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June 2022 Newsletter

Join us June 12 for installation

We are excited to announce the new NCJW board at our installation at **10 a.m. on Sunday, June 12**, in the Heritage Center at the Jewish Community Center (5801 W 115th Street, Overland Park, KS). We hope you can join us as we install our 2022/2023 Officers and Board of Directors (listed below) and celebrate our award winners for this year.

Please let us know that you are coming. Donations in honor of the new board and awardees can be mailed to NCJW (5311 W 75th St, Prairie Village, KS 66208). Or, donate [online](#).

We will spend some of our time together on a postcard-writing campaign to help protect access to safe, legal abortion in Kansas. Postcards will be provided by Kansans for Constitutional Freedom, a bipartisan coalition of reproductive rights advocates and allied organizations working hard to defeat the August 2, 2022, constitutional amendment. In addition, please consider bringing a donation of toiletries and toilet paper for Jewish Family Services.

2022/2023 Officers and Board of Directors

- Carla Oppenheimer, President
- Sharon Mallin, Co-VP Community Service
- Susan Kivet, Co-VP Community Service
- Mirra Klausner, Co-VP Membership
- Nancy Maxwell, Co-VP Membership
- Jannie Cabbage, Co-VP Fund Development

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- [Debbie Chase, Secretary](#)

Board members: Milisa Flekier, Cherice Gerson, Laura Gilman, Jane Girson, Stephanie Herman, Barbara Holzmark, Staci Kahn, Sonja Roper, Linda Stark, Sheryl Stein

Tzedakah Award: Sharon Mallin

Emerging Leader Award: Stephanie Herman

Volunteer to help with the Back to School Store

As noted in last month's newsletter, we were hopeful that the continued progress in managing the COVID-19 pandemic would allow us to be together in person this year. However, out of an abundance of caution, the Board decided that the safest way to 'host' the 2022 Back to School Store is to continue with a modified format.

Our efforts in 2021 were well-received, and we know the need is still great. So, rather than holding an actual shopping event for the children, we will distribute the items to them through their social service agencies.

Even though we won't be setting up and staffing the store, we **still need volunteers** to transport, unpack, and organize items from storage and fulfill orders that we receive from 12 agencies. Approximately 90 volunteers will be essential during the week of July 26 for a variety of tasks, during both day and evening hours.

We appreciate your continued commitment to supporting families in need. Please check your calendar and **sign up** for one (or more) slots that fit your schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Jannie Cabbage at jcabbage@kc.rr.com.

Next online *Lilith* magazine discussion group: Sunday, July 10

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women's magazine that calls itself "independent, Jewish, and frankly feminist," *Lilith* salons provide an opportunity for readers to discuss one or two articles pre-selected from each issue.

At our July 10 meeting, we'll be discussing the Spring 2022 articles: "Moving: A Ritual," by Elaine Shizgal Cohen, and "After the Fall: (Re)Telling the Story of Reform Judaism," by Karla Goldman.

Participation in the NCJW-KC online salon is free and open to any NCJW member with access to these magazine articles (available in print or online). To RSVP to the salon and receive the Zoom invitation, or for more information, contact Nancy Kalikow Maxwell at nancykalikowmaxwell@comcast.net or 954 260-7696.

Check out our new office space!

We are thrilled to be in our new office at Ohev Sholom. The new entrance is on the South-East corner of the building. We are in the space that was formerly the chapel. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped pack, move, and unpack the office. We could not have accomplished this huge feat without you.

Amy Hinrichs, our new executive assistant, is in the office Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 to 12:30 if you need assistance or just want to stop by and say hello.



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