



NCJWC Fall Newsletter 2023



MESSAGE from Linda Steinberg, President

As Rosh Hashanah approaches our current Board is completing our first year tackling National issues and prompting action. The commitment of our National Board and Sections to carry out the best of what we have learned is a strong force which drives our National and community impact. A very exciting time to be a member of NCJWC! We are shaping our future and planning an equally productive year. We all have a role to play by getting involved. Join the conversation and find your niche.

NCJWC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I am so excited to welcome our Section Presidents and National Officers to our in-person AGM in Toronto, October 21-23, 2023. COVID kept us apart for too long!! Our convention will begin with a reception on Saturday evening where we will reconnect with friends and make new connections with our members across the country. During our Section interchange we will highlight our achievements, share our successes and create an important dialogue for our path forward.

Our business meeting on Sunday and Monday will be held at Council House, 890 Sheppard Ave W, Unit 1 Toronto, ON. Participation will be *by ZOOM* or in person. The *ZOOM link* will be sent out upon registration.

We appreciate the generosity of Toronto Section for their support and contribution to our AGM.

**Please join us on Sunday October 22, at 7:30 pm for
BRIDGING WORLDS - The intersection of Jewish and Indigenous Identity**

We are so pleased to present such a relevant and timely event that, in fact, aligns with the vision and mission of our Women to Women Against Racism Committee (W2W).



EVENT REGISTRATION: BRIDGING WORLDS
The Intersection of Jewish and Indigenous Identity.

A Conversation between Jennifer Podemski, Executive Producer of the Crave Series Little Bird and Debra Goldblatt-Sadowski, CEO of Rock-It Promotions.

All Council members, families and friends are invited to this hybrid event hosted by NCJWC and Toronto Section at the Beth Emeth Synagogue, 100 Elder St, North York ON at 7:30 pm.

Registration is required for all AGM activities Saturday through Monday. There is no charge to attend the Sunday evening event, but registration is required.

AGM Registration: Tap the link

[AGM Registration Form](#) (includes registration for Bridging Worlds Event for those registered at the AGM)

Bridging Worlds Registration: Tap the link

[Event Registration: Bridging Worlds](#) (for all those NOT attending the AGM and public registration)

NCJWC is Moving Forward

Opportunities have been explored, plans developed and implementation underway to ensure success of the **4 pillars of our National Agenda**: Strategic Planning, Social Action, Volunteer Engagement, and Commitment to Israel.

NCJWC's STRATEGIC PLAN

NCJWC's Strategic Planning process will begin at our AGM with a dynamic half day discussion on Sunday morning, October 22, facilitated by Michael Miloff, a well known facilitator, strategic planner and consultant. Michael will help NCJWC develop strategic directions and next steps to frame our work, especially with our regional Sections.

AGEISM COMMITTEE

The webinar on June 6 by Dr. Samir Sinha, entitled **"Ageism in Medicine"** was very successful. Nearly 100 people participated!

The Committee will act on some of Dr. Sinha's recommendations relating to the evidence briefs he and his team have compiled. We will share the most salient information of these individual briefs over the next few newsletters for your reading pleasure.

Did you know?

Did you know that 'ageism', elder abuse and social isolation in all forms negatively impact the health of older adults? "Evidence suggests that social isolation is a correlate of specific illnesses such as dementia."

Plans for another ageism webinar in 2024 are being worked on. Stay tuned!

ANTISEMITISM COMMITTEE

Two meetings have already produced several potential program ideas, which we are eager to share with you after the Board has given them due consideration.

We decided to use the IHRA definition of Antisemitism, as it had been approved by our Board last January, as well as NCJW and ICJW.

If you want to learn more about the committee, please contact Monika Simon at 514-525-1869 or at monikaandrew@gmail.com.

MONTREAL SECTION UPDATE

After two successful meetings, 10 Montrealers are committed to restarting an NCJWC Montreal Section! If you have any family members and/or friends living in Montreal — all ages — please steer them into Monika Simon's direction: e-mail monikaandrew@gmail.com or by calling 514-525-1869.

Dorothy Reitman, who served as NCJWC President from 1972-75 had offered to speak to our still small but very motivated group at its most recent meeting in July. Dorothy talked about the rich history of the former Montreal Section of decades past and encouraged us to focus on young Jewish women out of university to ensure the continuity of NCJWC's Montreal Section.



MITZVAH DAY

Mitzvah Day planning across the country has offered new opportunities for volunteering and international recognition for Sections and National.

NCJWC HONOURS ISRAEL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Honouring Israel's 75th Anniversary, NCJWC is supporting the creation of a children's computer centre in Yoseftal Medical Centre in Eilat for children requiring specialized medical care. A **National Games Day Fundraiser** will be held in each Section in the month of November or early December to fund this Centre which will provide an opportunity for children to learn and engage in enrichment activities while hospitalized. **Please support your Section Games Day Fundraiser.**

VITAL CONNECTIONS

Everyone should have received a reminder to contribute to **National's Vital Connections fundraising campaign**. Your gift is much appreciated and essential, allowing the continuation of our work in communities nationally across Canada. Please donate now if you have not done so.

GUY NATTIV'S FILM: GOLDA

National was pleased to secure two free tickets to a viewing of Guy Nattiv's film Golda for each Section to offer as a draw for their members. The film will be shown across Canada. Congrats to the 10 lucky winners.

On behalf of the Board and Officers

L'Shanah Tovah U'metuka



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