 14 million people would lose their healthcare within a year and millions more would follow over the next decade. Making a bad situation much worse, the Administration's budget proposal cuts Medicaid funding at even higher rates than those proposed in the AHCA, putting 1 in 5 women at incredible risk. Visit <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/52752> for the CBO analysis.

Call your senators today and tell them to oppose any attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act and strip health care coverage from 23 million Americans:

Senator Tammy Duckworth (202) 224-2854

Senator Dick Durbin (202) 224-2152

### Global Gag Rule

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) strongly opposes the Administration's efforts to eliminate funding for international family planning services. The global gag rule, which denies U.S. family planning aid to organizations that even counsel the people they serve about abortion. President Obama rescinded the global gag rule in 2009. Last month, the president announced a vast expansion of the global gag rule which will cause millions of women to lose access to family planning tools and information—and many women and children will lose access to health care altogether. Visit <http://bit.ly/2lXcd7P> for more information on the impact of the expanded global gag rule.

### FY2018 Federal Budget

The administration's proposed federal budget represents one of the worst attempts in recent history to gut the budget for domestic spending in favor of further defense spending and tax cuts for the wealthy. The America First approach puts American women, children, and families last. Cuts are made to Medicaid, the National Institutes of Health, Headstart, Pell grants, student loans, SNAP, school lunches, Meals on Wheels, and programs to help people with disabilities, job training, domestic violence programs, anti-discrimination enforcement, and housing assistance. It is difficult to find an area of the budget that helps ordinary hard working American families that is not subject to the budget axe. Visit <http://wapo.st/2s3qDtV> for more information about this divesting budget proposal.

The administration's priorities are not those of most of the US population. These initiatives will contribute to growing income inequality, poorer health, inadequate education, more people in substandard housing, and more people who are hungry, among other ills. Congress must rally to defeat this egregious proposal and protect women, children, and families from the devastating cuts it contains. NCJW will be working hard to ensure that this budget as submitted will never reach the president's desk.



## NCJW Israel Update

### Israel Granting Program

With your help, NCJW has empowered women to advance social justice in Israel for nearly 70 years. Let's keep it going.

This year, among the many programs we are proud to support, we are especially excited about Women Wage Peace (WWP), the fastest growing grassroots women's movement for peace in Israel.

We marched proudly with WWP at their revolutionary March for Hope, which brought thousands of Palestinian and Israeli women together to demand a peaceful political agreement for all. Our Israel Granting Program is a great way for sections to support NCJW's work in Israel. When you support NCJW in Israel, you give Israeli women a voice to advocate for a better society and a stronger Israel. Visit <http://bit.ly/2sznXRI> for more information on the Israel Granting Program and the current recipients.



### Reflections on June 4th 1967 and Beyond

Nancy K. Kaufman, CEO—National Council of Jewish Women

As an idealistic 16-year old, I applied for a \$500.00 scholarship to the Israel Summer Institute through the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. My mom (a single mother of three), simply did not have the means to give me the other \$500.00 for such a trip. So, in what was my very first fundraising experience, I asked a relative if he would “match” the scholarship. He said yes, but only if I agreed to take pictures, keep a journal and speak to youth groups about my trip upon my return. We sealed the deal and I moved on to packing and creating a shot list!

And then I turned on the TV. A war in Israel? How could that be? This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for me. I had never been to Israel, never even traveled out of the US and Canada. As the phone rang off the hook with relatives and friends telling my mother not to let me go, I cut a deal with her: if the state department allowed people to travel to Israel, I would be allowed to go. Lo and behold, the war ended and the state department lifted its travel warning. 50 people cancelled that trip, but I went on to have the experience of a lifetime.

That summer, I fell in love with Israel. I spent eight incredible weeks hiking and walking every inch of the country. We climbed Masada at 4 a.m. to watch the sunrise and trekked into Ein Gedi; we rode in an open back truck through the Negev and swam in the warm waters in Eilat. At each turn, I was struck by the beauty of the country, the blooming of the dessert, and the enthusiasm, optimism and patriotism of the people. It was in such contrast to the US in 1967—our cities were burning and thousands were protesting the war and demonstrating in the streets. In Jerusalem, whenever a military plane flew by, everything would stop and people would walk outside and cheer loudly, really cheering for Israel's right to exist in that part of the world.

Fast-forward to 1990, when I applied to be Executive Director of the JCRC of Greater Boston. When asked at the interview how I could do the job if I had not been to Israel for 24 years, I responded that I would be happy to go any time. And, since I took that job in 1990 I have returned to Israel more than 40 times—during times of war and during times of peace with my family, with Jewish groups and with non-Jewish “guests”. I have been witness on these trips to the deep changes in Israeli society. My continued love for a country with enormous pride in defending herself, in opening holy places to all religious groups, in putting family first and ensuring a safety net of health and welfare for her citizens and, yes, an undivided city of Jerusalem; has increasingly been challenged by a deep concern for the divides between rich and poor, Arab and Jew, secular and religious, citizen and non-citizen. Added to those concerns is the fear that Israel may never achieve real and lasting peace with Palestinians and, as a result, be forced to give up either her Jewish majority or her commitment to democracy.

As I reflect on 50 years since the six-day war reunified Jerusalem and expanded the territories under Israel's control, I worry a lot about Israel. My worry is not about her enemies outside. My worry is about what 50 years of ruling over another people has done to Israel's soul. I dream still of a Jewish homeland that celebrates the diversity of ALL of her citizens. My love for Israel is as deep as it was that summer of 1967, and perhaps that abiding love is why I am so concerned about her future. I see so many challenges and so many opportunities and wonder which will prevail.