

Joyce Bridge Honored with the Hannah G. Solomon Award



National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section presented Joyce Bridge with the 2022 Hannah G. Solomon Award at a luncheon on May 10th for NCJW members and invited guests.

The NCJW Hannah G. Solomon national award is presented to an outstanding person in the community who has made a significant contribution in the fields of education, family life, and tikkun olam (repairing the world).

NCJW, Louisville Section has previously recognized twenty-five other individuals with the Hannah G. Solomon award since its first honoree in 1966. NCJW is proud to celebrate Joyce Bridge and to include her among these distinguished recipients. "I have such awe for those who have received this before me – I only hope I can live up to their legacy," said Joyce.

Joyce began attending some NCJW lunches and events and helped at the Nearly New Shop's annual Fashion Encore and Spring Fling events, before becoming President of the Section in 2015 – a position she still currently maintains. When she worked with other NCJW members to start Court Watch which resulted in the Family Recovery Court – she said there was nothing better she could do to leave another legacy for NCJW and their advocacy for families and children. "This is what NCJW is about and knowing it will continue and expand through the state is the best anyone can wish for. There are so many women and children impacted by this program and its future. The women of NCJW have always stepped up to the hard work and will continue to do so. We make a difference in people's lives and there is nothing more I could wish for." Joyce stated.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank all of you for honoring me with the Hannah G. Solomon Award. It really is an award for the amazing collaboration of a remarkable group of women - ALL OF YOU! It takes all of us to change the world and we have made an amazing start with all of the programs started here in Louisville. Hope to see all of you "in person soon". I am honored to be a member of this "village"!!!



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our 126th year was prosperous and successful in a multitude of ways to re-engage and revitalize with our members and community. Some of these highlights were:

- Continuing to strengthen our infrastructure, policies and procedures, and work among our Board Members.
- Our partnerships with local organizations to enhance not only the Jewish community but the greater community at large. Including attending events hosted by First Lady Britainy Beshear and Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, working with JHFE to contribute to the Jewish Community Study, contributing to and celebrating the opening of the Trager Family JCC, and other efforts you'll read about throughout the Bulletin.
- Creating new alliances through our committees, such as the Louisville Pride Foundation and Uniting Partners for Women and Children.
- Attending NCJW, Inc's 2022 Washington Institute last month with Joyce Bridge and Beth Salamon to meet colleagues in person and gather support and resources from training sessions and speakers. Especially meaningful was participating in the Jewish Rally for Abortion Justice at the Capitol while we were in Washington DC and representing our Section.
- Beginning wonderful and strong working relationships with our Administrative Coordinator, Connie Beams, Nearly New Shop's new Manager, Tena Powell-Jones, and welcoming our first summer intern, Ava Pinales!
- Meeting so many of our members in person for whom I only knew by name, due to COVID restrictions, and establishing personal connections with them!

So much more is being planned and I look forward to your input, involvement, and support!

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FROM THE STATE POLICY ADVOCATE

Over the past year, we have focused on and coordinated the following advocacy efforts:

Reproductive Rights:

- Participated in and coordinated local engagement in NCJW's Repro Shabbat, attended monthly Repro Rights roundtable discussions with other community agencies, published articles in the Community Newspaper, Courier-Journal, Lexington Herald-Leader, and huffpost.com; provided action alerts for State legislation; signed onto a letter to support the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA), along with other civil rights and faith-based organizations, to help protect access to abortion; signed onto an advocacy letter opposing the Texas ban and laws on abortion; spoke at the Kentucky Coalition for Reproductive Choice's Jazz Wake for Roe; participated in NCJW, Inc.'s Jewish Rally for Abortion Justice in Washington DC.

Criminal Legal Reform:

- Participating in a coalition of community partners to advocate for criminal legal reform due to recent deaths in jails, including press conferences, letter sign-on, and participating in a forum with City leadership, signed on to the letter to Mayor Fischer/LMDC Meeting Request to Mayor Out, signed onto The Bail Project's letter, along with other local faith leaders, opposing HB 313 which would make it illegal for charitable organizations to provide funding for people who cannot afford bail; representing NCJW in a coalition working on ways to improve conditions in jails and reduce jail population to prevent future deaths.

Gun Legislation Laws:

- Advocated to pass common-sense gun violence legislation that would expand background checks and save lives.

Domestic Violence:

- Joining with community partners in creating a safe space for victims of domestic violence to transfer kids for visitation with their abuser.

Children's/Education:

- Co-sponsored the Kentucky Youth Advocates Children's Advocacy Week and held local watch parties; in discussions with community experts about strategies to address Critical Race Theory teachings; participated in community discussions about school desegregation and student assignment plans.

Immigration/Refugee:

- Signed petition letter to join HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) in urging President Biden to prioritize the safety of at-risk Afghans, and working with the Jewish Federation of Louisville to provide clothing and household items from the Nearly New Shop to incoming Afghan refugees.

Voting:

- Working with the League of Women Voters of Kentucky to promote voter engagement and share voter redistricting plans and related issues.

LGBTQ+:

- Participating in advocacy efforts to promote and support LGBTQ+ rights in the Jewish community and community at large.

Anti-Semitism:

- Publicly expressed condemnation for antisemitic comments made by Kentucky legislators with the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Louisville and the American Jewish Committee; and partnering with the Jewish Federation of Louisville to offer anti-Semitism training with the Kentucky House Speaker and other legislators.



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73 FORWARD COMMITTEE

- In addition to Beth Salamon's State Policy Advocate work, we continue to share information and resources to support reproductive justice and rights in collaboration with NCJW, Inc's 73 Forward/Jews for Abortion Justice campaign (73forward.org).
- We know work on this issue will only continue to be more vital and timely in the days ahead. Tens of millions of Americans, including those in Kentucky, could lose access to abortion care, forcing them to be pregnant and increasing the risk of life-threatening medical emergencies. Taking these rights away is an effort to control the bodies of women and people who can get pregnant and limit access to vital healthcare — especially for those who are Black, brown, LGBTQ+, or living in poverty. Together with our partners and allies, we will center those most impacted as we call for immediate collective action to protect and advance abortion justice to ensure everyone gets the care they need.
- While we know the fight for abortion justice may seem insurmountable in Kentucky in the political landscape, we must be visible and vocal in our support and participation in these actions.



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GOVERNMENT OUTREACH & VOTING COMMITTEE

- The committee worked on various voter engagement activities, ranging from participating in the Frazier's Women's Equality Day event, developing an Advocacy 101 toolkit, to expanding NCJW's Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote campaign to community members and media outlets.
- Partnered with the League of Women Voters to hold a voter registration drive during the first day of the Nearly New Shop's October Fashion Encore event (which saw the voter rolls increase by 124 new voters) and shared voting information at the Nearly New Shop's Spring Fling event in March.
- More information will follow in the coming months as we prepare for the November elections, but in the meantime **please take a moment to ensure your voter registration information is current and correct by going to: govoteky.com**



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DAVID RICHART COMMITTEE

- Sponsored the Kentucky Youth Advocates Children's Advocacy Week in January and attended the online events during their virtual advocacy week.
- Planning is underway for the October 20th David A. Richart Awards Dinner honoring Terry Brooks, Executive Director of Kentucky Youth Advocates. Information will be shared with members in the early Fall.
- Working on plans to resume the Court Watch volunteers for the Family Recovery Court.
- The Jefferson Family Recovery Court program funding has been taken over by the Kentucky Legislature and is funded for \$750,000 for two years! The JFRC is now written into the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) for the biennium and will be administered by Cindy Kamer of Seven County Services. We are grateful to Senators Julie Raue Adams, Morgan McGarvey, and Bob Stivers for their support and efforts on behalf of NCJW!
- Celebrated graduates from the 2021 JFRC program in June!
- The Nearly New Shop is a proud employer of the Family Recovery Court graduates and these employees have been a valued asset to our team! We are also in preliminary discussions to begin the development of a formal yearlong Retail Worker Certification Program for parents losing temporary custody of their children needing job training. This would be a joint effort between NCJW, Louisville Section, Seven Counties Services, and Volunteers of America.



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OPTIMAL AGING ADVOCATES COMMITTEE

- Hosted the following events:
 - "Duty Free" movie event with the Trager Family JCC, JFCS, and Chavurat Shalom which focused on ageism, financial insecurity, family and care, and the care crisis.
 - Two informational sessions presented by ElderServe with the Trager Family JCC and Chavurat Shalom which focused on telephone and internet scams and financial abuse prevention and credit card monitoring.
 - The "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia" session presented by the Alzheimer's Association and co-sponsored by the Trager Family JCC, JFCS, and Chavurat Shalom.
- Planning is underway for a September 18th Medicare 101 program for people signing up for Medicare for the first time. A follow-up Medicare event is planned for October 13th with the Trager Family JCC Senior Adult Programming, Chavurat Shalom groups, NCJW members, and interested community members.
- The committee is currently determining other needs for senior programming for the fiscal year 2022-2023, including assisting seniors with voter registration and voting needs for the November elections.



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HOMELESS YOUTH COMMITTEE

- We were proud to be asked to be part of Councilwoman Cassie Chambers Armstrong's Homeless Youth Task Force and to contribute to local efforts to address this issue.
- The committee continues to work on planning to develop a program with JCPS's Family Resource Youth Service Center department to assist family's completing eviction paperwork.
- Currently drafting plans for an initiative to create a "renters rights" website to provide resources and information for Kentucky renters.
- Partnered with the Jewish Federation of Louisville Women's Philanthropy group in April to assemble Dignity Grows tote bags; bags filled with a 30-day supply of personal and feminine hygiene products for Uniting Partners for Women and Children – a drop-in day center that provides comprehensive services.
- Committee members toured UP for Women and Children in May and presented them with the 50 Dignity Grows bags. The committee is also finalizing ways to partner with UP through the Nearly New Shop voucher program, assistance with home furnishings donations, and other direct service needs through NCJW.

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GILDA'S CLUB COMMITTEE

- We had another successful Camp Gilda in July 2021, albeit a virtual camp due to maintenance projects in their clubhouse. Nonetheless, our Gilda's Club committee members assembled goodie bags for the campers and provided dessert for their BBQ event dinner.
- We were happy to participate in their annual NoogieFest event in October and crafted bracelets with attendees.
- In March we hosted a meal for 30 members of a support group at Gilda's Club Kentuckiana.
- We were also proud to be a part of the Gilda's Club West Welcome Event in April and had fun offering Derby-themed activities to the families in attendance
- The 2022 Camp Gilda event is July 18 – July 22 and we will be serving a snack lite breakfast, a warm lunch, and afternoon snacks to the campers.



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MEMBERSHIP

- Renew, become a member, or gift a membership for a Bat Mitzvah, birthday, graduation, wedding, holiday gifts, etc.
- We kindly request that all annual membership renewal dues for the fiscal year 2022-2023 (which begins on July 1st) are paid by September 30, 2022.
 - **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$35**
 - **UNDER & OVER MEMBERSHIP: \$20 (under 30 years of age and over 65 years of age)**
- There is also a **LOCAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP** which gives lifetime membership to the Louisville Section for a one-time donation of \$360.



We have included the attached return envelope for your convenience in remitting your membership dues renewal, with checks made payable to: NCJW, Louisville Section. Or if you prefer, please call the Office at (502) 458-5566 with your credit card information.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

- We will continue updating the online Membership Directory located on ncjwlou.org, so please refer to this online version as you need.
 - A new printed Membership Directory will be mailed in Fall 2024.
- Please let us know of any contact information updates!



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NCJW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- We were honored to continue the awarding of the NCJW Scholarship Fund to the same two recipients who received scholarships this year!
- Our Scholarship Fund, administered through the Community Foundation of Louisville, helps offset college expenses of students who are of Jewish Faith. We are extremely proud of the 100 years we have financially invested in these students and of the committed investment to the local Jewish community!
- Donations to the NCJW Scholarship Fund are always welcomed and appreciated. Please contact the Office at 458-5566 or office@ncjwlou.org to make a tax-deductible contribution.



SHOPPING SPREE PROGRAM



- We're excited to bring back the Shopping Spree program in August! While we, unfortunately, had to pause the Shopping Spree program this fiscal year due to COVID, information will be sent soon for the 2022-2023 campaign!
- **The 20% off shopping events will be August 8th – August 22nd and February 20th – March 6th, with some merchants offering year-round discounts!**
- The NCJW Shopping Spree Discount Card is \$30 and is a fundraiser for the Section – and an enjoyable way for you to support our general operations and your shopping pleasure at the same time!

MAH JONGG CARDS & EVENT

- Mah Jongg card sales continued to be another great fundraiser for the Section! Card sales were up 16% from the previous year despite most players not being able to play in person!
- **The committee is planning for a fun, social Mah Jongg game community event on December 4th! Lessons will be offered in November to those wanting to learn how to play – or to learn how to play better!**



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JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL



- We were proud to continue being a sponsor of the 24th Annual Jewish Film Festival in February and to help enrich and inspire the community through the arts, new ideas, and speaking engagements.

GIVE FOR GOOD LOUISVILLE

- **Save the date for September 15th – we will be participating again in the annual Give for Good Louisville fundraising campaign!**
- Last year's single-day donations brought our combined total donation since we started in 2017 to \$4,222! We're eager and excited to build upon this momentum and set a new fundraising single-day record on September 15th!



"WOMEN AT WORK" EXHIBIT

- We toured the Filson Historical Society's "Women at Work: Venturing into the Public Sphere" exhibit in October. This special exhibit explored the diversity of women's experiences in the 19th century. NCJW, Louisville Section was proud to be featured in this exhibit to honor the legacy of our member's contributions to the Louisville community.



ARCHIVES & HISTORICAL ITEMS FOR THE FILSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- We will donate our archival collection of records and photographs to the Filson Historical Society for cataloging, preservation, and access. At the Filson, they will join other important collections documenting local Jewish, women's, and service organizations and provide an incredible learning resource for the present and the future.
- If you have material in your care that documents the history of NCJW Louisville section, we need your help. By donating this material to the Section, you can help ensure our historical record is as rich and complete as possible. In particular we seek:
 - Records, documents, meeting minutes, bulletins, correspondence, and photographs especially pertaining to the earliest decades of the Section.
 - Unique items created by and for the Section including skits, speeches, scripts, uniforms, aprons, needlework etc.



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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

- Since July of 2021 we've held four successful blood drives with the American Red Cross and the Trager Family Jewish Community Center, achieving between 72%-142% of our blood donation goals!
- **More drives are planned through 2022-2023 with the next one being August 23rd so please save the date to help save a life!**

JASD "DREAM CIRCLE"

- Co-sponsored the Jewish Association of Spirituality and Dreams "Dream Circle" two-session event in March with the Trager Family JCC's Women's Philanthropy and BBYO/Hillel groups.



REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

- Collaborated with the JCRC, JFL, and local synagogues to assist Afghan refugees arriving in Louisville, and donated in-kind merchandise from the Nearly New Shop for clothing and housing needs.



GRANT UPDATES

- We are extremely grateful to have received grant funding from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence to support capacity building to strengthen the Section's sustainability.
- We are also very pleased to have received grant funding from the Honorable Order Kentucky Colonels to assist with updating the Nearly New Shop exterior and interior signage! HOKC awarded \$3.1 million in grants supporting 314 charitable and educational organizations through their Good Works Program.
- The Section contracted a grant writer to consult and obtain grant funding for general operations and long-term sustainability, including more executive leadership. In addition, we have started working with a Sustainability and Growth Consultant to develop a multi-year financial sustainability plan (giving, donations, grants).
- **We continuously look to grantors for funding of not only general operations and capacity building, but for specific initiatives as well. If you have a relationship to a member of a grant foundation we would be grateful for your assistance in making these connections.**



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- We give our sincerest thank you to:
 - Republic Bank and Wilson & Muir Bank & Trust for the gracious financial assistance and sponsorships throughout the year.
 - Etcetera for their generous donations of invitations and paper goods merchandise from their store closing for the Nearly New Shop.
 - The Jewel Box for their support through the years, and for the donation of merchandise and supplies upon your retirement and store closing.

NEARLY NEW SHOP

- Despite another challenging retail year, the Nearly New Shop maintained steady sales and a steady intake of donations! Fashion Encore 2021 was a great success with more customers venturing back into the retail shopping experience, and Spring Fling 2022 brought in more customers and strong sales.
 - Thank you to the volunteers who came and helped, including our friends from Gilda's Club Kentuckiana and the Trager Family JCC!
 - A special thank you to our community partners: Norton Healthcare who worked with us to provide a free COVID vaccination clinic, and the League of Women Voters of Kentucky who partnered with us to provide voting information during Fashion Encore!
- We continue to focus on improving the store's operations, including marketing, pricing, donation intake procedures, and selling merchandise from all seasons throughout the year to offer you a wider selection of merchandise to choose from!
- In 2021 the Nearly New Shop received almost 900 separate donations throughout the year – meaning we received almost 900 drop-offs or pick-ups - with an estimated tax-deductible amount of \$436,663 in donation receipts.
- The Shop also provided in-kind donations (valued at over \$15,000) and store vouchers to those individuals and families in need throughout the year. Including partnering with Jewish agencies, and synagogues to assist in housing settlement needs for refugee families, and for the residents impacted by the December tornadoes in Western Kentucky.
- Thank you to the dedicated group of volunteers who have recently started helping Tuesday and Friday mornings! We are grateful for your support, time, and assistance!
- **We are extremely appreciative of the dedication and work of our 9 staff members and applaud their efforts to keep the Shop up and running. We also extend a very special heartfelt thank you to Lora Powers, Assistant Manager, who celebrated her 25th anniversary with the Nearly New Shop this past April!**



For information on
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Personal giving and fundraising activities are necessary every year to support the general operations of the Section and its advocacy programs and projects. We are grateful for your support in any of the following ways:

- Direct Donations
- Matching Gifts/Donations from any business, corporation, or employer
- Wills and Bequests
- Trusts and Retirement Accounts
- Insurance Policy Surrenders
- End of Year Contributions
- Tribute Cards & Chai Cards
- Membership Renewals
- Kroger Community Rewards
 - Just sign into your Kroger account and use NCJW's organization code: QJ991
- Amazon Smile
 - Go to smile.amazon.com and select "National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville" as your supporting charity!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 7/18-7/22: Camp Gilda Event
- 8/6: Nearly New Shop Anniversary (opened 1956)
- 8/6: Gilda's Club Back to School Event
- 8/6-8/22: Shopping Spree Program (20/20)
- 8/17: Beyond Van Gogh Exhibit
- 8/23: American Red Cross Blood Drive
- 9/15: Give for Good Louisville
- 9/18: Medicare 101 Event
- 10/13: Medicare 101 Event
- 10/20: David Richart Award Event
- 10/22-10/24: Fashion Encore
- 10/29: Gilda's Club NoogieFest
- 12/1-1/2/23: Donation Room Closed
- 12/4: Mah Jongg Event

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