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National Council of Jewish Women
Louisville Section

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2019-2020



Message from the President

Joyce Bridge

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I hope this finds all of you well and that you found an activity- reading, cooking, long walks, gardening, puzzles, needlework, cleaning out closets- something that brought you joy during this difficult time.

We would love to have you email us a story about something special that occurred during this time. We would like to add some of them to the next bulletin (anonymously if you wish) or create a NCJW pamphlet to share. Additionally, we are working on a section cookbook. Be sure to send us your favorite recipes.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our next event or sale. Missing all of you and stay safe, and don't forget to vote!

Joyce Bridge

President

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OUR DEMOCRACY IS AT
ITS STRONGEST WHEN
EVERY VOICE IS HEARD



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Louisville Section

We'll be celebrating our
section's 125th anniversary
in 2020-2021!

Watch for more details!

To help plan the celebration
event contact
office@ncjwlou.org



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Executive Director Message
Nancy Chazen
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The past nine months have been an exciting and busy time! My focus has been to re-engage and re-energize: (1) your involvement as members, and (2) the efforts and impact of both NCJW and the Nearly New Shop. So, I've collaborated with members, National NCJW administration and section leaders, and community partners to strengthen NCJW both internally and externally in the community.

We've put together a strategic plan to guide us in broadening and strengthening NCJW's impact and engagement. We launched a member survey to better understand your wants and the section's areas for improvement and growth. We've updated and implemented many policies, procedures, and operations both for the section and for the Nearly New Shop. And, I've been meeting with our community partners to enhance our relationships with them and venture into new opportunities – as well as seeking new partnerships with other organizations.

After the first few months of listening and learning, we had plans in place for the Spring and the momentum was building – but things came to a halt with the coronavirus pandemic. Know that we are actively continuing to move things forward and we will keep you informed!

I continue to be excited to build upon the successes of the past 125 years and to celebrate our 125th anniversary with you!

Nancy Chazen
Executive Director

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. In fact, the success of NCJW and the Nearly New Shop relies in part on our members doing their part. Whether you have a few hours, a few days, or just want to help in one way one time – we need you either in person or from behind the scenes.

Please contact the NCJW office (458-5566 or office@ncjwlou.org) to help with NCJW efforts.

Contact the Nearly New Shop to help within the Shop (454-6633 or nearlynewshop@ncjwlou.org).



If you're not receiving our Member News emails, please make sure we have your email!



Contact us at 458-5566
or office@ncjwlou.org.



Please let us know of any contact information changes or additions for the 2020-2021 Membership Directory.



State Public Affairs Message

Beth Salamon

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For the 2020 Kentucky Legislative Session, NCJW, Louisville Section sent out action alerts to our members opposing several bills.

Senate Bill 1, which would have required law enforcement agencies and almost all public employees to “support the enforcement of federal immigration law.” The bill would have forced state social workers, staff at homeless shelters, some university personnel, and more to engage in federal immigration enforcement. Thus weakening local law enforcement by putting victims and witnesses of crime at risk of being detained and deported and would have allowing state constitutional officers to formally challenge people or agencies they believed were not enforcing the law. Fortunately, it did not pass.

Senate Bill 2, the voter ID bill, which did become law despite the Governor’s veto. It requires voters to present photographic identification at the polls, with some exceptions. We believe that this bill will make it more difficult to vote in Kentucky and fixes a problem that does not exist.

Senate Bill 9, which was vetoed by Gov. Beshear after being passed. The bill for the so-called “protection of infants born alive during an abortion,” was amended in the House to add the provisions of House Bill 451 (which, would have taken oversight of abortion providers from health experts at the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and permanently given it to the Office of the Attorney General). AG Cameron made it clear that if given this authority, he would shut down abortion providers during the ongoing COVID-19 state of emergency. The Governor’s veto was key to maintaining access to abortion care in the Commonwealth.

Additionally, NCJW, Louisville Section signed on to an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief, for a case in which a local wedding photographer has filed a lawsuit challenging Metro Louisville’s anti-discrimination law on the basis of her claimed religious beliefs. In connection with that litigation, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State (“Americans United”) drafted an amicus brief urging the Court to uphold the anti-discrimination law. Their brief focuses on the importance of anti-discrimination laws to protect minorities from those who use their religion to defend discrimination, including discrimination against other faiths. NCJW joined the brief to show the support in the Louisville faith community for laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, disability, religion, and sexual orientation.

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NCJW, LOUISVILLE SECTION DONATES A PIECE OF HISTORY

We often get excited about the unique donations we receive at the Nearly New Shop. One of these moments was when an anonymous donor dropped off an electric menorah. The 1940's era bronze or brass fixture, produced by A. Popick Manufacturing of Oregon, was a combination Hanukkah, Shabbat, and electronic Yahrzeit candle set inscribed with the Jewish blessings – and was still in working order!



Thanks to the gracious assistance and research from Abby Glogower, Curator of Jewish Collections and Jewish Community Archives at The Filson Historical Society in Louisville, she was able to determine that the proper home for this menorah belonged alongside the other local Popick items at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education in Portland, Oregon.

NCJW was proud to donate this treasure to the OJMCHC where the Jewish community of Portland can enjoy a piece of history from Louisville.



ANNUAL GIVING



Join us as we continue to strive for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

Please assist NCJW, Louisville Section by sending your contribution for our annual Personal Giving Campaign

Give online at www.ncjwlou.org

or mail to: NCJW, Louisville Section, 1250 Bardstown Rd., Suite 26, Louisville, KY 40204

GRANT UPDATES

We are grateful to have received grant funding from the Kentucky Colonels for the exterior “Your Dollars Making a Difference” signage for the Nearly New Shop, and from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence which helps pay the Executive Director’s salary.



We applied for grant funding from UPS, LG&E, and the Kentucky Colonels in hopes to replace the interior lighting in the Nearly New Shop with energy efficient lighting but did not receive funding for this need.

NCJW continues to seek grant opportunities, sponsors, and corporate donations, to assist with capital improvement and other needs in the Nearly New Shop.

Thank you Republic Bank, Wilson & Muir, Kentucky Colonels, Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence, and the United Jewish Louisville COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund for the gracious financial assistance and sponsorship throughout the year.

Thanks also to our community partners who have donated goods or time this past year: ValuMarket, Jets Pizza, Louisville Water Company, UPS, and Heaven Hill.



Tribute cards and Chai cards can be purchased in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of, or in thought of messages.

Tribute cards \$5
Chai cards \$18

To send a card call 458-5566, email office@ncjwlou.org, or order online www.ncjwlou.org

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This year there were a record number of nine applications for the NCJW Scholarship Fund administered through the Community Foundation of Louisville!

The original NCJW Student Loan Fund was established in 1921 to help defray college expenses of students who are of Jewish faith, helping hundreds of deserving Jewish students over the course of 98 years. In 2017, this revolving loan fund was converted into a Scholarship Fund through the Community Foundation Scholarship program to award grants to Jewish college students needing financial assistance in completing their college education.

This year we were proud to award scholarships to two deserving students, both pursuing careers in health care.

If you are interested in contributing to this Fund, please contact us at the office.



In an effort to strengthen our organization's identity and provide a more comprehensive website, we're working with the National NCJW office to redesign our website (ncjwlou.org) to align with their look and content.

We'll then start working on the Nearly New Shop's website (shopnearlynew.org) redesign. We can't wait to share the finished websites with you!

MEMBERSHIP

RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER

\$35 Annual membership

\$20 (30 and under and Senior Citizens 65+)

- Call us at 502-458-5566
- Mail a check (payable to NCJW, Louisville Section) and your contact information to NCJW, Louisville Section, 1250 Bardstown Rd., Ste. 26 Louisville, KY 40204
- Online at ncjwlou.org

Membership dues, and any financial contributions, may be a tax-deductible donation. Many businesses and corporations offer matching donations, so please check with your employer!

We kindly request that all membership renewal dues are paid by August 31, 2020

NCJW was proud to join in the celebrations honoring two of our Board Members for their dedicated and continuous efforts in community work.



In November Joyce Bridge was honored as one of the 2019 WLKY Bell Award recipients

Jane Emke was awarded the Lyman T. Johnson Award in March



WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

Liz Ferguson, Barbara Gorman, Abby Glogower,
Brenda Henderson, Surekha Kulkarni, Pam Platt,
Sande Schulwolf, Sue Spencer, Anita Yussman,
Lisa Yussman

WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS

Nancy Balf, Leah Dickstein, Toni Goldman, Shirley
Katz, Carol Leibson, Happy Shaw

WE REMEMBER STAFF MEMBER

Sandra Fritsch



We'll be working on creating an NCJW, Louisville Section cookbook to sell as a fundraising effort during our 125th anniversary year! Keep an eye out for information to follow soon – and be thinking about your favorite recipes to submit! If you'd like to be part of the Cookbook committee, please contact Nancy Chazen at 523-1662 or nancychazen@ncjwlou.org.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NCJW Louisville Section was a co-sponsor of
Kentucky Youth Advocates
Children's Advocacy at the Capitol on January 23rd

The priorities for this years advocacy day were to:



- Enact a state Earned Income Tax Credit to help families meet the basic needs of their children.
- Increase child care supports to allow more parents to work, kids to thrive, and local economies to grow.
- Ensure healthy food, active play, and limited screen time for children in licensed child care programs.
- Ensure children and families continue to access the health care they need.
- End the epidemic of e-cigarette use among youth so children and teens can grow into healthier adults.



NCJW launched the "Promote the Vote. Protect the Vote" program to help align all of the sections to a focused goal of voter engagement. We've undertaken efforts to assist with voter registration, partnered with the Frazier History Museum's Women Vote 100/Suffrage events throughout the year, and are collaborating with the League of Women Voters, ACLU, VoteNowKY.com, and the Jewish Federation of Louisville.

Thanks to NCJW members: Joyce Bridge, Phyllis Florman, Honi Goldman, Margie Kohn, Surekha Kulkarni, Beth Salamon, Selene Spiegel, and Karen Strauss for helping with this voting initiative.

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NCJW had planned to march in the Kentucky Derby Festival's Pegasus Parade Suffrage Parade this year to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the suffrage movement and the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

But the coronavirus had other plans and postponed the Derby, and unfortunately cancel the Suffrage Parade.

Thank you though to those members that wanted to march with NCJW and represent our proud history!

DAVID RICHART COMMITTEE UPDATE

The public affairs committee, better known as the David Richart committee, worked in tandem on the efforts of the Family Recovery Court. They also spent months in discussions and forming alliances with community advocates to alter the closing of the youth detention centers in Louisville. And one of their highlights was meeting with Governor Andy Beshear in early March to review NCJW's history and legacy to him, and to discuss the expansion of the Family Recovery Courts. **Special thanks to Co-Chairpersons, Jane Emke and Sonia Levine for their dedication in improving the lives of women and children in Louisville!**



JEFFERSON FAMILY RECOVERY COURT UPDATE

NCJW celebrated the first anniversary of the Jefferson Family Recovery Court and its first group of graduates. The Jefferson Family Recovery Court (JFRC), which NCJW launched in January of 2019, is a court supervised substance abuse treatment and family support program for parents seeking to reunite with their children or maintain them in their care. To date, three women have graduated from JFRC with graduation ceremonies held on December 17th, 2019 in the courtroom of Family Court Judge Denise Brown. Three more participants had a "virtual" Zoom graduation in June with Family Court Judge Deana McDonald.



Family Court Judge
Denise Brown

With the success of the Jefferson County Family Recovery Court, and its operating costs for three years funded by the generous private donations from hundreds of people, foundations, and grants, we are hoping to be able to move this program forward through other parts of Kentucky. The proceeds of our recent Saturday Night Live raffle will be used toward this effort. Recently more than \$41,700 has been raised to help initiate Family Drug Courts in Kentucky.

We extend our deep appreciation and gratitude to NCJW members: Joyce Bridge, Jane Emke, Diane Graeter, and Janie Hyman for their constant dedication to this program over the past 25 years!

GILDA'S CLUB OF KENTUCKIANA

In July 2019 NCJW and Gilda's Club Kentuckiana hosted the inaugural annual camp at Gilda's fabulous new home at 2440 Grinstead Drive in Louisville. The theme was 'The Magic of Gilda's.' This was even more special due to the official ribbon cutting in which the campers participated. The NCJW kitchen volunteers, including **Susan Gardner, Ruth Gonzales, Joyce Bridge, Beverly Weinberg, Michel Atlas, Judy Shapira, Leni Sweet, and Linda Ianke** really enjoyed working in the incredibly well-appointed new Gilda's Club kitchen. There was also plenty of joy in serving the meals in the large activities room, especially to all those appreciative smiling faces! Under the dynamic stewardship of NCJW Gilda's Club Chairperson, **Helen Wahba**, we provided and served warm, healthy breakfast, lunch, and snacks to 35 campers, plus counselors and staff.



NCJW's annual dinner hosting at Gilda's Club was scheduled for March 24th, but had to be postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic to September 15th. The July 2020 Camp Gilda had to be reimagined as a Virtual/Home Based Camp Gilda due to COVID-19, but NCJW will still be assisting with snacks and meals for the campers.

Please email Helen Wahba at helenwahbam@aol.com if you'd like to help with either, or both, of these wonderful efforts!



Although, the twice yearly 20% discount shopping event weeks are over for the year, many of our participating merchants are still offering discounts through August 13th!

So, if you haven't already purchased your \$30 NCJW Shopping Spree Discount Card, you can still buy one to use by August 13th. We'll be revisiting this fundraiser for 2020-2021 and will share plans as we have them.

Thanks again to the participating merchants and their support of NCJW :

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| Adath Jeshurun Gift Shop* | Merci Boutique |
| Circe/Swag | Miller's Fancy Bath & Kitchen* |
| Clater Jewelers | Nearly New Shop* |
| Clay & Cotton | Panache |
| Dallas Jewelers* | Peacock Boutique |
| Deck the Walls | Reflections |
| Discoveries* | Rodeo Drive, Inc. |
| Etcetera | Rodes for Him & For Her |
| Glasscock* | Royal Jewelers* |
| The Jewel Box | SPB Designs-Shevvy Baker |
| Korrek Optical* | St. Matthews Feed & Seed |
| Krebs Optical | Summer Eliason Jewelry |

*Year-round participants

Mah Jongg cards were a huge hit this year and we sold more cards than ever before! Thanks to Mindy Klein, Mah Jongg Chairperson for all her time and efforts!

Keep playing and practicing your game as we are planning for a fun Mah Jongg community event on December 6th!



NEARLY NEW SHOP

The Fall of 2019 brought successful sales and events at the Nearly New Shop! The Fall Bag Sale and Fashion Encore event had increased sales and customers from the previous year. Thanks to the Nearly New Shop staff, Board Members, and volunteers who helped make Fashion Encore so triumphant! We headed in 2020 strong with strategic plans, goals for interior improvements and better operational procedures. The Shop began filling up with all the “new” Spring clothing, accessories, and household items and we were set for the Spring Fling event starting on March 19th. And then, the coronavirus pandemic changed everything. We were forced to temporarily close the Nearly New Shop for the month of April. Luckily, we received the SBA/CARES loan and were able to bring the employees back in late April and opened on May 20th.



The Nearly New Shop sells the community Highlands Card (which provides offers and discounts at restaurants & stores in the Highland) as a fundraiser. Purchase a card and not only support local businesses – but receive **20% off** regularly priced merchandise when you present the Highlands Card.



A special thank you to the JCPs National Honor Society high school students who volunteered many hours helping in the Shop!

DONATIONS

Items accepted: gently used clothing, accessories, jewelry, shoes, household items, collectibles, and furniture. Donations can either be dropped off at the Nearly New Shop or be picked up from your home. Contact the Nearly New Shop for more information

454-6633 or
nearlynewshop@ncjw.org

NATIONAL NEWS

While we were excited to attend National NCJW's convention in Chicago in April, unfortunately the coronavirus pandemic cancelled the convention. Our section did however, participate and vote on National NCJW's updated Board and Bylaws.



“The state controlling a woman would mean denying her full autonomy and full equality.”

- JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG



NCJW Advocates for

- ...abortion access
- ...a fair + independent judiciary
- ...gun violence prevention
- ...immigrant + refugee rights
- ...gender equity in Israel
- ...justice

Keep up with all of NCJW's national initiatives by visiting www.ncjw.org.

Be sure to sign up for **Action Alerts**, register for upcoming webinars, check out the advocacy tool kit, and most importantly learn how you can use your voice for change!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- TBA: 2020-2021 Opening Session Meeting
- 7/20-7/24 Virtual Camp Gilda
- 9/14: Board Meeting
- 9/15: NCJW Hosting Gilda's Club Dinner
- 9/17: Give for Good Louisville
- 9/18: Erev Rosh Hashanah
- 9/19: Rosh Hashanah
- 9/27: Erev Yom Kippur
- 9/28: Yom Kippur
- 10/2 - 10/9: Sukkot
- 10/5: Deadline to register to vote in 11/3 General Election
- 10/18-10/19: Fashion Encore Sale (tentative)
- 11/3: Election Day
- 12/6: Mah Jongg Event (tentative)
- 12/10-12/18: Hanukkah