

# NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN  
GREATER ROCHESTER SECTION

## NEW AND EXCITING PROGRAMS

NCJW Greater Rochester Section has been busy at work providing programming and resources for our community. Please read this digital newsletter to learn more about NCJW GRS and how you can help in the future!



National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Rochester Section

CHECK THE NCJW GREATER ROCHESTER SECTION WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS AND PROGRAMS!  
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## NCJW GRS UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

- February 9-10: Repro Shabbat
- February 25: PAD Party
- March 12: 130 years of Changemaking
- April 18: JCC CenterStage "Sisters in LAW"
- May 5: Hannah G Solomon/Woman of the Year
- and more!!

## TRIBUTE CARDS

NCJW Greater Rochester Section tribute cards are available for purchase. Tribute cards are a meaningful way to express your sympathy, honor family and friends, and commemorate special occasions and life cycle events. Your donation helps support NCJW projects. Tribute cards are available for \$5 each or 6 cards for \$25.

To purchase or have tribute cards sent on your behalf, please contact Marilyn Fenster at [NCJWCARDS@gmail.com](mailto:NCJWCARDS@gmail.com)



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### NCJW, INC CELEBRATES 130 YEARS!

**March 12, 2024, 6:30 pm , Washington, DC**

Join National Council of Jewish Women's 130 Years of Changemaking Celebration – to celebrate the incredible impact of NCJW over 130 years and where community, resilience, and the power of women's voices take center stage.. [Click here](#) for more information. Event location will be shared after RSVP.

**130**  
YEARS OF **CHANGEMAKING**

Celebrating National Council of Jewish Women

# JEWES FOR ABORTION ACCESS

National Council of Jewish Women

Repro Shabbat is an annual Shabbat celebration that honors the Jewish value of reproductive freedom. It takes place annually on Parshat Mishpatim, the reading of which contains the verses commonly referenced as the foundation of Judaism's approach to reproductive health, rights, and justice. Individuals and communities across the world gather to celebrate Repro Shabbat and the Jewish traditions it honors. Participation can take many forms. Jewish values compel us to support full access to safe and legal abortions. NCJW is collaborating nationally with many organizations to bring Repro Shabbat to communities across the country during the weekend of February 9-10, 2024.

## REPRO SHABBAT AT HOME



## REPRO SHABBAT IN THE ROCHESTER COMMUNITY



[Click here to find out more information about participating organizations in the Rochester community.](#)

Not able to participate in a service at a synagogue? [Click here to sign up for Repro Shabbat at Home!](#) If you choose to participate this way you will have access to many resources, including a study guide, a conversation guide, a Shabbat Spotify playlist, recipes, and more to help you plan a memorable at-home Shabbat event including a tutorial on how to braid a uterus shaped challah!

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## NCJW GRS P.A.D. PARTY!

Please join NCJW Greater Rochester Section on **Sunday, February 25th from 10am – Noon at TBK** as we learn about the NCJW GRS P.A.D. Project (Providing Access and Dignity)!

The P.A.D. Project (Providing Access and Dignity) helps women's groups collect, assemble, and donate feminine hygiene products to local shelters, food pantries and agencies that assist low income and homeless individuals who menstruate. Synagogues, churches, book clubs, and groups of friends enjoy adding this service project to their annual activities.

Be a part of the P.A.D. Project program by learning about what goes into hosting a P.A.D. party, make up period kits for distribution, and socialize with members of NCJW GRS! Please bring a donation of individually wrapped pads, tampons, and/or panty liners with you to this fun and educational event. Don't forget to RSVP on our webpage at [www.ncjwgrs.org](http://www.ncjwgrs.org) or by clicking here.



As a member of NCJW Greater Rochester Section, you will be connected to a growing network of courageous and compassionate individuals who work together to improve the quality of life for women, children and families every day. We join with 180,000 other members nationally to make our voices heard in Rochester, Washington DC and Israel as we fight for social justice. As an organization, we take action and work together to be a positive force for change.



## MEMBERSHIP

As a Member You Can:

- Attend and participate in informative programs that keep you educated and engaged.
- Volunteer in our myriad of local service projects.
- Make your voice heard on issues that impact public policy.
- Meet new people, build friendships and make connections throughout the country and in our local community.
- Impact the Section by joining NCJW GRS committees.
- Receive important communications including newsletters, coming events updates and postings through our website, Facebook, Instagram, and timely emails.

**JOIN NOW!**

The word “membership” can evoke many feelings and meanings. It can be warm and engaging, it can be exclusive and cliquish. NCJW GRS Membership, to me, feels thoughtful, inclusive and rejuvenating. As we move through the program year, I want to introduce myself to those that I have not yet met, reintroduce myself to old friends and explain what I envision NCJW GRS Membership to mean. My name is Terri Richardson, I work for the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) remotely from my home in Brighton. My husband and I have three almost grown children. NCJW GRS speaks to me as a Jew, a mother, wife, woman, Jewish professional and as a parent to children that, among them, identify with the LGBTQ+ community as well as the Autism world. To me membership begins by reaching in. If you are a member but not engaged, not engaged to the level you would like to be, or simply want to grab a cup coffee to connect, please reach out. Making new friends, becoming involved and stepping outside our comfort zones is hard! If you have a friend, regardless of gender or religion, that would like to connect with NCJW GRS and the great work we do, please bring them to an event, share our story with them or share my contact information or theirs with me. Your partner, neighbor, co-worker, person you met at yoga class, our mission speaks to so many, and we want to spread the word! I look forward to the year ahead! - Terri Richardson, NCJW GRS Vice President of Membership [terrilrichardson@yahoo.com](mailto:terrilrichardson@yahoo.com)



**HANNAH G SOLOMON - WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2024**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 5TH 11AM**  
**IRONDEQUOIT COUNTRY CLUB**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024**  
**HANNAH G SOLOMON AWARD RECIPIENT**  
**KAREN MORRIS!**

Judge Morris is a retired Town Judge, Professor at MCC, and an author. Karen is involved in many organizations throughout the Rochester area including presenting at Brighton's Festival of Ideas. Learn more about Judge Morris' contributions at the celebration in May!  
**Congratulations!**

Look for more information about the Hannah G Solomon/Woman of the Year celebration in your email inbox and on the NCJW GRS website soon!

**WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

**NCJW GRS IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE**  
**AMY STEIN**  
**AS THE 2024 WOMAN OF THE YEAR!**  
2023 Woman of the Year, Linda Bice, along with Soralee Cook surprised Amy with this special news. Amy has contributed a great deal to NCJW as she sits on both the Greater Rochester Section board as well as on the NCJW national board. Amy gives back to the Rochester community in so many ways. Join us as we celebrate this remarkable woman. Mazel tov!

**HANNAH G SOLOMON AWARD**

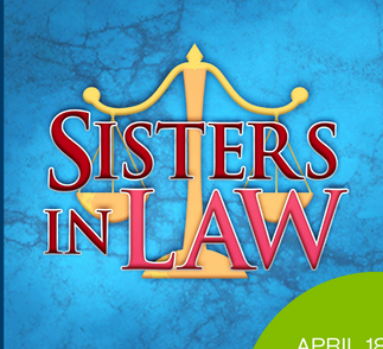


## SISTERS IN LAW

While Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sandra Day O'Connor had a lot in common as the first two women on the US Supreme Court, their methodologies and political leanings couldn't have been more varied. NCJW GRS partners with the JCC Centerstage to present *Sisters in LAW*, a new play by Jonathan Shapiro, based on the book by Linda Hirshman exploring the relationship between these two women. Purchase tickets here with NCJW GRS for the April 18th showing and receive \$5 off! Join us before the show at 6pm for a meet & greet with the artistic director. Seating is limited so purchase your tickets now!



NCJW GRS AND JCC CENTERSTAGE  
PRESENT



APRIL 18, 2024  
Show begins at 7PM

**Tickets on sale now!**

Seating is limited  
Member: \$30 Non-member: \$35  
Student: \$20



Enter promo code: **NCJW**  
before choosing seats  
for \$5 off April 18th showing only!


JOIN US BEFORE THE EVENT

Pre-show Meet & Greet with the Artistic Director at 6PM in the Lipson Lounge

To purchase tickets:  
<https://tinyurl.com/ncjwtx>

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To state it simply, the bad news is that our work is far from done. The good news is that we are the right people in the right place brought together to keep bending the arc of the moral universe toward justice! - Jane Yamaykin, National Council of Jewish Women, Inc. Associate Director, Engagement & Leadership

DONATE TO NCJW GRS TO  
SUPPORT PROGRAMMING,  
EVENTS, AND INCREASED  
SECURITY COSTS.

## DONATE

NCJW GRS continues to offer important and impactful programs—in no small part due to the generosity of our loyal supporters. We are a 501(c)3 organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Click here to make a donation today. For assistance in making your gift, contact [ncjwgrs@gmail.com](mailto:ncjwgrs@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

## NCJW GRS SUPPORTS ISRAEL

The atrocities of October 7th still leave a wound upon our hearts. As a progressive organization that believes strongly in social action, NCJW Greater Rochester Section immediately jumped into action. A generous donation of \$2500 was made to each of these programs: NCJW's Israel Granting Program Emergency Appeal as well as Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester's Swords of Iron campaign. Many of our members gave very generous donations to replenish the reserve fund that was used to make these donations. If you would like to make a donation to NCJW GRS to offset the cost, please [click here](#). Thank you for your generous support!



## UN SPECIAL SESSION

NCJW GRS President, Ellie Rosenbloom, was honored to have the opportunity to attend the Mission of Israel special session Hear Our Voices: Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the October 7th Hamas Terror Attack at the UN. NCJW has been one of the few women's groups to speak out against this horrific violence. To read more about this special session, please [click here](#).

**Photo: Sheila Katz, CEO of NCJW, shown with members and staff of NCJW Essex, and Ellie Rosenbloom, NCJW GRS President**



“The woman power of this nation can be the power which makes us whole and heals the rotten community, now so shattered by war and poverty and racism. I have great faith in the power of women who will dedicate themselves whole-heartedly to the task of remaking our society.” –Coretta Scott King



## BRING THEM HOME

GLOBAL FEMINIST LEADERS REACHED OVER TEN MILLION PEOPLE BY RAISING THEIR VOICES IN OCTOBER FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES BY HAMAS, EMPHASIZING THE CALL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

100 DAYS LATER, MORE THAN 130 HOSTAGES, MOSTLY MEN, REMAIN IN HORRIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

WE NOW JOIN TOGETHER AGAIN TO RAISE OUR VOICES AS WOMEN TO CALL FOR THE RELEASE OF THE MEN — THE FATHERS, THE HUSBANDS, THE SONS, THE BROTHERS, THE COUSINS, THE UNCLAS, THE FRIENDS.

**ADD YOUR VOICE  
CLICK HERE TO TAKE ACTION**



#STANDUPTOJEWISHHATE

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National Council of Jewish Women

# A HEARTFELT PLEA FROM GLOBAL WOMEN LEADERS

We call for international pressure for:

1. The immediate release of all hostages held by Hamas.
2. Humanitarian aid and medical care to be provided until the hostages are released.
3. The enforcement of international humanitarian law.

VOICESFORHOSTAGES.ORG

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS OF U OF R HILLEL

NCJW GRS showed support to returning University of Rochester Hillel students by delivering 75 reusable coffee cups filled with kosher treats.

The students received these sweet treats upon returning to classes in January. The students reported that they “felt the love!” We would like to thank Starbucks Monroe Avenue in the Whole Foods Plaza for donating the cups to the students.



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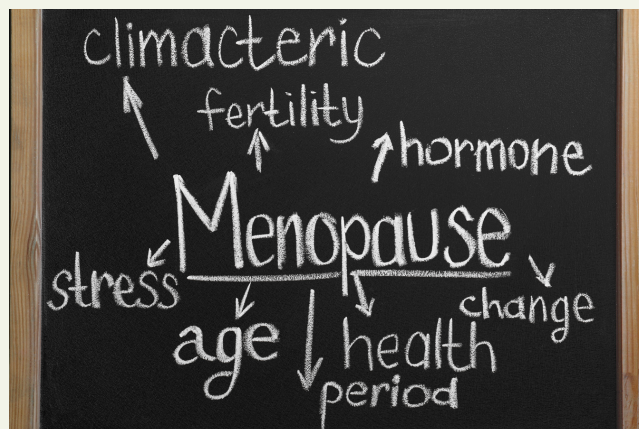
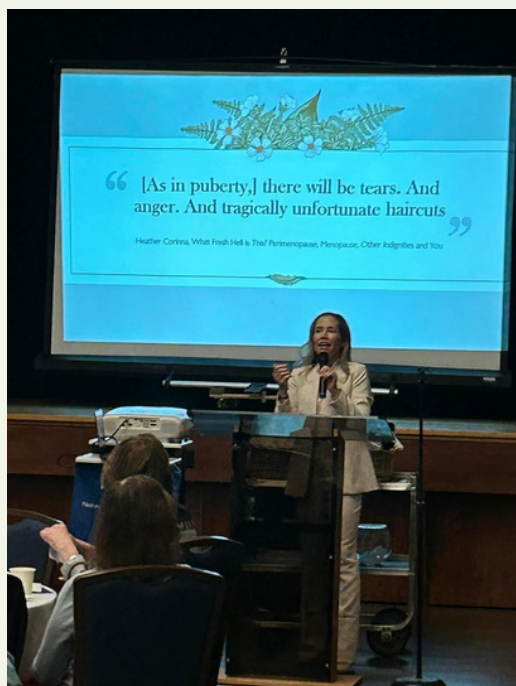
## OPENING EVENT: MENOPAUSE IN ONE DAY

On October 26, 2023, 120+ women gathered to learn about menopause, an often unspoken subject. Dr. Miranda Harris-Glocker was our fantastic speaker, sharing insights into what women can expect during this phase of life and information about the variety of treatment options available to people experiencing menopause. The event was a perfect mix of educational and fun, with a vast array of salty and sweet snacks, specialty cocktails like "the hot flash", and menopause survival kits. Attendees also wrote letters to their elected officials advocating for the inclusion of hormone replacement therapy in Medicaid coverage. It's worth noting that shortly after our event, the White House announced its Initiative on Women's Health Research, which is aimed at funding research specifically targeted at improving health outcomes for women in all areas, ranging from heart attacks to menopause. Kudos to NCJW GRS President Ellie Rosenbloom for spearheading this fabulous event, and to our tireless committee for the hours of research and planning that went into this wonderful evening.

- Lisa Waltzer



[Click here for a list of relevant resources, information, and available podcasts](#)





## PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NCJW GRS's Public Affairs Committee is comprised of passionate women who are looking to take action and make a difference in our community. Historically, this committee's programming has been centered on reproductive justice, voting rights, protecting the environment, the judicial system, gun control, and more. As we move forward in this election cycle, many of these issues will continue to be at the forefront of our minds.

Our Public Affairs Committee is currently led by Immediate Past President, Lisa Waltzer, who has served on the NCJW GRS Board for 8 years. Lisa works as a supervisor at Paychex, holds an MPA in Nonprofit Management from SUNY Brockport, and currently sits on Planned Parenthood of CWNY's Finance and Investment & Retirement committees.

If you are interested in learning more about what the Public Affairs committee is working on, please watch for future emails or check the NCJW Greater Rochester Section website for more information. [www.ncjwgrs.org](http://www.ncjwgrs.org)



## BACKPACK DRIVE

Community Connections continues to have a strong community impact under the leadership of Adrienne Markus and Jennifer Loviglio. August gave the NCJW membership an opportunity to work with Mary's Place Refugee Outreach providing back to school supplies and backpacks. In a short period of time, 31 backpacks and 121 lbs. of school supplies were donated! Thank you to the community for supporting this project to give kids a positive start to school. Details about issues relating to food insecurity and food education as well as other projects from the Community Connections committee will be updated regularly on the NCJW GRS website.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

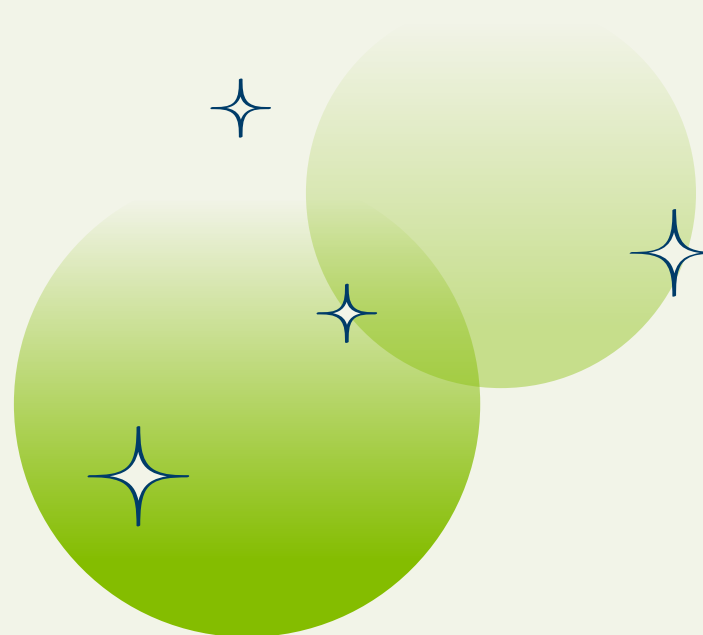
**CREATING MEANINGFUL TRANSFORMATION AT LOCAL, STATE,  
AND FEDERAL LEVELS.**

Look for a survey in your email soon to learn more about NCJW GRS  
and find ways to volunteer!

**SUPPORT NCJW  
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RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR  
MAKING A DONATION  
TODAY!**

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