



MISSION STATEMENT

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada is a voluntary organization which, in the spirit of Judaism, is dedicated to furthering human welfare in the Jewish and general communities Locally, Nationally and Internationally. Through an integrated program of education, service and social action, the organization helps to fulfil unmet needs and to serve the individual and the community.



REACHING FOR THE STARS LUNCHEON

celebrating the

120th Anniversary

**of National Council of
Jewish Women of Canada
and
National Council of
Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto**

Sunday, October 22, 2017
Temple Sinai Congregation, Toronto



120 YEARS PROUD

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (NCJWC) is a volunteer organization that has been a catalyst for change since 1897, fighting to ensure the rights of women, children, and families, the disabled and new Canadians through service, education and social action.

Four years after NCJW had been established in Chicago, NCJW was brought to Toronto in 1897. It was the first Jewish Women's organization in Canada. A full-fledged "Canadian Division" of the NCJW was formed in 1934. In 1943, the division was renamed the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (NCJWC), and was officially incorporated in 1944. Today, we have sections in Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver, and members in other Canadian cities.

It was then, and still is, a volunteer service organization dedicated to identifying Jewish and non-Jewish community needs and

providing leadership, energy, and financial resources to bring about meaningful changes.

NCJWC's pioneering spirit continues to this day as it identifies the needs of women and families of diverse backgrounds and abilities and ensures that they have a voice by developing innovative programs to identify those needs. All who come to NCJWC share a belief that progressive ideals put into action can improve our community, our country and the world.

NCJWC is the only Jewish Women's organization in Canada that is a member of International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW). We contribute by giving a Canadian Jewish voice to Jewish women around the world. ICJW advocates freedom, rights and betterment of women throughout the world through our work with non-governmental organizations at the United Nations.



Congratulations

to *NCJW Canada*
and
NCJWC, Toronto

on their
120th Anniversary Celebrations

May you go from strength to strength!!!

MARJORIE BLANKSTEIN
WINNIPEG



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

120th Anniversary of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the members of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (NCJWC) on the occasion of the organization's 120th anniversary.

Established just 30 years after Canada was founded, the NCJWC has long sought to support some of Canada's most vulnerable people. Their members, bound by a common faith and desire for positive change, truly embody the Canadian ideals of inclusivity and generosity, which underlie this organization's success.

Today, as you gather to celebrate the accomplishments of this group over the past 120 years, I would like to express my gratitude to all of you for your work to support the humanitarian goals of the NCJWC. Canada is only strong because of people like you, who recognize that we are at our best when we work together for the betterment of others.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to shape this laudable organization over the past 120 years. To all of those celebrating today, please accept my warmest welcome and best wishes for a memorable anniversary luncheon.

Ottawa



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

October 22, 2017



A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm wishes to everyone attending the 120th anniversary celebration for the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (NCJWC) and NCJWC Toronto Section.

I commend the NCJWC for reaching this milestone and for its long history of meaningful and enduring service to members of the community across Canada. It is a privilege to commend each and every one of NCJWC's dedicated women, past and present, for acting as a catalyst for change on behalf of children, youth, the elderly, families, the disabled, new Canadians and the disadvantaged. Your dedication to fostering a culture of inclusion and respect has helped to shape our province and our nation into the strong and vibrant place we are so fortunate to call home.

It is fitting that Dr. Roberta Bondar is serving as keynote speaker. Her many achievements and outstanding record of accomplishments align with the leadership, energy and resources that NCJWC deliver to further human welfare and advance fundamental rights and freedoms. You are all an inspiration to women everywhere.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable anniversary celebration.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier



October 22, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to convey warmest greetings and best wishes to the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, on the occasion of your **Reach For the Stars 120th Anniversary Luncheon**, featuring the renowned Canadian astronaut **Dr. Roberta Bondar** as keynote speaker. Israelis are very aware of the tremendous valour and devotion exemplified by Dr. Bondar and others in her profession, including Israeli astronaut and fighter pilot Ilan Ramon, who died in 2003 in a re-entry accident aboard the Columbia.

On reaching this venerable milestone, NCJWC has much to celebrate. With dedication and determination, you have advocated over the years on behalf of women, children and families, and helped to improve the lives of people of all ages, races and religious backgrounds through your innovative programs. As an Israeli, it is particularly heartening to see how your longstanding support for ALUMA, the Israel Family Counseling Association, has made a significant difference in the lives of many Israeli couples, families and individuals.

I warmly congratulate your new National President, **Debbie Wasserman**, who is being installed today, and wish her every success as she takes up the reins of office. For the past 120 years, NCJWC has worked towards a better world and touched so many in Canada, Israel, and across the globe. May these worthy efforts continue to bear fruit as you begin the next 120!

Sincerely,

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22 October 2017

It is my pleasure as Member of Parliament for York Centre to offer my congratulations and greetings to the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada and NCJWC Toronto on the occasion of their 120th anniversary.

Since 1897, NCJWC has been an unparalleled advocate for children, youth, and the elderly, families, the disabled, new Canadians and the disadvantaged.

The extraordinary work NCJWC has done and continues to do would not be possible without the ongoing service and generosity of the individuals who dedicate themselves and their time and resources to this cause.

That sense of duty to the welfare of our society is invaluable, and contributes to the strength of vibrancy of Toronto's Jewish community and Canadian society as a whole.

I would like acknowledge tonight's honourees, NCJWC's past leaders, National and Toronto Section Presidents, and outgoing National President Sharon Allentuck, and extend my congratulations on the installation of new National President, Debbie Wasserman.

Please accept my warmest congratulations on this significant anniversary, and my best wishes for continued success.

Yours most sincerely,

Michael Levitt, M.P.
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Dear members and friends of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada,

I have great pleasure in sending congratulations to you, your President Sharon Allentuck, and the Board of NCJWC on this most auspicious Occasion in your history as an organisation.

The Executive and members of International Council of Jewish Women join me in wishing each of you a hearty mazaltov on such an important anniversary.

"May you live unto 120 years" is a phrase frequently heard within Jewish society, generally in a celebratory manner for a birthday or anniversary. But how often has such a blessing come to pass?

Your organisation has managed this amazing and very creditable lifetime as a wonderful and contributing Jewish women's organisation which began only thirty years after the Confederation of your country, now celebrating its 150th year.

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, active as a national body incorporating four Sections - Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Toronto – is a strong affiliate of International Council of Jewish Women. ICJW admires your initiatives in programs and projects devised to support and assist those in need, while always maintaining a Jewish women's presence in your communities. Your consistent upholding of the values and objectives of ICJW keeps us very close and ensures our enduring partnership.

I am delighted that I will be attending the NCJWC 120th anniversary, celebrating with you all in Toronto.
 With best wishes

Robyn Lenn OAM, ICJW President

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2017



Dear Friends,

Imagine, it's 1897 and Canada is 30 years old. Meldola de Sola founded National Council of Jewish Women of Canada in Toronto. What would she say to us today at our 120th celebration? I hope that she would be kvelling.

Rebbetzin de Sola brought together a group of Toronto women who cared about their community and country. Jewish women gathered together to help new immigrants, who arrived with very little and no English language. The Council women helped newcomers to Canada to make the transition to their new lives.

This year marks the 120th anniversary of NCJWC women making a difference. Council women have united with their strength toward education, service and social action in Canadian communities from Halifax to Victoria, in Israel and Jewish communities around the world.

Thank you to Ronnee Alter and her 120th committee who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our celebration is a success.

It is an honour to have International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW) President Robyn Lenn, from Australia and ICJW North American Regional Chair, Felicia Anchor from Nashville with us as we celebrate.

We are proud of our history and the women who have brought us to this day.

May we go from strength to strength.

Mazel tov and best wishes to Debbie Wasserman on being installed today as NCJWC President. May she go from strength to strength.

Sharon Allentuck
 President
 NCJWC



What a wonderful time to become National Council of Jewish Women of Canada's new President! As we enter our thirteenth decade, it is indeed an honour and a privilege to find myself in the company of those inspirational, dedicated leaders who we honour today. These women have provided the inspiration and the path for me to take over the helm.

Thank you to Sharon Allentuck, my mentor and friend, who has led the organization as President with wisdom and great dedication over the past three years. When I agreed to become National President, Sharon took me under her wing, giving me the opportunity to learn from the best.

Family support is vital when one decides to take on a major responsibility. My husband Jack, and my entire family have consistently supported and encouraged me on this journey. I owe them all tremendous gratitude.

I look forward to working with the exceptional women who are on the Board of NCJWC. I respect all of these women and appreciate the strengths and expertise they bring to the table. I am confident that we have a stellar working team!

Each Section of NCJWC brings positive energy to their unique communities and to the National organization. Many of the attendees at our celebration have come from across Canada cementing the bonds that bind our Sections together and making our event all the more special.



NCJWC is the only Jewish women's organization in Canada that is a member of International Council of Jewish Women. It is a great honour to have Robyn Lenn, ICJW's President, and Felicia Anchor, ICJWC's North American Chair, with us at our celebration. Representing Canadian views on this international stage and bringing the knowledge learned from women around the world to our membership, is a very important component of NCJWC's work.

NCJWC is a strong, vibrant organization that has thrived for 120 years in Canada. By being true to our mandate of service, education and social action, we have always responded to needs and troubles within our communities that could benefit from our involvement and dedication. Through our collective energies and enthusiasm, NCJWC will continue to thrive. May we continue to have the strength and enthusiasm to conquer the challenges we meet and take advantage of the opportunities that are set before us.

Encouraging future generations of capable women to take on the task of carrying the NCJWC flame into the future is our responsibility. NCJWC's *raison d'être* continues to be relevant. I look forward to the years ahead. I am confident we will continue on our positive trek and look with great anticipation to the journey on which we will embark. Together, we will build NCJWC's future.

Debbie Wasserman
Incoming President
NCJWC



On behalf of the Board of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto, it is an honour for me to welcome you to this remarkable event.

Celebrating 120 years of existence as an organization dedicated to service, education and advocacy is a testament to the fact that the core values and goals of NCJWC continue to resonate with our sisters. We remain a shining beacon of all the good that is possible when we come together.

From her very first act of kindness, Meldola de Sola understood that people inherently desire to give and are looking for a vehicle by which to do goodwill. NCJWC, Toronto became that, thus starting the long history of many outstanding projects undertaken by Council.

Now in this 121st year we are embarking on changes. Physically we are on the move. We are leaving 4700 Bathurst and are looking for a new home to become our hub of activity for members and community guests. Our new place will honour our past, but will also be a symbol of our vibrancy, and relevancy, as we journey forward.

We are also embarking on program changes. Our incredibly successful Passover Food Drive has grown so large that we are looking at community partnerships to ensure that we can still service the more than 24,000 Jewish people living below the poverty line in Toronto. Holding onto our important causes we are looking to our future and exploring other ways that we can continue to impact our community.

In these 120 years, thousands of women have joined Council and have participated in our programs making all this possible. And therefore, today I salute and celebrate the women from the past, the present and the future of NCJWC, Toronto who fight for the rights and freedoms of the disadvantaged.

Eva Karpati, President
Ena Cord, Immediate Past President
NCJWC, Toronto

ROBERTA BONDAR

This year, 2017, marks the 25th anniversary since Roberta Bondar flew into space on the American space shuttle, Discovery, the second Canadian to enter space and the first Canadian female astronaut. Among her many other accomplishments, Roberta Bondar is a physician, educator and photographer.



Roberta Bondar attained her undergraduate degree at the University of Guelph (BSc), MSc at the University of Western Ontario, and PhD at University of Toronto. She achieved her M.D. at McMaster University in 1977 and 1981 was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Dr. Bondar is a neurologist and clinical Science researcher specializing in the nervous system. In 1985 she was named chairperson of the Canadian Life Sciences Subcommittee and has served on the Ontario Premier's Council on Science and Technology as a civil aviation medical examiner and is a member of the scientific staff at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto.

At the time of her selection for the Canadian space program in 1983, she was assistant professor of neurology and director of the multiple sclerosis unit at McMaster Medical Centre in Hamilton, doing both clinical work and research. Her interest in the nervous system and in the inner ear balancing system, especially as related to the functioning of the eye, had immediate relevance to experiments being planned for the first Canadian space flight. She also conducted research into blood flow in the brain during

microgravity, lower body negative pressure and various pathological states.

In February, 1984 Roberta Bondar moved to Ottawa to take part in the National Research Council of Canada training program. Later that year, she joined the faculty

of medicine at the University of Ottawa, and early 1990 she was designated as prime payload specialist for the first international microgravity laboratory Mission. Bondar flew on the space shuttle, Discovery January 22-30 and during that 8 day space mission conducted experiments to discover means to allow future astronauts to undertake longer flights in space. She left the Canadian space agency in September 1992 in order to pursue her research.

An avid photographer, who studied nature photography at the Brooks Institute in California, Bondar was also tasked on the shuttle Discovery with taking photographs of earth. The chronicle of her experiences in space were published in 1994 as "Touching the Earth". She has had several exhibits of her photographs and published three other books of her photographs.

In 2003 Roberta Bondar was appointed Chancellor of Trent University in which capacity she served for two terms from 2003 until 2009.

Among her many honours are her appointment as an officer of the Officer of the Order of Canada, her appointment to the Order of Ontario, more than 22 honorary degrees and induction into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

"REACHING FOR THE STARS" LUNCHEON

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Sharon Allentuck, NCJWC Outgoing President
Eva Karpati, NCJWC, Toronto President

Video: "A Constellation of Commitment and Passion"

GREETINGS

Robyn Lenn, ICJW President introduced by Sharon Allentuck
Michael Levitt, MP York Centre introduced by Eva Karpati

D'VAR TORAH: Leona Eligberg

MOTZI: Roz Fine, Advisory Committee

LUNCH

DISCHARGE AND INSTALLATION OF NCJWC OFFICERS

Helen Marr, Honourary President

RECOGNITION AND DISCHARGE:

Sharon Allentuck as President
Debby Altow as Secretary

INSTALLATION

Debby Altow, Vice President
Frida Pesin, Secretary

Installation of Debbie Wasserman, President NCJWC

ADDRESS BY DEBBIE WASSERMAN

HONOURING NATIONAL AND TORONTO SECTION PAST PRESIDENTS

Debbie Wasserman and Eva Karpati

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Roberta Bondar, introduced by Marcie Weinman

THANK YOU

Dorothy Reitman, Advisory Council

CLOSING REMARKS

Debbie Wasserman



DOROTHY REITMAN 1974-1977

One of my outstanding memories of events during my Council presidency was in the 1970's when the threat of separation of Quebec from Canada became a major issue in Canada. NCJWC became involved in a "school for citizen participation" program which focused on civics and how to influence government policies. As part of that program we visited Ottawa where we met with the different political caucuses. In preparation for this, the participants prepared the presentation with the guidance of Marjorie Blankstein and I like to think that perhaps this exercise did have an impact on Canadian unity!

MARJORIE BLANKSTEIN CM, OM, LLD 1977-1980

One of my most memorable moments on the National Board of NCJWC was representing the organization at the first ICJW meeting held in Israel in 1972. Part of the agenda was a bus trip through the Negev, stopping in Sde Bokar, at the home of David Ben Gurion. As we got off the bus, Mr. Ben Gurion came out to meet with us. One of the people in our group said, "Mr. Ben Gurion. If you had three wishes for the State of Israel, what would they be? Mr. Ben Gurion immediately replied "People, Water, Peace".



I still remember—some 45 years later.

Through my involvement in NCJWC, I have met many wonderful people, made many wonderful friendships, and been involved in many rewarding projects related to Education, Service and Social Action.



HELEN MARR 1980-1985

To choose a most memorable moment and/or event during my Presidency of NCJWC is impossible.

There wasn't a day...and still isn't...when I wasn't impressed and awed by the professionalism of our volunteers.

Their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for all women, men and children across Canada, and indeed beyond our borders was, and continues to be nothing short of amazing!

It was always with intense pride wherever and whenever I represented NCJWC.

This feeling continued beyond NCJWC when I became President of ICJW. I was so fortunate and blessed to have had the privilege and honour to work with women...and men...from over 50 affiliates worldwide. It was during this time (early 90's) after the demise of the USSR, that we welcomed women from a number of countries from the FSU to represent their countries as affiliates of ICJW.

I am indeed indebted to NCJWC and ICJW for their trust in my leadership, the many friendships and personal growth.

It has been a journey that few women have had the privilege of travelling!

BUNNY GURVEY 1985-87

An important memory takes me back to 1985...I was honoured to be installed as President of NCJWC in London, Ontario. It was remarkable that



the Lt. Governor of Ontario attended to show his support and solidarity with our organization. I was also impressed that the President of ICJW travelled to Canada to support NCJWC. I modelled her enthusiasm by visiting each and every section during my presidency.

On a personal note, my sister, Sadie Raber, who encouraged me to become a member of NCJWC, travelled from Winnipeg. Full circle, Sadie who passed away later that year, was the very proud mother of our current President: Sharon Allentuck

SHEILA FREEMAN 1987-1989

It was an honour and privilege to serve a term as your National President. I fondly recall my visits and meetings with most of our Chapters across Canada. At these meetings I heard the concerns of each Section and tried to make suggestions for innovative programming in line with our core values and to retain our members and attract new women. I reported back to our National Council; seeking to respond to these concerns. It was an exciting and fulfilling experience My most memorable event was attending the ICJW conference in Jerusalem as the Canadian representative. There I met, interacted and liaised with the International President and many representatives from Chapters around the world. This experience was heightened by my love for and dedication to Eretz Yisroel.



All in all I most recall the support and encouragement I received from all levels of NCJWC and ICJW. I will always cherish these memories and hope that my efforts contributed in some small way to the continued success of Council.



PENNY YELLEN 1989-1991

There are always wonderful memories of the people I met visiting the Sections across Canada; attending National meetings as a representative of NCJWC; attending the ICJW meeting and then the seminar in Israel.

The Health Education and Learning Project was initiated during Bunny Gurvey's Presidency and I was the Vice-President of Community Service. It was continued during my Presidency. We had a grant from Health and Welfare Canada for this project and trained women across Canada from NCJWC and the Federated Women's Institute of Canada. One of my fond memories was going with Bunny and our trainer, Enid Butler, to Gander Newfoundland to train the local Federated Women's Institute local members.

SHARON WOLCHOCK 1993-1999

Within weeks of my installation, I received an invitation to attend a luncheon for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin hosted by the federal government Department of External Affairs. This confirmed the importance of NCJWC to be among the select few.



Four years and many memories later, my term of office ended with our Centennial Celebrations in Toronto, a joyous event. My best memories are of meeting and working with the remarkable women in each section whose energy and inspiration continue to drive this great organization.

HINDA SIMKIN 1999-2001

During NCJW of Canada 120-year history, intelligent, talented women have served as president providing us with wonderful role models. It was with pride but also humility that I joined their ranks during NCJW 100th year.

So many good friends and warm memories: Marjorie Blankstein inviting me to join my 1st national committee; Helen Marr's very unique installation; Good wishes from Lucille Lorie; Washington White House with Sharon Allentuck; Co-chairing the National Leadership Workshop with daughter Nadine Landa; Visit to the House of Commons; Snowed in at hotel in Winnipeg; Flying into Winnipeg after to cut ribbon at Faith and Humanity exhibit; Jerusalem to plan Vancouver ICJW convention. So many places, so many memories.

I wish you a wonderful conference and celebration – to the next 120 years! THANK YOU NCJWC.



CAROL SLATER 2001-2003

What I most cherish about NCJWC are the women friends and mentors who have influenced me and made my life so rich and meaningful. Aside from being a part of NCJWC in Canada, you might want to know that as a representative/member of NCJWC, when I lived in Israel, I was on the Board and Chair of the Israel Family Counselling Association (now known as ALUMA) for 15 years!

My term in Council also led me to the creation of the pilot project of HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) Canada along with Simon Fraser University and the Britannia Centre in Vancouver. This in itself is another whole story!

BRENLEE GURVEY 2003-2005

As a young person, I was very pleased to help my Mom and past National President, Bunny Gurvey, with the H.E.L.P. Project. This opportunity piqued my interest in NCJWC.



Subsequently when I became National Co-President with Roz Fine, I was honoured to be able to continue the good work of NCJWC as we worked collaboratively with like-minded organizations to initiate and share the Jewish Genetics Project. Throughout the experience I grew to appreciate and honour the strengths, capabilities and hard work of the extraordinary women of NCJWC and ICJW.



ROZ FINE 2003-2009

I had the honour of being both Toronto Section President as well as National President. There are so many memorable Programs and Projects that it is difficult to just name a few. My term as Toronto President was during NCJWC's Centennial Celebrations which was a very exciting time for National Council of Jewish Women of Canada. This amazing weekend was Co-Chaired by Gita Arnold and Frances Mandell-Arad z"l.

As National President, I was fortunate to help launch our Jewish Genetic Diseases Awareness Project with a group of interested partners who all had the same goal; to educate and inform young couples, Rabbis and Doctors about Screening for Jewish Genetic Diseases. Also, as President of NCJWC, I had the privilege of serving on the ICJW Executive and attended many meetings in various cities as well as attending the Washington Institute. Meeting the women of ICJW from all over the world was truly one of the highlights of my terms. Also, hosting an ICJW Executive Meeting in Toronto was an amazing experience! During my last term as President I helped plan an outstanding Convention with Justin

Trudeau (before he was officially in politics) as the keynote speaker. The theme of the Convention was "Making Connections" and he spoke on the Environment. NCJWC always has been and continues to be a positive force for change.

Mazel Tov on NCJWC's 120th Anniversary!



DIANE GLASS 2009-2013

My presidency began with many challenges. I became President without being on the national scene for many years. The organization was in debt and didn't have a national direction. Our organization was floundering.

Difficult decisions had to be made. The National office in Winnipeg was closed and the sections agreed to take on various tasks that had been performed by National. ICJW gave us a grant so that we could close the office and move forward.

My presidency was not a positive experience but I would like to thank those who supported me, especially those in Winnipeg Section.

We are now out of debt and are able to support our officers to attend conferences etc. We have adopted the important role of the President elect in ensuring a smooth transition from the outgoing President to the incoming President. The incoming President has the opportunity to choose her own team of officers. The future now looks bright and promising. May the new team lead with the confidence that all sections will support National in all its endeavours. Congratulations to Debbie Wasserman, incoming president, on her term of office.

MARNI BESSER 2013-2014

Combatting Human Trafficking became a passion of mine when I lived in Vancouver and, was on the NCJWC Board as a Vice President, with the portfolio of Human Trafficking. As a National President, I had the honour of doing a presentation on Human Trafficking at the ICJW in Berlin; also showcasing how NCJWC had lobbied our Canadian Senate to help encourage the enactment of strong anti-trafficking legislation.



The ongoing commitment of NCJWC to educate our members and the public on the issue of Human Trafficking that I initiated and carried on during my presidency was very meaningful.



SHARON ALLENTUCK 2014-2017

Travelling with Robyn Lenn to Toronto and Vancouver sections was one of the many highlights of my term as President. In Toronto Robyn and I were given a tour of Jewish Toronto. We visited a JCC, Jewish Day School, Baycrest and met with Federation leaders, Toronto section hosted an evening at Council House honouring Robyn.

In Vancouver we celebrated Vancouver Section's 90th birthday. It was a wonder event where Vancouver section projects were showcased. A beautiful dinner for a few Vancouver women, Robyn and I were hosted by Gloria Hendin.

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| Sheila Freeman | 1987-1989 | Toronto |
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| Carol Slater | 2001-2003 | Vancouver |
| Brenlee Gurvey Gales | 2003-2005 | Toronto |
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UPDATES FROM OUR SECTIONS...



TORONTO SECTION shares its 120th birthday with National, being the first section created in Canada in 1897. Having established itself as a very valuable organization it was able to purchase its first property at 44 St. George St. in 1924. Members were involved in providing many services to soldiers enlisted during WWII with the Ship-a-Box programme, to young children with a nursery school opportunity and to seniors by creating the Good Age Club.

As the Jewish population migrated to the north, Toronto Section moved to 4700 Bathurst St. 'Council House' became a hub of activity providing highly significant and much needed services to the community, while offering its members a place to meet and partake of the diverse programmes including Health Issues, Holocaust Education, Book Reviews and guest speakers covering a wide variety of topics.

Our showcase project, Passover Food Drive, began in the 80's. A few needy families were given boxes containing food for Passover. With the hard work of many of our members this project has grown to reach as many as 2400 families. Toronto Section has skillfully involved the community at large to participate in this most valuable project.

Council House welcomed seniors to the Lunch and Learn Programme and newly arrived immigrants to an annual Chanukkah Party. The L'Chaim Cancer Support for Jewish Women provided a caring environment

Eva Karpati
President, NCJWC, Toronto

while educating and offering a social outlet for women touched by this disease. The Toronto Jewish Quilting Project creates quilts for those touched by cancer and more recently to refugee families; the Mitzvah Knitters create and generously donate hats, scarves etc, to needy children; the Teaching Awareness Through Puppetry use our facility to rehearse for their productions that are presented to school children. Our Gift of Life Organ and Tissue Donation committee worked diligently in the Jewish community to dispel myths and was extremely successful in increasing the number of people who enlisted as organ donors.

Human Trafficking has become a significant focus of Toronto Section, heightening awareness and educating the community of this heinous practice. May 10, 2017 was proclaimed Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the city of Toronto by Mayor John Tory, signifying our organization as the sponsor of this very important day.

We have reached another milestone in our history as 4700 Bathurst St. has been recently sold. We look to a new location where we will strive to continue our mandate of service education and social action. Our strategic planning committee is currently reviewing existing programmes and investigating new areas of service so that we can best reflect the ever changing needs of the community.

UPDATES FROM OUR SECTIONS...



EDMONTON SECTION was one of the first Canadian sections of NCJWC, having been established in 1920. We have supported numerous causes in the Jewish and general communities, and Edmonton Section has been instrumental in developing and assisting in programs that recognize and address the needs of children and seniors.

In the past, Edmonton Section oversaw studies and lobbied the Provincial government about the importance of education at the kindergarden level. As a result of Edmonton Section's efforts, the Alberta government decided to include kindergarden as part of the public school system. In addition, in 1963, Edmonton Section helped establish the Norwood Head Start Program, which is a preschool program, and is still very active today. Interested in helping seniors, Edmonton Section founded the city's Jewish Senior's Drop-In Centre (formerly the Golden Age Club), in 1954.

Currently, Edmonton Section is still active and is involved in many initiatives, included

Jodi Zablodowski
President, NCJWC, Edmonton

the Jewish Family Services seniors' program called SMART (Seniors Making Age Related Transitions) Program, helping children in need with the hot lunch program at Talmud Torah School and attend Israeli dance classes with Aviv dancers. Edmonton Section is also an annual supporter of the HBOC Society (Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer). This past year, Edmonton Section assisted Callingwood School, as they were in dire need of breakfast supplies, and there was clothing and food drive to help the families of this school. We also partnered with the local Synagogue to help collect items for a teenage program called YESS (Youth Empowerment Support Society).

With the help of Edmonton Jewish women, we hope to continue long into the future. Mazel Tov to NCJWC on the celebration of 120 years in Canada. May you grow from strength to strength!

UPDATES FROM OUR SECTIONS...



WINNIPEG SECTION was founded in 1925 and for many years served as the Head Office for NCJWC. As well, many women from Winnipeg Section have served as president of NCJWC.

Winnipeg Section is dedicated to serving the needs of the Jewish and general communities through service, education and social action.

We have many exciting continuing programs including: Organ Donation Awareness Week each April; Books for Kids; Purim Mishloach Manot baskets for Jewish Child and Family Services, Genetic Disease Awareness programming at Gray Academy of Jewish Education; Human Trafficking Awareness Day activities each March; Support for Operation Ezra (Yazidi Refugees); Heath Series Programs in partnership with Rady Jewish Community Centre; Young Professionals' Branch Coffee & Careers (professional development and mentoring). We are also hard at work on the Winnipeg and

Jewish Recovery and Resources Centre in partnership with Jewish Child and Family Services.

In April 2016, Winnipeg Section partnered with the Rady Jewish Community Centre on an educational and empowering program, "The First Jewish Women's Symposium". Winnipeg has a history of strong women leaders, and this event was intended to build on that history and prepare for the challenges we face as women and leaders in the 21st century.

We are presently organizing a "Getting to Know Us" event for November 13. We want to let people know who we are and what we do. The intention is to attract new members who would like to contribute to any of our programs, or have new program ideas of their own and would like to work together with us.

A new Board of Directors was installed in June, 2017, and we have a new staff secretary working for us.

Carolina Fridman
President, NCJWC, Winnipeg

UPDATES FROM OUR SECTIONS...



VANCOUVER SECTION. This year Vancouver Section has maintained the status quo, gaining some ground, but remains focused on the challenge of sustainability.

The impetus behind our commitment to NCJWC can be found in the mission of the organization: we believe in its unique role as a bridge between the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. It infuses our alliances with like-minded social agencies, it shines a light on possibilities for positive outcomes, and it reaches out to women all over the world, in Israel and on each continent.

This year I am blessed to be able to attend the AGM with my two Vancouver section mentors and friends, Linda Arato and Debby Altow. Our contingent of three is looking forward to sharing ideas, enthusiasm and friendship with the NCJWC women across the country.

The Vancouver Section focus continues to include last year's "getting our house in order."

In 2016 at the Winnipeg National AGM I shared with the wonderful women of NCJWC Vancouver Section's accomplishments, our challenges and our hope for the future.

We have significantly cut administrative costs by sharing our office space at the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre. In this way, we

Catherine Stoller
President, NCJWC, Vancouver

have been able to maintain our visibility and convenient comfortable office to conduct our business and monthly meetings. We continue to have a small board and our first rate office manager, Judy Stern.

A few dedicated members have worked hard to maintain our annual May Friends & Angels fundraising effort and this has been successful with consistent incoming funds. Ideas to expand Government Gaming revenue continue to be investigated.

The Kort Family created an ongoing yearly scholarship fund through Hippy B.C. to honour long time member Shirley Kort.

Vancouver's ongoing in-house projects are strong, including expansion of our Operation DressUp Project, created over 20 years ago, and our beloved Books for Kids program has expanded in creative ways.

Two ongoing book groups are still relevant and viable as social get-togethers, as well as a stimulus for the discussion of the book chosen.

To conclude, we are on a positive track. This year we have reduced our costs, maintained our fundraising and government applications, supported our ongoing projects, launched a new yearly scholarship and continue to explore ideas for the future.

A Special Thank You to...

RONNEE ALTER

for chairing our Reaching for the Stars 120th Anniversary Luncheon.

OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sharon Allentuck, Ronnee Alter(chair), Evelyn Bernstein, Mildred Colman, Ena Cord, Karen Fenwick, Roz Fine, Paula Frisch, Eva Karpati, Naomi Kingston, Helen Marr, Gloria Roden, Elayne Shuster, Linda Steinberg, Debbie Wasserman, Marcie Weinman

TORONTO JEWISH QUILTING PROJECT

for their artistry, and dedicated effort in making today extra special.



THE TORONTO SECTION OFFICE TEAM

Shabina Arfeen and Sophie Doman, for all their efforts in helping to make the Reaching for the Stars 120th Anniversary Luncheon a huge success.

DR. ROBERTA BONDAR

for sharing her time with us to enhance our Reaching for the Stars 120th Anniversary Luncheon. She is an inspiration to us all!

PAM MARR

the Producer and Creator of our video "A Constellation of Commitment and Passion" for documenting the history of our exceptional women.

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our event photographer.

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*Mazel Tov
to an amazing
group of women –
I'm proud to be a
member*

LAURA RICHMAN
WINNIPEG

Congratulations to outgoing
National President
Sharon Allentuck.

Mazel Tov on a
successful term of office.

Best wishes on this special
occasion "120th Anniversary"
for the National Organization
and the Toronto Section.

Our country has been
served well by NCJWC
and Toronto Section.

FONDLY,
DIANNE GLASS, WINNIPEG
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
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Mazal Tov to NCJWC
on your
120th Anniversary!

Congratulations to
Jodi Zabłudowski,
President of NCJWC
Edmonton
for all your incredible
local, national and
international contributions.

RABBI & RABBANIT FRIEDMAN
EDMONTON

*To NCJWC
for
continued success in the
years ahead!*

EVELYN AND COLEMAN BERNSTEIN
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Congratulations NCJWC
on 120 years of
service, education
and advocacy.

Mazel Tov to Debbie
Wasserman on becoming
President of National
Council of Jewish Women
Canada.

YOUR FRIENDS FROM
ORAH BRANCH
TORONTO

*We are proud to
have been active
members of this
organization for
63 years.*

EVENING STUDY BRANCH
TORONTO

*Congratulations
to our incoming board
of the NCJWC
2017-2020*

*Best wishes to
incoming President,
Debbie Wasserman*

DIANNE GLASS
WINNIPEG

*It has been our privilege and
pleasure to be a part of this vibrant
organization for the past 42 years.*

*Mazel Tov and best wishes
for continued success!*

ZION BRANCH
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Mazel Tov on 120 years!
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Mazel Tov on reaching this milestone!
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Congratulations on 120 years of important work
ELEANOR BONDER, TORONTO

Congratulations on this wonderful milestone
JODI AND MICHAEL ZABLUDOWSKI, EDMONTON

Congratulations! Keep doing the work that you do!
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Mazel Tov on achieving this historic milestone
JUDI CARD, EDMONTON

Mazel Tov on NCJWC's 120th Anniversary.
This is an amazing milestone and I am proud to be
an integral part of this inspiring organization.
ROZ FINE, TORONTO

Mazel Tov to Debbie Wasserman on becoming
President of NCJWC. We are so proud!
JACK, ADAM, ELAYNA, DAVID, SABINA, RORY AND THALIA
(DEBBIE'S FAMILY), TORONTO

Congratulations. May you continue to grow
from strength to strength!
SHARON CLAVIR AND FAMILY, TORONTO

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We learn, we volunteer, and we grow. Congratulations!
NASHAY ORAH BRANCH, TORONTO



MAZEL TOV
to
*National Council of Jewish Women
of Canada*
*on the celebration of your
120th Anniversary*

*May you grow
from strength to strength!*

from all of us
at the
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