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Greater Kansas City

June 2025 Newsletter

*The Greater Kansas City Section of NCJW is pleased and proud to honor and recognize our award recipients.*

10:00 AM SUNDAY 8 JUNE  
HERITAGE CENTER AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
5801 W. 115TH ST, OP, KS 66211

**Featuring Sam Kricsfeld and Lacey Storer  
with The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle**

Please bring layette items such as bibs,  
bottles, onesies, socks, washclothes, diapers,  
wipes and pacifiers.



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| Judy Sherry .....    | Hannah G. Solomon Award |
| Annie Glickman ..... | Community Service Award |
| Terri Miro .....     | Emerging Leader Award   |
| Mirra Klausner ..... | Tzedakah Award          |

**2025-26 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

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**2025-26 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Lainie Decker, Judith Evnen, Milisa Flekier, Reva Friedman, Jane Girson, Amy Goldstein, Lynn Schweig, Kelly Somberg, Stacie Turtle dove



The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

Our Spring Awards Program is **Sunday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m.** We hope you will be able to join us as we recognize our award recipients! If you would like to RSVP online or honor someone with a donation, [please click here](#).

**2025 Back to School Store**

Planning is underway for the annual NCJW Back to School Store! Last summer, we enthusiastically returned to hosting an in-person shopping experience for the 2024 Back to School Store. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, we have made the difficult decision to discontinue the in-person event in 2025 and beyond.

There is a steady—and growing—need for our support, and we will once again fill backpacks with school supplies and provide clothing and coats for students to begin school. In this way, NCJW of Kansas City will fulfill our mission of improving the quality of life for women, children, and families. We expect 12 social service agencies to pick up backpacks/clothing for their own distribution events. Through these efforts, more than 400 children will be served.

Even though we won't be setting up and staffing the store, we still need approximately 120 volunteers (ages 16 and up) to transport,

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over 17 shifts from **July 15-29**, during both day and evening hours.

We appreciate your continued commitment to supporting families in need. Please check your calendar and [sign up here](#) for one (or more) slots that fit your schedule. To ensure that we are able to complete the planned tasks during each shift, please commit to working the entire two hours, from start to finish. If you have any questions, please contact Jannie Cabbage at [jcabbage4@gmail.com](mailto:jcabbage4@gmail.com).

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## What our members are saying (more highlights from our survey)

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2025 Membership Survey! This feedback is crucial as we work to meet the needs of our members and our community. We are sharing some additional snapshots from the feedback here:

### **Please tell us why you agree or disagree with the statement, "I would recommend volunteering with NCJW."**

*"Agree, they are meaningful projects and a good way to meet other like minded women in the community."*

*"It empowers me to do something good for others."*

### **Please share any other feedback.**

*"I think my daughter said it best. She volunteered with me a few times and she said, 'The organization really gives people dignity.'"*

Although the survey period has ended, we encourage members to communicate directly with any member of the Board to share thoughts, ideas, or suggestions at any time.

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## June ice cream social

Come join fellow NCJW of KC members, families, and friends from 7-8 p.m. on **Monday, June 9** to enjoy some delicious cold treats at Summersalt Ice Cream in Corinth Square (4051 Somerset Dr., Prairie Village, KS). No RSVP required. Bring family and friends, and if possible please bring a donation of period products.

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## Help sort jewelry on June 11

We need volunteers to sort and organize jewelry for the 2026 Mother's Day Store. If you would like to help, please join us from **10:00-11:30 a.m.** at the NCJW office (5311 W. 75th Street Prairie Village, KS) on **June 11**.

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## Scholarship renewal deadline is coming up

It is time for our scholarship recipients to renew their applications. These are due back at the NCJW office (5311 W. 75th St, Prairie Village, KS 66208) or via email to [ncjwofkc@gmail.com](mailto:ncjwofkc@gmail.com), no later than **June 15, 2025**.

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## JULIES meet-up: June 20

The NCJW-KC JULIES Group (Jewish Union of 'retired' Ladies, Intelligent, Energetic, and Sexy!) will be meeting from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20**, in the large meeting room at Johnson County **Corinth Library Branch** (8100 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS). Attendees are invited to bring their own food and drink and be prepared for some lively conversation. Any retired NCJW-KC Section current or potential member is welcome to join us.

To let us know that you are coming or for more information, contact Barbie Rogoff ([bjrogoff@gmail.com](mailto:bjrogoff@gmail.com), 816-506-6430) or Nancy Kalikow Maxwell ([nancykalikowmaxwell@gmail.com](mailto:nancykalikowmaxwell@gmail.com), 954-260-7696).

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## Bookmark the events calendar

Just a reminder that the NCJW Greater Kansas City Section [website](#) is updated regularly. New programs are being added often. Please visit the website and go to [the events page](#) so you can plan ahead of time and mark your calendars. There are so many wonderful programs to enjoy!

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