

“I think we proved that the smallest voices have the biggest waves”
— Zoe Shiman, 17



NCJW Upcoming Events and Information

This week, thousands of students all over the country, walked out of class. The reasons for participation varied from student to student. Some marched to prevent gun violence, some to honor victims of gun violence, and some who felt a close similarity to students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Our kids no longer feel safe in their schools and they are the ones taking steps to change that and make history!

Here is how we can help:

The Thompson-King background check bill (HR 4240), officially known as the Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act of 2017, offered by Reps. Mike Thompson (D-CA) and Peter King (R-NY) expands the existing background check system to cover all commercial firearm sales, including those at gun shows, over the internet, or in classified ads while providing reasonable exceptions for family and friend transfers. Background checks are the only systematic way to stop felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people from buying firearms. Current federal law only requires background checks for gun sales at licensed dealers. In the US, an estimated 1 in 5 gun transfers take place without going through a licensed dealer, including online and at gun shows.

Call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and they can connect you to your Senator or House representative! Call your Representatives today and tell them to support the Thompson-King background check bill.

Melissa Prober
Executive Director, NCJW Chicago North Shore

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Nominate someone outstanding for one of our Annual Awards!

At our annual installation and awards celebration, we like to present up to three awards to our amazing supporters. If you know someone who you feel should receive one of these awards, please let us know by nominating them!

Nominations are due by April 15, 2018.

[Click here for the nomination form.](#)

Hannah G Solomon Award

The Hannah G. Solomon Award is presented by NCJW to an individual who has changed the lives of others through his or her leadership efforts and service. The award should be given to an individual in our community or to a Section member who has helped to change and expand the role of others in vital areas of community life, and whose leadership in areas of NCJW's mission — improving the quality of life for women, children, and families — has motivated others to fight for change, and has resulted in progress and enlightenment in the community. The award recipient does not need to be a member of NCJW.

Emerging Leader Award

This award is presented to a member who has potential for assuming future leadership, understands and supports the NCJW purpose and programs, demonstrates commitment, and currently serves on the Board, has served less than five years or is currently chairing a committee or serving as an officer.

NCJW Pioneer Award for Outstanding Service

This award recognizes an NCJW volunteer whose passion, long-standing service and commitment to our Section's goals and values has changed our community for the better. In addition, the nominee should serve as a role model for compassion, service and striving to make the world a better place.

Luggage for Freedom Collection Drive

Sunday, April 15, 2018
Extra Space Storage
1610 Old Deerfield Road,
Highland Park.

In recognition of Good Deeds Day, Luggage for Freedom, a project of the National Council of Jewish Women, is holding a collection drive



They will be collecting donations of the following:

- New or gently used **luggage** and kids **backpacks** (*no hanging bags)
- **NEW** Towels
- **NEW** Sheets
- **NEW** small toiletries
- Children's Books
- **NEW** Stuffed Animals

*** Luggage for Freedom has set a 2018 goal to collect 125 sheets sets and 125 towel sets. Please help us reach that goal!

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 or go to ncjwcns.org.



NCJW CNS Programs

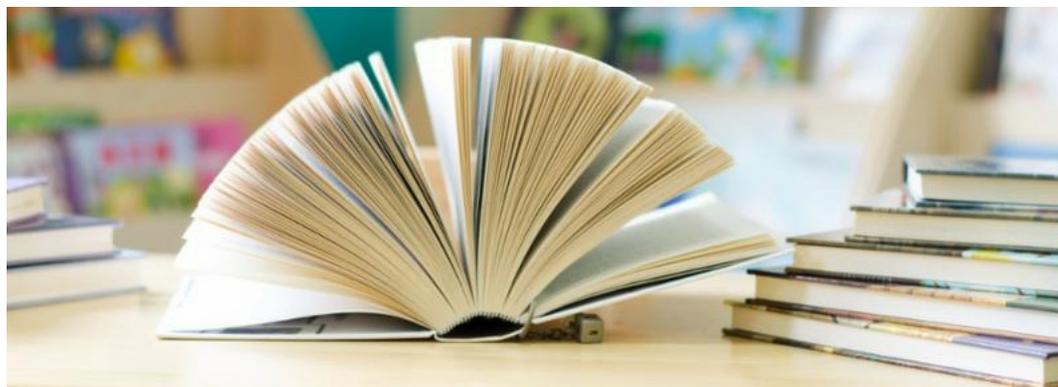
We have some great programs to add to your calendars. Please save-the-date(s) for the programs listed below and scroll down for further details.

March 19: Equal Means Equal Screening
March 21: Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof: Tools for Transformation

April 4: Matzo Toppers, Education and Advocacy
April 5: NCJW Chicago North Shore Board Meeting
April 10: Equal Pay Day Rally
April 10: NCJW Women's Salon
April 11: Behind Closed Doors in Washington, DC with Jody Rabhan
April 12: Soup Kitchen at First United Methodist Church
April 18: Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof: Tools for Transformation
April 22: Let's Talk About Girls: Consent and Sexuality in the #MeToo Age
April 23: Major Donor Dinner

May 9: NCJW Chicago North Shore Board Meeting
May 9: NCJW Women's Salon
May 16: Volunteer at Vineyard Food Pantry
May 22: NCJW Spring Event: Sip, Savor & Support 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. 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:

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.



**Equal Means Equal Screening
Monday, March 19, 7:00 pm**

Northbrook Public Library

1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook

Watch the history of the ERA unfold 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.

**Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof: Tools
for Transformation - Webinar
Wednesday, March 21**

12:30 and again at 6:30

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Lobbying is a powerful tool you can use to influence the decisions of your local, state, and federal lawmakers. Join us for our webinar to learn how to have a successful lobby visit. Whether you're new to advocacy or looking to hone your skills, this webinar is for you. This next installment of our advocacy and organizing webinar series

**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

**Let's Talk About Girls: Sexuality
and Consent in the age of the
internet and #MeToo**

Sunday, April 22, 4:00 pm

North Shore Congregation Israel

1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe IL

Kids are growing up in a world very different than previous generations. Pornography is at their fingertips (90% of kids ages 8-16 have seen pornography online) and "hooking up" is perceived as the norm.

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. 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](#)

**Major Donor Celebration
Monday, April 23, 6:00 pm**

Northern Suburbs

Please join us for an exclusive evening honoring our major donors at a lovely home in Highland Park. Enjoy dinner and conversation as well as a discussion with Marion Hatcher, Senior Project Manager-Cook County Sheriff's Office of Public Policy.

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 CNS Board Meeting
Thursday, April 5, 9:30 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 for location.

**Equal Pay Day Rally
Tuesday, April 10, noon**

Daley Plaza (Clark and Washington)

Each year, Equal Pay Day is recognized world-wide to bring greater awareness to the racial and gender pay disparities. In the United States, the April date symbolically marks how far into a new year the average woman must work to earn as much as the average white man did in the previous year.

Join us! Equal Pay Day Chicago is both a focal point to raise awareness of pay equality, and a platform for organizations to collaborate across the state. We invite you to be a part of this effort.

Equal Pay Day is supported by a number of organizations including the National Council of Jewish Women, Illinois State Policy Advocacy Network.

**NCJW Women's Salon
Tuesday, April 10, 7:30 pm**

NCJW's new Evening Salon is a monthly, evening discussion group (7:30-9:00 pm), meeting at Salon members' homes (in the northern suburbs) and facilitated by Salon members. Every month a new topic is chosen by the group, and source materials links are then emailed to

You will also get a sneak peek at the 2018-2019 NCJW programming year which includes a chance to see one of the hottest shows on Broadway when it travels to Chicago!

A minimum donation of \$500 during the 2017-2018 programming year (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) is required to attend. Please use the form below to RSVP. If you are unsure about whether you are a major donor, please email melissa@ncjwcns.org. Visit ncjwcns.org/major to RSVP.

**NCJW CNS Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 9:30 am**

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**Vineyard Food Pantry and
Clothes Closet**

Wednesday, May 16, 5:00pm
*Vineyard Christian Church Harvest
Food Pantry and Clothes Closet
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

everyone to read. Topics include a wide variety of current progressive, feminist and social justice issues. For more information email salon@ncjwcns.org.

NCJW Washington DC: An Insider's View

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.](#)

Soup Kitchen at First United Methodist Church

Thursday, April 12, 4:00pm

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.

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.

NCJW Spring Fundraising Event: Sip, Savor and Support NCJW

Tuesday, May 22, 5:30 pm

Space 1858, 1858 W Grand, Chicago
Join NCJW for our spring fundraiser featuring Elaine Soloway, author of *Bad Grandma and Other Chapters In A Life Lived Out Loud*.

Enjoy sips and snacks and support NCJW Chicago North Shore as Elaine talks about her amazing life! Please use the form below to register. Cost is \$150 per person and includes a signed copy of one of Elaine's books. Bring a friend for twice the fun but not twice the price – \$200 per couple (includes one book). Additional copies of Elaine's books will be available at the event.

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

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.



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?

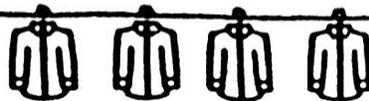
As a result of attending, you will:

- 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 for more information.

NCJW'S
**ENCORE
& MORE**

1107 Central • Wilmette, IL 60091



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

Encore & More 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.

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.

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