

▶ A Message From Our President

by María Osorio, President



As I write this message, I am reminded that this is my final message to our membership. As such, it should come as no surprise that I would like to give thanks to everyone who has volunteered as a board member or key leader for NCJW – Greater Long Beach & West Orange County since July 2022 when I came onboard as President. Thank you, Sharon Brannon, Tila Carrol of blessed memory, Ruth Cooperman, Jeanne Halliday, Chana Ham-Rosebrock, Bobbi Horowitz, Linda Fox, Andrea Friedenthal, Trish Goldin, Cynthia Gordon, Michelle Gordon, Dawn Haldane, Judy Leff, Deb Lechuk, Joanne Levy, Deb Lewis, Ann Millman, Barbara Millman, Shelby Page, Lisa Raufman, Lisa Robinson, Kellie Sala, Sara Silva, Sherri Sobel, Dale Strok, Natalie Swit, Michelle Sztraicher, Carrie Tinker, and

Linda Waltzman to the long list of names we don't thank people enough!! For all your time, expertise, encouragement, memories, and so much more. Your unwavering commitment to our work is invaluable.

I will not lie, these past two years have not been easy. I joined NCJW in February 2020, just before the pandemic hit. Thank you Sherri for introducing me to this amazing organization and its role in our community. A few months later in July 2020 I was our Recording Secretary. Two short years later I became President. In June of this year I will step down and pass on the torch. Thank you NCJW – Greater Long Beach & West Orange County for keeping me involved and introducing me to each and every one of you with whom I have had the privilege to work. I will continue to help as Immediate Past President.

Lastly, on June 11th through 13th we will celebrate Shavuot, which commemorates the date when G-d gave the Torah to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai over 3,000 years ago. During this time many Jews around the world stay up all night to study Torah. We listen to the reading of the Ten Commandments, enjoy dairy foods, and other festivities. With that in mind, and taking Ann Millman's advice, I would like us to think about the themes of obligation to our neighbors and community in the 10 commandments, in addition to those to G-d and Shabbat. These include honoring our parents, our neighbors, and all of our other fellow human beings ("you shall not murder," "you shall not commit adultery," "you shall not steal," "you shall not bear false witness," and "you shall not covet your neighbor's house, wife, etc.") By extension, many of us, myself included, believe that our actions / deeds speak louder than words.

For this issue of Pillars, I did a little research and found an article written by Dov Ben-Shimon, Chief Executive Officer for the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest New Jersey. Specifically, Mr. Ben-Shimon states "We build resilient, strong community life by working even harder on *tzedakah* (justice/charity), *chesed* (lovingkindness), and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). We restore balance to society by actively helping those in need, caring with compassion, and saving others. These are American values, they are Jewish values, and they are the work of our Jewish Federation and our Jewish community, day in and day out. Not to tear each other down, but to stand stronger in the face of *sinat chinam* — baseless hatred. We build community because there's no better promise for the future than building it together. Don't wait for others. Turn up. Show up. Stand up." Mr. Ben-Shimon wrote this [article](#) on September 20, 2023, days before the attack on Israel on October 7th.



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► CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 HANNAH G. SOLOMON RECIPIENT

by Judy Leff, Committee Chair



NCJW is pleased to honor Deborah Goldfarb with this year's Hannah G. Solomon award! Is there anyone in the Long Beach area Jewish community who does not know Deborah? She has been a leadership fixture in the community for many years and had an important role in meaningful adaptation to changing times! Currently Interim CEO of Jewish Long Beach, Deborah has been a long-time Executive Director in

the Long Beach Community, holding varied titles, and been recognized for her leadership by other groups, including the Long Beach Police Department, Soroptimist International, and the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership. Deborah has served on numerous non-profit Boards and committees. She has led efforts locally, nationally and internationally to engage groups in communal activities that enhance progress and understanding.



Deborah grew up in a small town in Ohio near Steubenville and attended Ohio State University where she met her husband of 42 years, Rabbi Mark Goldfarb. At the University of Cincinnati she majored in Psychology and did graduate work at the University of Texas, El Paso. At the University of Michigan she earned an MSW in Community Organization and Management with a Certificate in Judaic Studies and Communal Service, all of which are evident in the success she has had in her career! Deborah and Mark are the parents of three adult children, Arielle, Ben and Micah.



► WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

by Laurie Arroyo, VP Membership



NCJW is always looking for new members! Many of our activities are opportunities to introduce new people to the programs of NCJW – Greater Long Beach and West Orange County. We can all be recruiters by encouraging our friends and family to attend our programs. Please welcome our newest members when you see them.

How did these new members find NCJW? Lisa Andria received a gift membership. Lisa Saltzman's mother gave her the membership for her birthday. Audrey Weis and Barbara Lane, friends of an existing member, frequently come to the HugPack events. They were so warmly received by Linda Fox and the other attendees they decided to join.

The following is a note from Sharon Eshett sent to Andrea Friedenthal on April 1st:

I want to thank you for such a warm greeting at the abortion comfort packing event. Between your enthusiasm and Sharon Brannon's love of movies and an invitation to her house I decided to join.

**Please welcome our newest members
who have joined since February**

Lisa Andria

Audrey Weis

Deborah Yanuck

Barbara Lane

Elaine Heber

Farrah Farhang

Lisa Saltzman

Sharon Eshett

► ADVOCACY AND ELECTION NIGHT - WHAT YOU MISSED!

by Lisa Raufman, Advocacy Committee, Executive VP

Our April 25th program focused on Elections and Advocacy. Our opening speaker was Anna Salusky. She is the Program VP for Jewish Long Beach which includes the Advocacy Committee that is working with NCJW on the Antisemitism Conference. Anna is also part of an active group on Whatsapp called Friends of Jewish Long Beach. Their main work is to respond to antisemitism locally. They are attending LBUSD Board meetings to ask for an alternative to a Student and Faculty Development program run by Californians for Justice (CFJ). Part of the current curriculum includes anti-Zionist rhetoric and a call for Palestinians to return to their homeland of 1948 with a map of the area without Israel. She also discussed issues affecting Jewish faculty and students at CSULB.

Our primary speaker was Katy Hickman, Los Angeles/ Orange County Organizer for “Reclaim Our Vote” (ROV). ROV is an initiative from The Center for Common Ground (CCG), a nationwide organization

who will be a valuable partner organization working to mobilize underrepresented voters in voter-suppression states. Currently postcards, text messages, and phone calls will be made to encourage voters who have a record of rarely voting and those who have been purged from registration lists due to not voting.



We will work with them on their “Reclaim Our Vote” (ROV) efforts to reach voters which might be the only communication underrepresented voters may receive about an election. Two of the primary states being reached right now are North Carolina and Virginia, and Alabama may be added soon.

The presentation also highlights the organization’s track record of success, citing studies that demonstrate the effectiveness of their voter outreach efforts. In the 2020 election, CCG helped to register over 1 million new voters and increase voter turnout by 5% in key states.



► ELECTION RESULTS

At the General Meeting held on April 25 at the AJCC, members elected the Executive Board 2024/25! We are so fortunate to have such an accomplished and dedicated group of women who will be directing our organization in the coming year. Thank you to our volunteer Officers! The dedication and enthusiasm you bring to NCJW will lead directly to our success in the coming year!

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Co-VP Programs: *Sharon Brannon, Natalie Swit*

Co-VP Resource Development: *Gayle Ehrenberg, Roberta Friedman*



► DR. LISA RAUFMAN, OUR NEW NCJW PRESIDENT!

Lisa Raufman, a native Californian has lived in Long Beach since 1997 with her husband Dr. Bernard Natelson. Lisa loves being involved in state, local and international organizations: She joined NCJW Long Beach after being asked to speak at an NCJW Mini-Conference in 2014. She immediately joined the Legislation and Advocacy Committee, accepted becoming co-V.P. for two years and then became co-V.P. for Programs. Two years later she rose to become the Executive V.P. Lisa serves as NCJW's representative on CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice) and lead representative for the Antisemitism Conference planning committee with ADL and JLB.



In addition to her NCJW activities, she has served in numerous leadership positions in professional organizations such as California Career Development Association (CCDA), the Los Padres Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development (now ASTD) and the California Community College Counselors Association (4CA), as well as the Asia Pacific Career Development Association. She is proud to have received a CCDA Lifetime Contribution Award, and from her National Career Development Association, an NCDA Outstanding Career Practitioner Award. She was also recognized as an outstanding community contributor by her college. You might call her an organizational woman.

Lisa is a co-author of *The Career Fitness Program, Exercising Your Options* a popular career planning textbook used in colleges and universities since 1989 now in its 11th edition. With over 35 years of counseling experience, she has been Faculty Development Coordinator and Dean of Counseling at El Camino College as well as an instructor and a coordinator of Career Centers at El Camino College and Moorpark College. She has been a popular presenter on career development since the 1980s. Her Ed.D. is from the University of California, Los Angeles in Higher Education, Work and Adult Development where she also attended as an undergraduate history major.

Since 1997, she has been a Temple Beth Shalom member and a Board member. Her hobbies include attending theater, Disney Hall, museums, traveling, gardening, and volunteering as an activist for social justice!



▶ **AND THAT'S A WRAP... FOR HUGPACKS IN 2023-2024!**

by Linda C. Fox, HugPacks Co-Chair and Immediate Past President

The HugPacks project's April 18 packing was an exhilarating finale of a very successful year! That evening we had two dozen volunteers, eight of whom were new faces, and two of them became members of NCJW – Greater Long Beach & West Orange County that very evening!

Within our fiscal year, we had three packings and a first-ever dinner with NCJW co-sponsor and sponsor LA County, South County Department of Children and Family Services. The objective was to provide bonding time between approximately 48 foster children and their families a delicious chicken dinner, games for the children, and a photo booth all donated by DCFS. Age-appropriate takeaway items were provided by our Section. All in all, a fantastic first-time event that we hope to co-sponsor annually.

We can't begin to name all the supportive volunteers who participated in making this year a successful one. At least half were community volunteers with the other half who were our members. We gave away 510 books, thanks to a grant from Long Beach Rotary, supported also by a donation of upper age-level books from Compton YouthBuild. Many, many school-related items as well as personal

ones appropriate to the grade levels were included in the backpacks. Every backpack also contained toothbrushes and toothpaste donated by the Children's Dental Health Clinic of Long Beach.

Most importantly, and with deep gratitude from NCJW – Greater Long Beach & West Orange County, the project co-chair Sara Millman Silva and her awesome team from Compton YouthBuild (Alejandra, Brenda, and José) made each packing happen so smoothly, including acquisition for and the execution of each event. They are amazing, and we couldn't be so successful without them! Mil gracias, merci beaucoup, todah rabah – a sincere thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

But never fear! Paraphrasing the Terminator (famously played by Arnold Schwarzenegger), "We'll be back!" As the HugPacks project begins its 23rd year for the next fiscal year, we will soon be planning the dates for late summer/early fall 2024 and beyond into 2025! We hope you will join us in supporting vulnerable foster youth of our community. We appreciate the enthusiasm from each and every one of our fantastic volunteers!





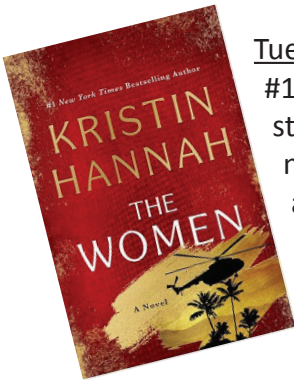
PROGRAM ACTIVITIES CONTINUE

By Sharon Brannon and Natalie Swit, Co-VPs of Programs

We look forward to NCJW members coming together for Fourth Thursday movie nights. Please join us at a member's home at 6:45pm for movie snacks, viewing, and discussion.

May's Fourth Thursday movie night is Thursday, May 23rd. In acknowledgment of Mental Health Awareness month we will be watching *Silver Linings Playbook*, a top-tier romantic comedy film starring Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence (in an Oscar-winning performance) and Robert DeNiro. A man with bipolar disorder moves home with his parents and makes a connection with a spirited widow, which helps both heal in unique ways. Bipolar disorder is an misunderstood mental health condition that is often portrayed inaccurately. However, Cooper approaches it through a compassionate and authentic lens in *Silver Linings Playbook*. He brings his character to life in a very understated way. Furthermore, the film combines humor and drama with incredible results, making for a fun (but also heartbreaking) watch. Please register by Tuesday, May 21. Check the [NCJW website](#) for the registration link. Look for June, July and August movies in NCJW's mid month eblast or in the events section on the homepage of our website.

Do You Like to Discuss Books? Attention Readers. If you are interested in participating in the NCJW Book Club, please join us. The Section has an existing group that meets on Zoom at 10am on the first Tuesday of every month. This group has room for new members. Voracious readers know that book clubs are a great way to share an interest and meet and make new friends in the Section. Please contact Natalie Swit by email at programs@ncjwlongbeach.org and we will add your name to the Zoom invite. We look forward to your joining us. For the next few months, we will be reading the following books.



Tuesday, June 4: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. From master storyteller Kristin Hannah, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and *The Four Winds*, comes the story of a turbulent, transformative era in America: the 1960s. *The Women* is that rarest of novels—at once an intimate portrait of a woman coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided by war and broken by politics, of a generation both fueled by dreams and lost on the battlefield.



Tuesday, July 9: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. You're going to want to join us for the discussion. A charming, witty, and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus. It's certainly unique, but the themes of coping, recovering, and moving forward resonate whether you have two arms or eight. An instant New York Times bestseller. A Read With Jenna Today Show Book Club Pick. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* is an ultimately feel-good but deceptively sensitive debut.

If you are interested in joining the Program Committee and planning for trips, movies, and discussions for the 2024-2025 calendar, please contact Natalie Swit at programs@ncjwlongbeach.org or for further information about the events listed above and future events, please email programs@ncjwlongbeach.org or call (657) 235-2511.



▶ NCJW ABORTION KITS ARE A COMMUNITY HIT!

by Andrea Friedenthal, VP Community Service



Abortion Comfort Kits have turned out to be one of the most tactical, topical and greatly appreciated projects in recent memory! With your help, in time, energy, and money, we've created a smooth-running, fun, sorely needed and greatly appreciated project with

Planned Parenthood, which has touched the lives of more than 1200+ women so far. Women have come from states all over the country, with a large portion of them coming from Texas & Arizona (big surprise!). Being centered in the middle of 3 major airports makes Long Beach the most accessible location for most of the women coming to California for abortions. The program has grown and expanded, and in the process has attracted great diversity in the community as well as several new members with numbers of minority women, gay women, a younger population, etc!

If you haven't been able to join us, just know that Michelle Gordon has made this not only a smooth-running assembly and dispensing project, but has added more aspects every time. We fill, pack and distribute about 300 kits every quarter, and numbers are growing. We schmooze and drink wine. We kibbitz with women of like mind, we learn, and we go home satisfied and energized. We've started our Courageous Conversations project, where one woman shares her personal abortion story. It's amazingly cool! We are taking the conversations and stories out of the past, out of the dark, and into the daylight to show how abortions can be the mature, healthy, sane answer to a traumatic and ancient problem. We're letting people know that it's ok, it's our right, and it's an appropriate choice!

In addition, we've added personally written notes to each bag, offering encouragement and letting the women know they are not alone.

We write notes to the caregivers on the front lines, who usually only hear from the radical right. Some are so harassed that many of them change cars and clothing and parking spaces frequently, trying to avoid the priests, hecklers and radicals who stand outside and call them 'baby-killers'.

We have set up a 'treasure chest' at each of the clinics, so kids that are waiting for their mom can select a toy to keep them occupied. This has been a huge success!

We have a speaker at every packing, with topics educating us on what's being done (and not done!) in the public school system regarding pregnancy and disease prevention. (Look at Planned Parenthood's site for more info!)

We learn about changing laws, what we can do to help, and what's happening at the phony 'abortion counseling clinics' where they show women photos of dead fetuses. We learn how to contact our legislators, write 'get out the vote' postcards, and much, much more!

None of this could happen without YOU, our members, our supporters, our volunteers, our committee people, and our community. Without you, we are a group with great ideas and no impact. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts

for your support, encouragement, energy and hard-earned money! We hope you are happy with what we've been able to do together!

The next packing is Tuesday, June 4th at the AJCC. Keep us in mind when you see diapers on sale, or have clothing to donate, household goods for new families, or want to acknowledge a special occasion with a donation. Your Community Service team is out there, carrying out the mission, supporting women and children in need. Watch for our end of summer fund drive and remember, we can't do it without you!

We are blessed to have you on our team!



K-FESTS CONTINUE TO BE AN IMPORTANT PROJECT FOR NCJW *by Lisa Robinson, Early Childhood Committee*

This year NCJW has volunteered at the the three in-person Early Learning & Kindergarten Festivals (ELK) sponsored by the Long Beach Early Childhood Education Committee (LBECE) and the Long Beach Unified School District. ELK are for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten families with children ages birth to 5 years old. There was also a virtual festival offered in January.

Families with incoming 2024-2025 Kindergarten and TK students learned about LBUSD enrollment and school readiness. Our organization provided volunteers and funds from NCJW's Denise Berro Kindergarten Festivals Fund toward the backpacks that TK and Kindergarten families received after attending 2 workshops. 867 families attended the live and virtual events in total!



The women and men of NCJW were an integral part of the 2024 Festivals. Before the festivals some helped fill the backpacks with school supplies and/or loaded the pallets containing supplies while others strung yarn on the Passports children received. The planning committee included 6 NCJW representatives: Lisa Robinson, Judith Leff, Jeanne Halliday, Trish Goldin, Linda Fox, and Linda Waltzman. This year 285 backpacks were given to children preparing to enter TK or Kindergarten through the festivals.

On the day of the event, volunteers help set up chairs and tables, work at the welcome table and registration tables helping families register and pick up information.



Also at the festivals were the Rotary Club, which provided and distributed 464 books to children, the Children's Dental Health Clinic, resource agencies, etc.

NCJW volunteers worked at 1, 2 or all 3 festivals. This year these included: Beth Bergher, Jamie Chazen, Renee Florsheim, Andrea Friedenthal, Roberta

Friedman, Trish and Jared Goldin, Jeanne Halliday, Maggie Kosmin, Judy Leff, Dale and Mike Strok, Lois and Phil Wachovsky, and Linda Waltzman. Trish, Jared and Linda helped at all 3 festivals and special thanks to Trish and Judy for taking the reins at the third festival.

Our volunteers were so helpful, patient, and kind to the parents and children. A highlight was meeting Long Beach Police

officers and members of the Long Beach Fire Department who were a big hit for many of the children.

We enjoyed working with the chairpeople Christina Cortez, LBUSD and Chair of the Board of LBECE Sarah Soriano from Young Horizons. I enjoyed working with everyone this year and hope others will join our group for next year.



NCJW HAS A BUSY GROUP OF ADVOCATES *by Chana Ham-Rosebrock, Co-VP Legislation and Advocacy*

For the past several years, NCJW has been very involved in many areas of concern in our focus on women, children and families. With several sub-committees, we have been active in multiple programs. We would welcome involvement from any of you interested in becoming a part of our efforts.

Cynthia Gordon and Sherri Sobel formed the NCJW Abortion Justice & Reproductive Rights working group and teamed up with Rabbi Fox at Temple Israel to put together a very meaningful Repro-Shabbat. Included in the service were readings by a member from the Temple's teen group, and our own David and Sadie Sacks. In addition, Sherri Sobel shared her courageous conversation.



The team has also been actively researching Crisis Pregnancy Centers. These facilities advertise women's health services, but have an anti-abortion agenda. Consequently they do not share all health options with their clientele. The City of Los Angeles passed an ordinance restricting CPCs. This team is working towards having Long Beach pass a similar ordinance in addition to requiring certification to provide ultrasound exams.

Prior to the election in March, some of our members worked with and supported CLUE postcard writing activity to make Long Beach voters aware of Measure RW. It was important to guarantee our hotel workers a living wage, with annual increases, as we move towards the Olympics where we expect an influx of visitors to our area. Measure RW was successful! In April NCJW Advocacy also threw our support behind the annual Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force annual YESS event. In addition to financial support, a few of our members volunteered for set up and break down. This year a new and powerful film, called Maya, was viewed and was followed by a Q&A with the writer/director and the actors.

We also donated our physical and financial support to the newly renamed Harriette Ellis Workers' seder. Formerly sponsored by Temple Israel Social Action Committee and CLUE, NCJW cosponsored the event and with our financial support the seder was able to expand and include a meal. There were 92 folks in attendance. Workers in hotels and groceries spoke about working conditions and asked for our support.

On April 25th in conjunction with Membership, we had a successful and informative event, "Membership Social, Elections and Advocacy Priorities" held at the Alpert JCC. We came together to vote for the new slate of NCJW officers. There were great pesadika snacks, coffee, tea, wine and speakers. We're Advocacy, so we wanted to advocate: "It's About Love After All", by our own Sherri Sobel, has been published and Cynthia Gordon gave a bit of an introduction. Sherri spoke for a few minutes about her years on the bench.

OUR NEXT BIG THING: LOBBY DAY. We encouraged ALL our members to go to our website and sign up for the zoom presentation on May 8th addressing the proposed legislation in Sacramento for which NCJW CA is advocating to elected representatives. I also encourage you to consider joining us to fly to Sacramento for Lobby Day, in which all California NCJW Sections participate. We are very excited to be returning to an in-person Lobby Day this May 15th. This is an opportunity where you can sign up. NCJW will subsidize the trip to Sacramento. We'll also be given do & don't tips and literature to leave with our elected representatives. You will meet with your representative face to face and let him/her know what we want supported.

Finally, Senator Lena Gonzalez had to postpone our May 16 event but will be coming to see us in June. Check our website for updates.

▶ **GET READY TO PLAY!**
by Roberta Friedman, VP Resource Development

NCJW needs to raise funds to support our good works in the community. But group activities can also help build community and be fun! A good time was had by all at Game Day on March 21. The sound of Mah Jong, Rummikub and Scrabble tiles filled the air along with lots of conversation. The Long Beach Yacht Club was a lovely setting, lunch was delicious, and we got to visit with friends we may not have seen since the pandemic. It was a wonderful day, and we will plan to do it again next year.



It was great to see so many friends at the Rossmoor California Pizza Kitchen on April 16 for our “Pizza with a Purpose” fundraiser! It was an easy and yummy way to support NCJW, with 20% of your food and beverage cost donated back to us. Thank you to everyone who participated!

We look forward to seeing you again on Sunday, June 2 for our **78th Charter Day Celebration** at the beautiful Old Ranch Country Club. As you know, this is our primary fundraising event of the year, enabling us to continue to fulfill our mission of community service, education and advocacy. It is also our opportunity to come together, enjoy lunch, celebrate our accomplishments and honor those who have made a difference in our community.

We are very excited to honor Deborah Goldfarb, Interim CEO of Jewish Long Beach and NCJW Life Member as this year’s Hannah G. Solomon Award recipient! Deborah has been dedicated and tireless not only in service and leadership within the Jewish community but in the greater Long Beach community as well.

On Charter Day, we will also thank outgoing board members, install our new board, and auction off a variety of wonderful items, services and experiences. Please help make Charter Day a success by requesting friends or merchants you know to donate gifts for our silent auction. We will welcome gift cards or certificates, works of art, event tickets, classes, etc. We are also looking for donations of bottles of wine for our “Wine Wall.” It will be a wonderful day. Stay posted for further details!

As always, Thank You for all your support of NCJW-GLB&WOC. And remember, your ongoing donations will help provide us with a steady source of income so we can continue to do all the things we value for women, children and families. Please let me know if you would like information on how to become a Sustaining Contributor – I look forward to speaking with you. And we always need volunteers who are able to help!



▶ **CARING CORNER**
by Jeanne Halliday, Chair

NCJW cares about the lives of our members and Jeanne sends cards to recognize the joys and sorrows they experience. Please let her know by emailing info@ncjwlongbeach.org if there is information to share. Cards were sent from the NCJW Caring Corner to:

Joan Leb.....Get Well Soon

Ellen Goldsmith.....Get Well Soon

Carla Stern-Palmer.....Get Well Soon

Phyllis Wallace.....Get Well Soon

Ilsebill Wolfe.....Get Well Soon

Tila Carrol.....Condolences to the family of Tila on her passing

Linda Waltzman.....Congratulations on being selected as a Jewish Long Beach 2024 Woman of Vision

Lauren Friedman.....Congratulations on being selected as a Jewish Long Beach 2024 Woman of Vision





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by Joanne Levy, Co-Treasurer

We thank everyone who has made [donations](#) to NCJW projects! Your generosity helps us to do our good work in the community. A reminder: when making a donation to a specific project, you can designate that it be made as a tribute in honor or memory of a specific individual, who will then be notified of the donation made in their name.



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The deadline for applicants to apply for the NCJW Linda Calderón biannual scholarships was May 1. The winners will be announced in the next issue and through our other communications, stay tuned!

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